

The Class of Nineteen Fourteen

A RECORD OF ITS EXPLOITS

FOREWORD

To write the biography, to date, of the Class of Fourteen involves the recording of the development and deeds of a very vigorous, healthy and progressive personality. The strong coherence of the individuals to the class in all undertakings shows in the decidedly unusual number of achievements indelibly written to the credit of the present Juniors.

CHAPTER ONE.

The official birthday of Fourteen, September 12, 1910, presented to Armour a large and promising infant. From the discomfort caused by the crowded halls on that noteworthy occasion it was apparent that the host of Freshmen donating their first shekels to their prospective Alma Mater, constituted a class of unusual size.

Enrolling with Fourteen were many men from the last class of the A. S. A., and the familiarity of these men with the ropes at A. I. T. expedited the organizing of the Frosh. Quickly the formalities were gone through, the men became acquainted with one another and the college, and Fourteen began to display a lively interest in what was going on about it.

The then recent death of the "rush" meant that no desperate struggles were had with the worldly wise Sophs. At the Freshman Smoker the newcomers massed manfully behind their president and took possession of the balcony at Oakland Music Hall, which was previously occupied by the second year men, and contributed a large share to the smoke and noise of the evening.

Athletically, Fourteen was into the game at the first opportunity. The basketball season offered the unexpected sight of the freshmen walking off with the interclass championship. An uneasy feeling prevailed in the class, and diagnosis of the case revealed that track was needed back at A. I. T., so an agitation was started. This athletic unrest was quieted somewhat when "One-Four" repeated by landing first in the inter-class baseball series.

In the due course of events the Freshman dance was held. March 31, 1911 marks the date of Fourteen's debut into Armour's social whirl. Signal success attended this initial attempt. The electrical effects were unique and Fourteen's reputation as a host was made. An addition to the social calendar came when the class held the first annual Freshman banquet.

An incident displaying good judgment as well as aggressiveness, was the appointment at the end of the Freshman year, of a committee to give welcome and aid to the newcomers next fall. At this early date too, the idea was conceived of starting a "year book fund," to be applied to Fourteen's Senior Year Book, or to the revival of a Junior annual.

The close of the year showed a very creditable scholarship average for the Frosh. The athletic records showed Fourteen well represented on the Tech teams. All in all, the college was ready to say, "Well done, One-Four!"