

the plans for the future been made that the death of Mr. Armour will have little effect on the outward working of the great enterprises with which he had been so closely identified. Armour & Co. will remain a potent factor in the development of trade.

ENORMOUS BUSINESS OF ARMOUR & CO.

The business of Armour & Co. in its multifarious branches reaches colossal proportions. Testimony before an investigating commission said that the firm did \$200,000,000 worth of business a year in meat products. In the actual handling of grain not less than one-third of the crops of the west passed at one time or another through the hands of this firm, as they were shipped to eastern or foreign markets.

MR. ARMOUR'S PHILANTHROPIES

The greatest of Mr. Armour's philanthropies, which were numerous, was the founding and endowment of the Armour Institute of Technology at Armour Avenue and Thirty-third Street, Chicago. The amount of his bequests is about \$3,000,000.

THE MISSION AND ARMOUR INSTITUTE

In his later years Mr. Armour devoted much time and gave liberally of his money to the Armour Mission and Armour Institute. The mission was founded by his brother, Joseph F. Armour, who died in January, 1881. He had bequeathed \$100,000 for the establishment of the mission, placing the work in the hands of P. D. Armour. The mission was opened in 1886, the South Side, near Thirty-third Street, being selected for the work. From his work in carrying out the wishes of his brother Mr. Armour became engrossed in its objects and adopted the mission as his own.

The mission led inevitably to the Armour Institute of Technology. Once the Institute was organized, Mr. Armour's whole soul was enlisted in its upbuilding. He had never done anything by halves, and he did not stop short with the Institute. With his benefactions in February, 1899, it is estimated that Mr. Armour gave to the Institute and mission about \$3,000,000. Long rows of flats in Thirty-third Street and Armour Avenue were deeded by Mr. Armour to the Institute to provide it with a permanent endowment. A little city has grown up by itself around that section, raised by Armour money, for the maintenance of the work of the institute.

It was long the aim of Mr. Armour to give to Chicago one of the most complete schools of technology in the United States, if not in the world. The results have been a revelation to people who have recently visited the institute. A Sunday school with thousands of children, regular church services, and a large amount of mission work among the poor are a few of the objects attained by the institution. In its educational work the institute bids fair to take its place among the great institutions of learning in the country. Mr. Armour often visited both the institute and mission, and he never seemed happier than when witnessing the progress they were making.

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