

## Armour Branch *of* The American Institute of Electrical Engineers

The American Institute of Electrical Engineers is the national society of the electrical engineering profession and was formed in 1884, when the electrical industry was in its infancy. In the past two decades it has been instrumental in bringing about the progress which has taken place in electrical applications and has advanced the standing of the profession as a whole.

The membership at present includes consulting engineers, professors of electrical engineering, chief engineers, managers, various officers associated with electric lighting, railway, telephone, telegraph, power, and manufacturing companies, and other persons interested in the advancement of the electrical profession.

The institute continually brings together the diversified achievements of these many workers and discriminates between what is substantial and what is not. The activity is stimulated through papers and discussions which deal with vital problems.

In accordance with the by-laws of the institute, branches have been organized in thirty of the principal electrical centers in the United States and Canada. Several of these branches have been organized in institutions of learning by members of the faculty who are also members of the institute. This affords the student an opportunity of not only becoming familiar with the practical problems which are being handled by the leaders in his future profession, but also of getting the experience of presenting his ideas before an audience. Too much stress cannot be laid on the latter phase of the work as it is the most valuable training in an engineering course.

The important work of the local branch is accomplished by the Executive Committee, which consists of the chairman, vice-chairman, two seniors, and two juniors. It is the duty of this committee to pass on all original papers or discussions on the proceedings of the parent body which are to be presented before the society, and to arrange for the meetings.