

ATHLETICS

Athletics in the Armour Institute were re-established on a very favorable basis, that is to say, intercollegiate activities had received the support of the general student body. When national affairs became normal again, the Executive Council, acting with the aid of the Board of Athletic Control, unanimously endorsed a system of athletics which would interest even the most unconcerned individual, which system proved remarkably successful. The system was of such a character that the students who did not actually participate in athletics, were accorded an opportunity of offering suggestions which would promote the work of that department. Home game admission tickets were provided for distribution, and with the kindly aid of a squadron of students, many of them were sold. The holders of these tickets attended each of the home games, thereby standing by and sticking with the basketball team.

The intercollegiate basketball tournament was most successfully carried on, although the Institute had severed its connections with the Little Five Conference. The series of tournament games were played on a free lance basis without regard to any ironclad athletic arrangements with other colleges. Our conduct was thus free from the critical observation of any western organizations to which we would have been bound under different circumstances.

In order to pick the varsity team, an interclass tournament was arranged. The men who played on the various class teams were eligible to try out for the varsity basketball team. Our mighty Seniors, who had won every interclass tournament since their entrance into the Institute, were defeated twice in this tournament. All the teams were evenly matched, thus making the games much more interesting. The Juniors won the tournament with three victories and one defeat. These games made it possible for our coach, Mr. Volz, to pick the varsity basketball team for the year 1919-1920.