



The Civil Society

The Armour Civil Engineering Society as it now exists was formed in the spring term of 1906 by the senior class of 1907, and has flourished in every respect since the moment of its inception. It has a larger membership than any other engineering society of the college and is on a good financial basis. Its object is primarily the presentation and discussion of papers on civil engineering topics, but it also serves for the furtherance of social life among its members, and forms a bond of close fellowship among the upper classmen and alumni of the Civil Engineering Department of Armour Institute of Technology.

All members of the senior and junior classes of this department are eligible for active membership, while the alumni comprise the senior membership, and the department professors are honorary members. Honorary members may also be chosen from men of eminence in the civil engineering profession. The society now consists of seventy senior members, thirty-four active members, and five honorary members.

The society has always taken a leading part in the social life of Armour Institute, and has done much to promote good feeling among the members of the senior class. Through the kindness of the council, the engineering societies have been provided with club rooms in Chapin Hall. The civils took the first steps and did a large share in the furnishing and maintenance of these rooms. On the evening of January Thirty-first, the society gave a "Ladies' Night" at the club rooms, which were tastefully decorated for the occasion. Arrangements are now being made to give a May party and a banquet towards the end of the second semester.

Regular meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesday evenings of each month throughout the two semesters, at which papers, illustrated by lantern slides are read and discussed. The society has filled a long felt want among the upper classmen of the civil engineering department, and the interest of succeeding classes, together with the stimulus of the better facilities for such societies, bids fair to produce an excellent organization.

During the year, the following papers have been given:

Double Track Railway Economics.....	Mr. H. J. Armstrong
The Reclamation of the Kankakee Marshes.....	Prof. A. E. Phillips
Construction of the Thirty-ninth Street Pumping Station.....	Mr. W. A. Rossiter
Construction of a Reinforced Concrete Arch-culvert.....	Prof. M. B. Wells

Other papers will be given later by Mr. V. S. Persons; Mr. Clausen, a former Armour man now connected with the engineering department of the city; Mr. Ericson, the city engineer; Mr. E. J. Tebbets, of the C., B. & Q.; and by several other prominent engineers.