

# Victor Clifton Alderson

PRESIDENT OF THE COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES

LAST spring witnessed the departure of the Dean of our College of Engineering, Victor C. Alderson, to Colorado, to accept the position of President of their School of Mines. A good friend of the boys and of the school, Dr. Alderson took with him the good will of the faculty and the students as a body, and although we realize we have lost a man who is a man, we congratulate him upon his good fortune, which was no more than a just reward to a man of exceptional ability. Graduating from Harvard in 1885, he has since been a diligent worker along educational lines. A man of action at all times, he is eminently fitted for the engineering profession, and we know that in his new position he will more than fulfill the expectations of those who placed him there.

When Philip D. Armour founded the Armour Institute, Victor C. Alderson was already recognized as an able man, and he was appointed to fill the chair of Professor in Mathematics. This position he held until, at the death of Dean Roney, he was called upon to bear the responsibilities of the Dean of the College of Engineering. Always just in his dealings with the students, he won their respect, and as he could be one of the boys, he secured their friendship and held it. The manner in which he conducted the business of his position was not only a credit to the Institute, but to himself.

Not long after his departure to the West, the authorities of the Institute conferred upon him the degree of "Doctor of Science," and a portion of a letter from Dr. Gunsaulus to Dr. Alderson can well be inserted here.

It was with the greatest pleasure that the authorities of the institution conferred upon you the degree of Doctor of Science. I need not tell you that the degree will not be offered to another whose wearing of its glory does not reflect honor upon yourself in association with him. We think we have started well in our experience of giving honorary degrees, and we shall pause for a long while until we find in our hearts equal joy and satisfaction in presenting it to another.