



The Freshman Handshake is another of the fixed Armour events toward which we all look forward with pleasure each year. For a long time it has been the first social event of the school year and has fulfilled the function of bringing together all of the men, both new and old, for a good, jolly social time of getting acquainted. The "Handshake" is held under the auspices of the Armour Department of the Young Men's Christian Association.

The "Handshake" this year was held on Friday, September 18th and was without doubt the best ever given. Instead of being held at the Armour lunch room as in previous years, arrangements were made with the Hyde Park Department of the Y. M. C. A. to hold it in their building and thence the Armour men came over three hundred strong to enjoy a good time together and get better acquainted. The entire Hyde Park building with its equipment was turned over to the Armour men during the evening and if anyone did not have a good time it was his own fault.

The first part of the evening was spent in getting acquainted. Each man was tagged with a letter signifying his class when he entered the building and the large lobby gave ample room for the fellows to mix thoroughly. Following this, a short program was given in the auditorium. The speakers were Mr. L. Wilbur Messer, General Secretary of the Chicago Y. M. C. A. and Dr. George L. Scherger. The Armour Glee Club sang a number of their "hits" and were well received as usual.

The program was made short purposely in order to give plenty of time for the events which were to follow. The first stunt was a series of inter-class basketball games in the gym. Teams had been previously picked to represent each class and ten-minute games were played, the defeated teams being eliminated each time. The prize for this contest went to the Sophomore Class.

Following these basket ball games were contests in swimming and in fancy diving. There was a large number of entrees for these events, and they were very closely contested. Professors Wilcox and Smart acted as judges. Awards were won by Claude Hill, Maurice Wilcox and Trinkhaus. In all these events, the prizes consisted of Armour pennants.

While these games were going on, those who were not watching them, were busy at the billiard or pool tables, or in "feeding".

In everything, the men showed the true Armour spirit, and so thoroughly did they enjoy themselves that it seemed for a while that they had forgotten about going home. "The Handshake" was without doubt the best ever held and the way in which it was appreciated by the fellows makes us hope that similar events may be in store for us in future years.