



In Memoriam

By the death in July, 1907, of Miss Rosa C. Lang, Instructor in German, the Armour Institute of Technology sustained a serious, perhaps an irreparable loss. For fifteen years, that is, since the opening of the Institute in 1893, she had been an honored and beloved member of the faculty. Associated with her from the first year were, besides the President and the Comptroller, only three of the present faculty, Miss Wright, Mrs. Beveridge, and Dean Monin; and because of their close companionship in the earnest pioneer work of developing the institution, these early associates especially mourn her loss.



Miss Lang was a native of Toledo, Ohio, and after some years of training in a convent and tuition at the hands of a cultivated German governess, she undertook a course of study at Cornell University. There she endeared herself to some of the most conspicuous of the Cornell faculty, including the noted critical student of Browning, Professor Hiram Corson, whom she venerated and who always remained her close friend and warm admirer. She was later teaching in the public schools of Toledo, when she was persuaded by a Chicago friend to come to this city to accept the position that she was occupying at the time of her death.

From the start she showed peculiar adaptability to the conditions of work at Armour Institute; so that her unusual worth made itself apparent, not only to the President and her co-workers, but also to Mr. Philip D. Armour, the founder of the Institute, who became her warm personal friend. As for her relations with the students of those early years, relations more intimate because of the smaller number of students at that time, it need only be said that every graduate remembers her with cordial feelings of firmest loyalty.

Miss Lang possessed brilliant intellectual powers; and she had been from her youth an insatiable reader, in her later years reading largely along philosophical lines. She was always well informed as to progress in the scientific