



THE INSTITUTE

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HISTORY

THE germs, from which the ideas for the Armour Institute of Technology originally emanated, were first cultured in the basement of the Mission Building by one whom we all esteem and respect, Mrs. Julia A. Beveridge, our Librarian. The Armour Mission, which was founded by Mr. Joseph Armour, a brother of Philip D. Armour, first opened its doors on December 6, 1886. Mrs. Beveridge from the first was one of the Mission's most interested workers, and her first year's experience in the Sunday School convinced her that more could be accomplished for the good and betterment of the pupils than was being done for them in the short service which was held on the first day of each week. So, in February, 1887, she enlisted the services of five young men from the Chicago Manual Training School and organized classes in wood-carving, clay-modeling, tile-making, and freehand and mechanical drawing and designing. These classes met each Saturday morning. Other classes were also started in dress-cutting and millinery for the girls, which met on each Saturday afternoon. Before the close of the year there were four hundred boys and three hundred and fifty girls attending these Saturday classes.

Meanwhile, Mr. Philip D. Armour became deeply interested in this part of the work of the Mission and decided that it should be extended to cover distinct educational lines, aiding young men and women to better their condition in life. With this object in view, he and Dr. Gunsaulus, who was then pastor of Plymouth Church, at 26th Street and Michigan Avenue, of which Mr. Armour had been an attendant for many years, made a tour of the



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