

Francis W. Stewart

Francis W. Stewart, whose life was so suddenly ended last summer, was born in Chicago, August 13, 1884. His school life began at the Holden School, but he finished his grammar school course at the Yale School. Enrolling in the Englewood High School he satisfactorily completed the regular four years' course in three years.

He seemed to possess a fondness for mechanical and electrical subjects when still quite young, and in his spare moments often made devices to carry out his ideas. Frank's father, noting this tendency and knowing that his son's ambition was to become an electrical engineer, sent him to Armour Institute, and he entered the college with the class of '05.

His classmates well know how he made use of this opportunity. He worked hard at his studies and won the respect of all with whom he came in contact. In February, 1903, owing to his mother's illness and death, he was kept out of school for several weeks, and so missed a great deal of work, but nevertheless, he finished with all of his studies well up to grade at the end of the term. This shows of what material Frank Stewart was made.

It was necessary for him to work during the summer vacations, and it was while working that he was killed. He was filling the place of a statement clerk for the Chicago City Railroad Company at its Sixty-first Street barns. On the morning of August the eighth, 1903, Frank had finished his work and was just about to leave, when the bandits entered and killed him and another, besides robbing the place. Murdered without provocation, he had no chance to save himself. The man's worth is well illustrated when it is known that he had been planning to hold his position until November 1, the date when the regular clerk was to return. His plan was to attend school during the day, and to start work at six o'clock in the evening and work until ten. Surely Armour has lost a man who would be a credit to any institution.