

Company, the Bethlehem Iron Works, and the Chicago Edison Company are willing to address our students, it speaks volumes for our reputation.

The most up-to-date view of a library is that it is, in a sense, a laboratory. The efforts of our new librarian have been directed toward enabling all students to learn how to make a profitable use of the vast amount of information stored in the library. The number of books added has been very large, especially on engineering subjects. The engineering alcove, for the sole use of the Senior class, has been a marked improvement.

With the beginning of the school year of 1901-2 the work of the Academy will be put upon an elective basis. Two years of English will be the only required work. The remainder of the course can be chosen by the student in such a manner as to best suit his needs.

The addition of a million dollars to the endowment of the Institute by Mrs. P. D. Armour, Senior, and Mrs. J. Ogden Armour will enable the increasing needs of the Institute to be met as fast as they arise. The steady increase in the number of students, the addition of new courses, and the consequent enlargement of the equipment, all point to the need of new buildings. These will be provided in the form of a building for the shops and one for the distinctive engineering work.

Present developments show that the Institute has now an enviable reputation not only among technical schools, but with the engineering profession at large. The future of the institute is big with possibilities; the outlook never was brighter; the grandest part of her history is yet to come.