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✓HE most notable event in connection with the Institute during the past year was the opening of Ogden Field in September, 1904. When we think of this tract of land covered with its many buildings and later with brick, stone, mortar and rubbish, it seems as if nothing less than a magician's wand could have brought about such a complete change in so short a time.

The students returning to school for the Autumn term, could scarcely believe their eyes as they looked upon our new campus, with its beautiful



lawn, and a splendid lunch room and athletic clubhouse at one end. Work was begun on the grounds in May, 1904, and everything was completed and ready for the students by September 1, 1904. Through the untiring efforts of Mr. F. U. Smith, our Comptroller, the plans were executed and carried out, with the valuable assistance of Mr. James Little. That the students thoroughly appreciate this gift of Mr. Armour is

evidenced by the unusual interest taken by them in outdoor sports and games of all kinds. That it contributes largely to the health, development and comfort of the students there is no question.

The present school year is characterized by various activities in the several departments which tend to make the life of an institution vigorous and efficient. The continued prosperity of the school is illustrated in a forcible manner by the extent of the registration for the year. Of late, each succeeding year has shown evidence of healthy growth, but in the present year the marked increase in the total enrollment is noteworthy. This is particularly noticeable in the College of Engineering, where the number of students exceeds the enrollment for the academic year 1903-1904 by nearly one hundred. In the main, this may be accounted for by the wave of prosperity which has seemed to extend to all manufacturing industries and branches of the engineering profession. To no small extent have the students of the American School of Correspondence contributed to this large enrollment, especially in the evening classes. Several American School students are already members of our Freshman class, and if present indications count for anything, many students will come to us from this source. There are already five hundred students preparing with the American School of Correspondence for admission to the College of

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