



FRESHMAN-HANDSHAKE

We Freshmen had been at Armour almost two weeks and were beginning to wonder if Armour really had any spirit when the "great event" occurred. It was posted on the bulletin boards and noised about the halls that the Freshman Handshake was to be on Friday night, September 24th, at the Hyde Park Y. M. C. A. We all wondered what the handshake was and most of us had visions of some wild hazing stunt.

When the meeting started at eight o'clock, it began to look as if the auditorium of the "Y" would not hold the crowd. "Spense" Havelick was chairman of the meeting and won the approval of all by his clever manner of handling the program. The Jazz Band, led by Rudolph Lowe, gave a prelude of some popular songs. Dr. Gunsaulus started the fireworks with a short speech of advice to the new students. Of course all of us were interested in the athletic side of student life and were much interested in the talk of James Bready, who was last year's basket-ball captain. "Bob" Bradley showed his usual pep when he proceeded to teach the Armour yells to us, and before he had finished we were able to give "Yea, Armour" with vim. After this John Sanger told of the character and purpose of the "The Armour Engineer" and asked for our support. He was followed by Chase who explained the requirements for eligibility to the honorary fraternity, Tau Beta Pi. The audience called for Tom Michels to sing and he obligingly did so. After several encores he was permitted to sit down and the program continued. The "Cycle" was the subject of Warren McCaffrey's talk, and Mr. Hollister of the Central Y. M. C. A. explained the relation between the central and student departments of the Y. M. C. A. Some of the members of the Glee Club entertained the audience with school songs, and then the real handshake began. The Freshies filed around and shook hands with every one they met. Some Freshies insulted the upper classmen by shaking hands with each other, each one thinking the other was a Junior or a Senior.

Later, everyone went to the Gym to see the basket-ball game between the Juniors and the Sophomores. The Sophomores came out victorious after a hard fight. After a number of swimming events in the pool, refreshments of doughnuts and coffee were served in the "Y" cafeteria.

Many a Freshman felt, after that night, that there was a closer relationship between old Armour and himself. Even if he did not remember the name of a single student he had met, he could not help but feel the kindly spirit with which he was greeted as a student of the Armour Institute of Technology.