

Y. M. C. A. Notes

The Armour Institute branch of the Y. M. C. A. was organized in the fall of 1899 by Mr. W. J. Parker, who was at that time Student Secretary of Chicago. The original membership was six members, and the rooms at that time were at 3321 Armour Avenue.

At present the membership is over one hundred and seventy men, and the Association occupies rooms on the third floor of Chapin Hall. The rooms are open during the school hours, and until seven o'clock in the evening.

During the winter months a number of our members assist in social service work, such as teaching English to foreigners. This work is supervised by the Central Y. M. C. A., which assists our men to find classes in various parts of the city. This is a very important branch of the activities, as it gives the engineering students a chance to come in contact with the sort of men they must learn to deal with and control.

Upon request, new students are met at the train by association men, and assistance is given in finding rooms for these men. The church committee also endeavors to place the new out-of-town students with churches of their respective denominations.

The first social event of each year is the "Freshman Handshake." This is held in the Institute lunch room, on the second or third Friday of the school year, this function being held to give the Freshmen a chance to get acquainted with each other and the upper classmen.

Various meetings are held throughout the year, some of these being held from 5:00 to 5:45 on Tuesday evenings; and others, of a social nature, being held during the evenings at intervals during the year.

The rooms contain a billiard table and piano, and also checker and chess boards besides an extensive assortment of periodicals and books. Billiard, chess, and checker tournaments are held during the year, thus making the time spent in the rooms pleasant and profitable.



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