

# The Institute



## History

Armour Institute of Technology, as it is to-day, is the result of a gradual development of the ideas which originated in connection with the work of the Armour Mission, and for which credit is largely due to our most esteemed librarian, Mrs. Julia A. Beveridge. In 1886 Armour Mission was first opened, and, thru the efforts of Mrs. Beveridge, Saturday classes in manual training were started the following year.

The success with which this work met attracted the attention of Mr. Philip D. Armour, and, seeing the possibility of giving increased opportunities to young men and women, he decided that the work so well started should be extended to cover a larger field. Thus, in 1892, Armour Institute of Technology was founded, work on the present main building was started, and in September of 1893 the first regular classes were organized.

For the next seven or eight years after this time, many different lines of instruction were taken up and experimented with. Some of these courses were dropped after a short time, while others were developed more fully. Meantime the number of students in attendance gradually increased, and thus in 1902, in order to relieve the crowded conditions, Machinery Hall was erected and the workshops were removed from the main building. However, while the accommodations for a technical education were being enlarged, the health and comfort of the students were not being neglected, for in 1904, thru the efforts of Mr. F. U. Smith, a place for recreation and the manly sports was obtained by the presentation to the institute of Ogden Field.

Thus, since its founding in 1892, the institution has been tending toward a strictly technical school, and its original aim, the making of men, has given us Armour Institute of Technology as it is to-day.