



Armour Branch

OF

The American Institute of Electrical Engineers

The Armour Branch is now in the fifth year of its existence. The purpose of the local organization is to keep its members in touch with recent developments in electrical engineering and bring to their notice the practical problems of the day. This is accomplished by reading and discussing papers presented before the parent organization in New York and original papers presented by local members. A special point is made of the experience gained by a student when called upon to express his ideas before an audience.

The parent body is composed of the leading electrical engineers of the United States and Canada. At their regular meetings in New York, electrical problems and conditions are brought up and discussed and are published monthly in the Proceedings. These proceedings are received by all student members. Each year the parent body offers a gold medal and certificate to the student who submits the best thesis or record of research on theoretical or applied electricity or magnetism. This is known as the Edison Medal and the thesis or record of research is judged by the Edison Medal Committee, which was organized in 1903 to commemorate the achievements of the great inventor. Only two qualified students from the same school can compete during the same year.

Membership in the local branch is limited to those of the faculty who are members or associates of the parent body, and to the Junior and Senior electricals, who have the privilege of joining for three consecutive years. A fee of three dollars is charged by the parent body for the monthly proceedings. The members of the Armour Branch are especially fortunate in being invited to attend all of the meetings of the Chicago Section, receiving regular notices of the same. The application blanks for student membership require a brief synopsis of the education and experience of the student. These blanks may be obtained at any time from the chairman or secretary of the local branch. At the end of each school year officers are elected for the following year.

The executive committee is composed of the chairman, vice-chairman, and two representatives from the Senior members and two from the Junior members, appointed by the chairman. It is the duty of this committee to pass on all original papers and discussions on the proceedings of the parent body, which are to be presented before the local branch and to arrange for the meetings. The regular meetings of this branch are held on the first and third Thursdays of each month, in the Engineering Society rooms in Chapin Hall. Cards are sent out the first of each month announcing the program for that month.