

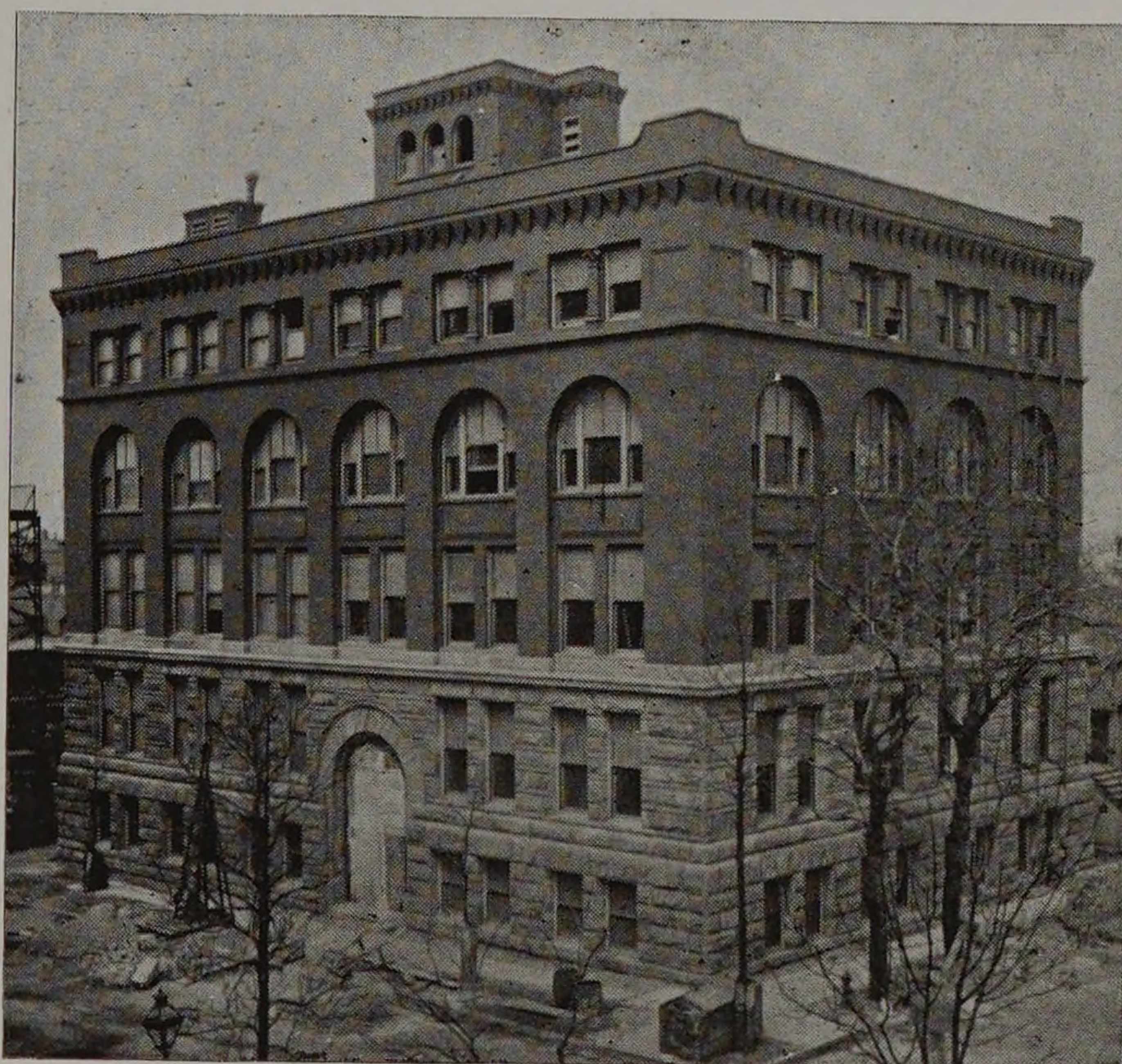
History



ALTHOUGH Armour Institute has been in existence only a short time it has a very remarkable and interesting history.

When Mr. Joseph Armour died he left a bequest of one hundred thousand dollars for the purpose of building a Mission in Chicago for church, school, and educational purposes. To this his brother, Philip Danforth Armour, added a large sum to complete and outfit the building. The building was opened in 1886. Ever ready to help those who wished to help themselves, Mr. Armour built at various times several large flat buildings in the neighborhood of the Mission, the revenue from which served to make it as far as possible self-sustaining. To the religious work, a free dispensary and library were added, the latter in charge of Mrs. Julia A. Beveridge, the present librarian of the Institute.

Mrs. Beveridge, believing that the usefulness of the Mission might be increased by taking up manual training, organized classes in wood-carving, clay-modeling, tile-making, and drawing for boys, and classes in domestic arts for girls. The success of her endeavors so pleased Mr. Armour that he decided to take up the educational work on a still larger scale than the size of the Mission would permit. Accompanied by Dr. Gunsaulus and Mr. John C. Black, Mr. Armour visited eastern institutions and, on his return to Chicago, decided to organize a school similar to Pratt or Drexel Institute.



"Of all studies, study your present condition."