

## SOPHOMORE CLASS HISTORY

Two years ago, the members of the class of Twenty-Three went to the mark, ready to start out in the long and trying endurance race for knowledge and the key to the higher things in life. Although somewhat inexperienced in running so important a race, and little knowing the obstacles which lay in our paths, we set out primed with ambition, and determined to do our very best.

In the course of the first lap—our Freshman year—we managed to let the other runners in the race know of our entrance, and succeeded in stirring up quite a bit of smoke along various lines. First came the Freshman Handshake, at which we became acquainted with one another as well as with the upper classmen.

In athletics the usual Twenty-Three pep prevailed, and our indoor baseball team captured the pennant by defeating the upper classmen, thereby receiving the Black and Gold numerals for the first time. In basket ball and baseball more material was uncovered and we were proud to have one of our classmates on both of the varsity teams.

After running for a year, we felt much more confident when we set out on the second lap of the race, having become more accustomed to the course along which we were traveling, and better acquainted with our fellow runners. In September of 1920, things again started out with a bang, and we were the proud wearers once more of the numerals, this time as the result of a triple tie in the inter-class basket ball tournament. When the Varsity squad came out shortly afterward, there were some six or seven Sophomores among them, three of whom received the much coveted "A." And when it came to the election of the Captain of the 1921 team, a Twenty-Three man was honored with the position.

The next important mark along our path was the Sophomore dance, which was held in the Red Room at the La Salle Hotel on the 18th of February. Knowing just what sort of dance we had given when we were Freshmen, everyone was right there when the night of the 18th came, and it was hailed to be one of the best dances ever given at Armour.

When the call came for baseball candidates we were again on deck and many of our young Ty Cobbs and Tris Speakers heeded the call, four or five of them landing permanent berths on the Varsity squad.

Due to the untiring efforts of some of our classmates, both last year and this, track work was again started at the Institute and the class of Twenty-Three was well represented at the first call for material. It was found that there was much good track material present in the Institute, and we hope to help turn out a winning team in this sport as we did in both baseball and basket ball.

And so, as we finish the second lap of the race, proud of the records which we have thus far made, but ever aware that we are but half through, and that the hardest part of the journey may yet be ahead of us, we stride steadfastly and untiringly onward, so that ere we cross the tape at the finish of the race we will have reflected much credit upon our Alma Mater and upon the Class of Twenty-Three.