



It is my privilege to chronicle for the benefit of posterity the history of an organization comprising the most transcendent talent and the most peerless beauty that ever trod the classic boards of Armour Institute of Technology.

The name of this organization is the "Paragraph Club," the significance of the name being that it hopes in the near future to become a "Chapter" in a fraternity.

The object of the club, as modestly set forth in the constitution, is, "the promotion of the social qualities of the members." It has many other lofty aims, however, such as, charity, self culture, the introduction of civilization into the Institute, the promotion of, and the greatest good to the greatest number.

The disposition of the club is proud and reliant, bold and defiant, yet sweet and alluring, long suffering and enduring.

The personnel of the club is aggressive and progressive, enterprising and up to date.

The early accounts of this world-famous organization are so confused with mythology that it is impossible to separate history from fiction. All that is recorded is a series of propositions and disputes, a great many arguments, and much contention, but from this entanglement of strife and bloodshed arises the majestic form of John O'Leary, calm and unruffled (some maintain it was Charles Malcolmson), with yet a new proposition, which is the frame work upon which the present organization was built. This proposition was that a certain number of students from the Technical and Engineering departments should organize into a club which should eventually become a chapter in a fraternity. The members from out of town should live in the club rooms and the rent paid by them should defray current expenses. It is recorded, I believe, that but one man disapproved of this proposition, several were indifferent, but the greater number were enthusiastic about it. Meetings were held to discuss plans for the organization, and as John O'Leary was the father of the scheme, it was unanimously decided to elect him president. Many have noticed a similarity in the careers of Mr. O'Leary and his renowned forefather, George Washington. Mr. O'Leary immediately appointed a number of committees (no doubt he borrowed this idea from the United States Senate), for the purpose of submitting the proposition to Dr. Gunsaulus, and for visiting neighboring colleges to investigate the matter of obtaining a chapter. Dr. Gunsaulus favored the scheme, and has aided the club in many ways.