

## The Freshman Handshake

Traditions are all too few at Armour. But custom prescribes that the first Friday night of the school year be spent in welcoming the Freshmen, in making them feel at home among us, and in helping them generally in becoming better acquainted with Armour Men, with Armour customs, and with the Armour spirit. And this year's Handshake, held at the Hyde Park Y.M.C.A., on Sept. 15, 1916, was largely successful in accomplishing all these results, tho a good many of the Freshmen apparently suspected that the Handshake was simply a well-laid plot on the part of the rather-feared Sophs to kidnap any unsuspecting Frosh who were foolish enough to fall for their game. But those who did turn out found that the entire school took a friendly interest in seeing that every Freshman present had a good time at this, his first Armour function.

After spending the early part of the evening in the large, but crowded, reception room, and in the smaller, but more crowded, billiard room, in renewing old acquaintances and in forming new ones, the fellows gathered in the auditorium for the evening's program. "Mac" Stone loosened things up a bit and got the fellows into the proper spirit by leading off with a "Yea, Armour". President Owen then took charge, and called upon Luttge, the Department Secretary, for a few words concerning the objects and program of the Armour Y.M.C.A. Dr. Scherger, who is noted for his ability to interest the students in subjects not technical, welcomed the Freshmen, and took advantage of the opportunity to urge upon all the fellows the necessity for the well rounded man, whether engineer, artist, lawyer, or what-not, to take an active interest in things not directly pertaining to his own business or studies. On behalf of the Chicago Y.M.C.A. Mr. Carl Nutzen then gave a few words of greeting, and told of some of the work done by the Y. M.C.A. Prof. Penn followed with the Tau Beta Pi talk, without which no Handshake would be complete, outlining the aims of Tau Beta Pi and the requirements for eligibility to membership, and President King of the Rooters Association, closed this speech-making by telling of the purposes of that organization, and urged upon all the fellows the importance of supporting school functions of every kind.

At the beginning of the program Owen had explained that the Tech Quartet had promised to furnish music for the evening, and had been present, but Le Valley had disappeared. It was rumored that he was calling upon one of his friends who lived near by—and so before each speaker was announced there was a call for Le Valley. But until King had finished speaking, only the echo came back. Jack finally arrived, however, and the quartet made a bigger hit than usual—which, we rise to remark, is going some.

The evening closed with eats in the form of frappe and wafers, which somehow seemed to disappear with strange rapidity, and a series of swimming events in the tank.