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We are not "kidding" when we say that October 23, 1890, has a very special significance. If every day in the year could produce a John C. Michael, time would be justified. But, as such is not the case, we must be satisfied with those instances where time has made good. It may be surmised from the above that "Mike" was born on October 23rd. Such a surmise would be correct. We may further add that this important happening occurred in Chicago. Contrary to the custom of most babies, we have it on the best of authority that Mike was sensible enough not to waste much time and energy crying. It is thus that we see at the first his predominant characteristic of keeping his mouth shut and getting there, a trait which, on account of its being so seldom observed, always receives due commendation.

But to return to our story, when Mike finished grammar school, he entered the Lake View High School, where he made an exceptionally good record. He graduated in February 1908, and, until the following September, was employed by a firm of patent lawyers and later by the Chicago Telephone Co. He then entered Armour.

He first distinguished himself here as a "Math Shark." When everybody was bemoaning certain difficult parts of the famous book on mathematics by one of our faculty, Prof. Pell used to point at Mike and say "Luke at Meester Mikal, everything iss easy for him." It has been the same story throughout his other courses. He has played on the class basketball team for three years, has been a member of a number of committees, is Associate Editor of the Class Book: in short, has been enthusiastic and active in a large number of class and school affairs. What makes it better, he has kept his mouth shut all the while.