



HERE is a pretty story told about the inception of the Armour Institute of Technology by Mr. Armour, that is both pleasing and true, and for the sake of those who do not know it, we now repeat it.

“When the Rev. Frank W. Gunsaulus, D. D., now president of the Armour Institute of Technology, was pastor of Plymouth Church, he moved all Chicago with his oratory. A young giant physically, with an unequalled power of poetic expression, he threw himself into the affairs of the Lake City and accomplished a world of good. In the six years of his service at Plymouth Church he raised something over \$6,000,000 for institutions which he chose to aid or found. The most interesting thing to be related of him is that he preached a rousing sermon one Sunday at Plymouth in which he set forth, in his finest manner, the things that ought to be done for the boys and girls of our great generation. When he was through, a member of his congregation, Philip D. Armour, the great pork packer, came forward and taking him by the hand, said:

“Do you believe in those ideas you just now expressed?”

“I certainly do,” said Dr. Gunsaulus.

“And you’d carry them out if you had the means?”

“Most assuredly.”

“Well then,” said Mr. Armour, “If you will give me five years of your time, I will give you the money.”

The result was that Armour Institute was founded, with Dr. Gunsaulus as its president. That Sabbath address is going down to history under the title of the \$2,800,000 sermon.”

For the third time in the history of the Institute, Mr. Armour has enriched it with a munificent gift by adding \$750,000 more to its wealth, making a total of \$3,000,000. Part of this gift was in real estate, and part in securities, which will swell the annual income of the Institute from \$75,000 to \$100,000.

The original endowment provided for an income of \$50,000 from the handsome block of apartment buildings lying directly south of Armour Mission. The expenses of the Institute steadily increased, and early last year reached \$100,000 or \$25,000 in excess of the revenue from the endowment and tuition fees. Mr. Armour then made another addition to the endowment fund of \$500,000, and this provided for any further deficits.

It is the purpose of Dr. Gunsaulus to gradually direct the use of part of the funds into the developing of the Technical College. A course of Civil Engineering will be added to that of Mechanical and Electrical; a building devoted entirely to the foundry and work-shops of our Engineering Departments will be erected and our course in Architecture will also be rounded out by new opportunities. Laboratories and class rooms will also be arranged for.