

THE CYCLE.

The Armour Y. M. C. A. is one of the departments of the Illinois Y. M. C. A. and is, no doubt, an important factor in college life. It is the object of the Association to produce a moral movement within the student body by means of organized Christian work. At the same time the Association is absolutely undenominational.

During the past year the Y. M. C. A. has been presented with the former Chapin Club rooms in Chapin Hall, an act which has greatly fostered the growth of the organization. Recreation of various kinds is furnished. The billiard table, which is a gift of Mr. Simeon B. Chapin, together with an assortment of magazines, books and games make the Club life extremely pleasant. Billiard, chess and checker tournaments are held throughout the year.

During the first semester, weekly meetings have been held in the Association rooms at which Prof. Scherger has discussed, "Topics of Interest to Young Men." Bible study is coming to be realized as a requirement in a man's education, and this opportunity should not be neglected.

The first "affair" of each college year has been the so-called "Freshmen Handshake," given by the Association; where by means of speeches, entertainment and refreshments the new-comers are made to feel as much at home as is possible. At intervals throughout the year socials are given to promote greater interest and fellowship.

Upon request new students are met at trains and assistance given in finding rooms. The endeavor is also made to place students in churches of their respective denominations.

A new form of activity in the Association is the teaching of English to foreigners, an action which is entirely voluntary on the part of the students. The men who do this come to realize things that they never dreamed of before. They begin to see things as the common laborer does, and consequently are unconsciously being trained in the handling of men such as they are sure to meet out on the "job." This activity is really not confined to the Association members alone, and it is hoped that the school as a whole will earnestly consider it.

