

Library

THE Armour Institute Library was opened September, 1893, with a Library Training Class occupying part of the room. As conditions changed, it became evident that the Department of Library Science could not meet its requirements without more space, and in the fall of 1897 this department was transferred to the University of Illinois, and became the Illinois State Library School.

In 1893, there were about 5,000 volumes in the library; at the present time we have nearly 20,000 volumes on the shelves, including bound volumes on scientific subjects. The additions have been largely technical material. The past year has been marked by an increased usefulness—a wider opening



of the door of opportunity. Free access to the shelves is allowed to all students, a privilege thoroughly appreciated by them. The broadest spirit of hospitality is offered to all.

For the last three years, Armour Institute of Technology has offered an elective course in Bibliography of one hour per week throughout the year. It is practical in its nature and aims to familiarize the student with the best bibliographies.

The object of College work has been defined as "The systematic and liberal education of young men." How is the Library related to the object? The machine is in its place, but the student, with rare exceptions, knows very little of its use. Shall he be taught systematically, or shall he grope in a haphazard manner? The instruction in Bibliography is intended to supply this need and is the best means of studying the literature of special subjects.