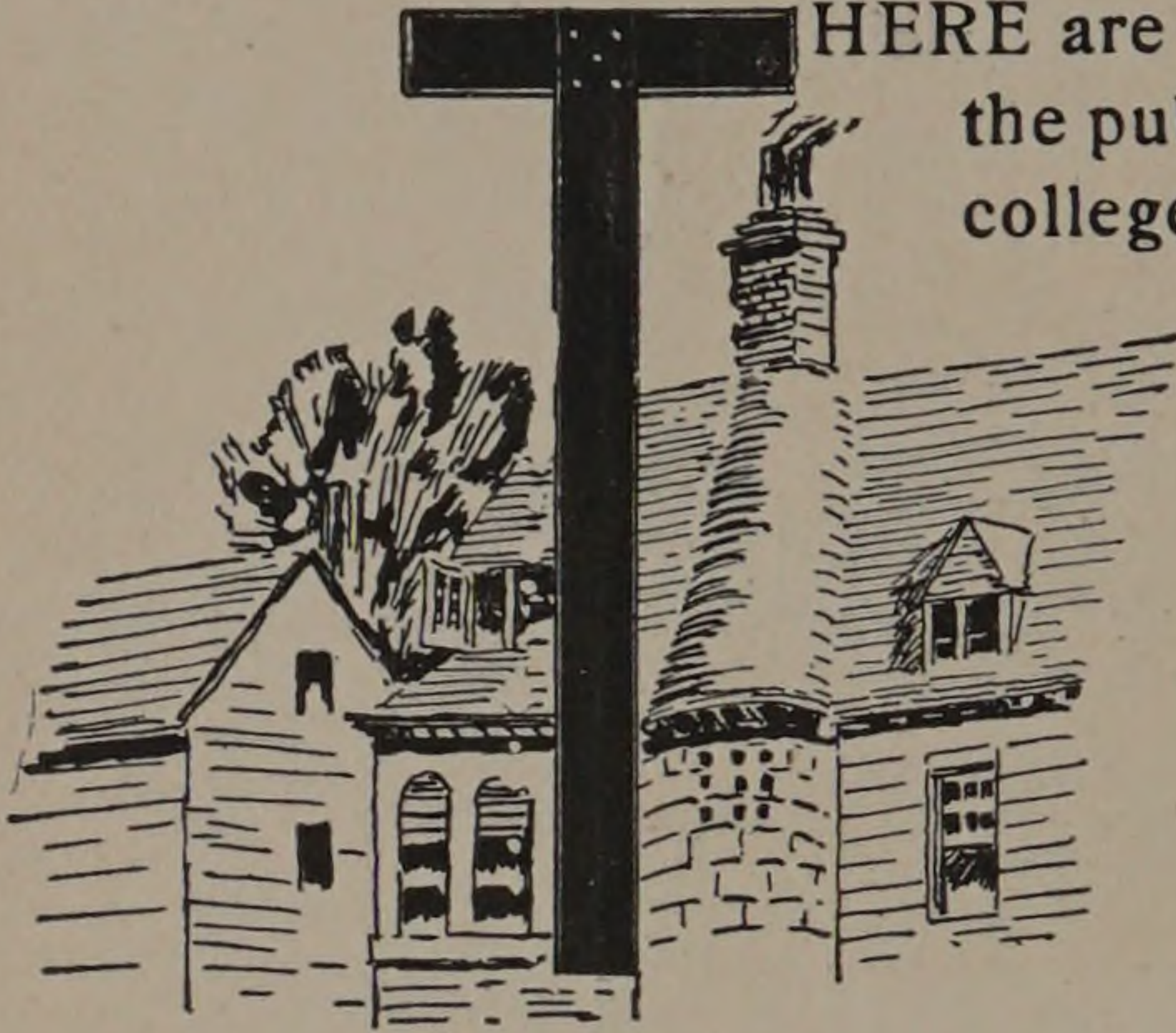


The Fulcrum



HERE are several methods in vogue of keeping a college prominently before the public. An able president is one, a winning foot-ball team is another, college publications comprise the third. It is due to the Class of 1901 that there is a paper at Armour Tech at all.

In the beginning of October, in the year of Grace one thousand, eight hundred and ninety-seven, was the idea of a college publication first mentioned. It is a fact, that contemporaneous with this was the course in Freshman Rhetoric under Professor Roney. Now it has been whispered that these two events were related as to cause and effect, and inasmuch as it is hardly supposable that THE FULCRUM caused the term in Rhetoric, it is barely possible that,— well vice versa.

The new scheme received prompt and energetic agitation, obtained unqualified approval from the necessary authorities, and in regular class-meeting, the Class of 1901 unanimously decided to establish and maintain a college publication, which should appear every month in the school year, and which should be known by the name of THE FULCRUM.

The first step was of course, to find the man who could and would fill, with ability and dignity the responsible position of Editor-in-Chief. After some search and deliberation Mr. Mark H. Arnold was elected, and to him was intrusted the fate of the incipient periodical. Mr. A. G. Langworthy was elected to the no less responsible post of Business Manager, which office he still continues to hold. The assistant editors were all appointed from that rich literary field, the Class of 1901, with the exception of those shadowy creatures known as Class Representatives, who came from each of the three other college classes.

Such was the staff by whose aid Mr. Arnold gave to the world the first issue of THE FULCRUM, which appeared about the middle of November 1897. To one who has been an editor, it is needless to dilate on the difficulties involved in starting a paper, and for one who has not, the English language is far too weak to allow even the faintest kind of an idea to be transmitted. But the darkest period was weathered at last, and the paper was soon in running order.

Towards the end of January, when the days were very short and dark, Mr. Arnold's eyes, which had never been over-strong, proved unequal to the task and much against his will, he was forced to hand in his resignation. His successor was promptly found in Mr. Thomas W. Stevens, who assumed control shortly before the February issue, and held it till the end of the college year.

In one year the FULCRUM passed hundreds of college journals established years ago, and rose by rapid strides, till it reached the foremost rank of such publications.

The first act of the Class of 1901 on its return to college last September was to provide for the continuance of the paper, and the election of the officers for that purpose. Mr. Alden C. Noble was elected Editor and Mr. Langworthy again agreed to accept the responsibilities of Business Manager. The course of the paper has been upright and conscientious, and will ever reflect credit on its far-seeing authors and supporters, the members of the Class of 1901.