



GAGE REX WAMSLEY

Thesis: *Reinforced Concrete Bridge.*

Tau Beta Pi

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May 7, 1887, Kaneville, Illinois, was honored by the birth of Gage Rex Wamsley, the coming chess and checker champion of the world. Contrary to our expectations, little Gage Rex was a noisy and erratic baby and caused his worshipping parents much anxiety. He entered the grammar school at Elburn, Illinois, but his parents soon found it necessary to move to Chicago, as he absorbed all the available knowledge in the country school on short order.

In 1903, the world first heard of him, when he entered Wendell Phillips High School. After establishing an excellent record in scholarship, he graduated in 1907. Thinking that he might be able to give the faculty a few pointers, he entered the Tech in 1907. His finer instincts prompted him to wait for the class of 1912, and during this year of waiting we find him employed as draughtsman for the Joliet Bridge and Iron Co.

In the fall of 1909 he re-entered Armour and has applied himself conscientiously to his work since then. To the surprise of many, he ran a close second in the All-Around Athletic Contest of 1910. He has spent a good deal of his spare time profitably, by drawing maps for the Sarasota Sand Co. of Florida. During the summer months he has given vent to his artistic temperament by working at the printer's trade. This year he has been chief assistant to the Civil faculty and the friend of the flunkers. His chief outside diversion is, however, playing chess and checkers. At these games he is a whirlwind, being a member of several chess and checker teams of the city.

Wamsley is one of those quiet hard-working fellows who help to raise the standard of the engineering profession, and whose success is certain.