

Freshman Class History

'Twas on registration day that we "froshes" first arrived in the halls of good old Armour, and with what a feeling of wholesome awe and respect for the school. On that first day the whole institution seemed filled with the new spirit of patriotic endeavor which was sweeping over the country. Although it didn't take long for the awe and bigness of the school to pass away and for us to enter into the full swing of Armour life, the patriotic seriousness of that first day stayed with us, and was evident in all of our class activities.

The first of these was the Freshman Handshake, and that first experience of meeting the "men higher up" certainly made a lasting impression on us. What a thrill we had when the quartette initiated us into the true spirit of the school with "Upward and Onward Armour," and with how much respect and gladness did we hear the inspiring welcome of Dr. Gunsaulus. No wonder we left the meeting proud of the fact that we were students of Armour Institute.

Soon afterwards we held our first class meeting and elected our officers for the year; W. C. Bell was chosen class president and in that capacity has ably directed our affairs during the past year. Strehlow was elected vice-president at the same meeting and Stege and McCue were chosen treasurer and secretary respectively. The latter left school, however, and his place was ably filled by Singer.

A second and a third meeting were held later, at the first of which an attempt was made to stir up some school activities in spite of the war. As a result a Freshman basket-ball team was organized which lost a hard fought game to the Sophomores in the first Freshman activity of the year. In the third meeting Geisler was elected cheer-leader and the Armour yells were practiced. When a class yell was asked for,

Son—of—a—gun
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1—9—2—1

was suggested and immediately adopted.

The last and best activity of the year was the Freshman Dance. It was held at the Hyde Park Hotel, and rarely has that much used ball-room seen so many sparkling beauties or handsome youths as on that night of April 5th. Harvey's orchestra rendered wonderful music and everyone present vouched for the unqualified success of the occasion.

This closed the Freshman activities of the year 1917-18, a period marked by the serious endeavor of a nation at war. The class has tried to fall into step with the nation, and in stopping all useless and expensive events has helped a bit at least, to win the war. It is with this spirit in mind that we hope to continue our career as Sophomores, and to add to the glory of old Armour.