

CLASSES

History of the Class of 1923

The members of the Class of 1923 look back over their years at Armour Tech with justifiable pride. Four years of earnest endeavor and of certain achievement span the gap between the time when we light-heartedly entered upon our freshman year and the time when we look out upon our life work. While we do not believe that Armour Tech had been waiting breathlessly twenty-seven years for our arrival, or that she will cease to exist after our departure, still we hope that our efforts during our brief sojourn here will have been instrumental in establishing some new customs and in adding to the traditions which serve to build up the prestige of the school. We believe that a record of our attainments will be of some value to future members of the school. We know that such a chronicle will be of utmost interest to ourselves.

Our inter-class athletic interests have been well protected. During our Sophomore year our basketball team tied for the championship; during our Junior year it won the inter-class championship. Our indoor baseball team has been inter-class champion for four years. Individual members of our class have represented us with honor. In our Freshman year we had a man on both the basketball and the baseball team; in our Sophomore year we had four men on the basketball team and six on the baseball team; in our Junior year, besides a number of men on both the basketball and the baseball team, each Captain was from our class; in our Senior year we had a number of men on all teams. The baseball coach, the school tennis champion, the Captain of this year's golf team are all '23 men. The increased athletic activity of the past year is due largely to the efforts of our class. We created the Armour Tech Athletic Association and Student Union; the first President is a member of our class.

While athletics occupies first place among student activities, nothing serves to relieve the tension of the severe mental strain of the curriculum of an engineering school quite as effectively as social affairs. And we are proud of the record of our social activities. We started with our Freshman Prom, and with it, we innovated two things, our distinctive dances and our habit of making money on them. The ability to combine pleasure with business seems to be one of the unusual characteristics of our members. We lived up to expectations in our Sophomore year with our Prom at the Red Room of the La Salle on the eighteenth of February. There is nothing that can come into the life of a Sophomore class that is as satisfactory as the realization that their Prom has surpassed in splendor that of the Juniors. Time can never erase from our memories that exultation. With more money than we needed in the treasury, we were able to enjoy two dances in our Junior year. The first one was given at the Drake and was unique in that it was an all-'23 party, members of the class even furnishing the music. The second one was given at the Blackstone on May fifth, and was probably the best ever attended by any Armour man. During our Junior year we staged