

Editorial Page

LITERARY SOCIETIES

When the subject was brought up last fall for a literary society, or for two societies, the project was received very favorably by enough of the boys to form two strong organizations, but nevertheless it fell through. Several reasons can be advanced for this, but they all narrow down to one principal reason, viz., nobody interested himself in it sufficiently to work for it. There was no particular individual who would assume the responsibility of an organizer. Everybody waited for some one else to call a meeting, and if the person who would do it could put enough life into the idea so that it would have a promising appearance, then and then only would the attendance be good.

Armour should have two rival literary societies and once a year there should be an oratorical contest between them. To be a member of either of the contesting teams would be an honor that would be eagerly sought after, and to be on the winning team—well, you know what that would mean. The names of the two societies should be suggestive of Armour and the membership should be open to any student of the College of Engineering. As the Sophomore and Senior classes are always sympathetic bodies, why not have one society contain only Seniors and Sophomores, and the other society only Juniors and Freshmen? In this way the natural class rivalry would add to the spirit of the annual contest. This could be accomplished by having one society consist of men who would graduate in the “even” years, and the other society have as members those who would finish in the “odd” years. Thus members of the classes of '04, '06, '08, '10, etc., could belong to one society, and those from '05, '07, '09, etc., would be eligible to the other society. This is but a suggestion, and our only hope is that it may cause a discussion on the subject of literary societies. May the coming year see them launched, for after they are once afloat we have no doubt they will flourish.

ATHLETICS

We now have in the process of regeneration, ground for an athletic field. By next fall the place will be all fixed up for our use and then it is up to us to use it. Why should we not be ranked athletically as well as educationally, among other institutions, colleges and universities which are of about our own size. We are promised coaches for the various teams next fall, and it is the duty of those fitted to come out and try for places, and for those not fitted, to come to the games and make the men feel they were doing something for an appreciative school. Armour has simply been dormant, but with the new stand taken by the faculty and the trustees, we should become thoroughly awake to our own abilities and possibilities.

THE INTEGRAL

The Integral this year will no doubt be criticised by many. We realize that our literary department is sadly deficient. It was the intention of the editor to have this department twice as large as it is, and to instill some interest in the matter and to show those who were inclined to be literary that we wished their co-operation, the Integral board offered a lot of prizes for work of this kind. We did not expect that the money value of the prizes would cause the desired result, although they were all cash prizes and summed up to thirty-five dollars, but simply thought that they would cause active competition, and so we would have excellent material for that part of our book. We say simply, for the result would seem to indicate that the idea originated in a very simple-minded and imaginative individual, as it was everything but a success. No interest at all was shown and only one short poem was submitted which the judges considered was even worse than some of those we have included in this book. We are not complaining but rather explaining, and this is not to be considered as an excuse.