



At the time *THE ARMOUR ENGINEER* was started, we had already two college publications, the "Fulcrum," issued monthly, and the "Integral," an annual. These two journals were devoted to the purely local interests of the Armour Institute of Technology, and the first was intended for circulation among the students, largely as a newsy medium to keep alive the college spirit.

However, we were more ambitious than this, and it was thought that, among the alumni there should be many engineers whose opinions on subjects of engineering importance would be worth while, and whose loyalty might be sufficiently great to keep up a publication of a somewhat different type, namely, a purely technical one, devoted only to science and engineering. It was intended that this journal, *THE ARMOUR ENGINEER*, should be representative of the progress in engineering made by the alumni of the Armour Institute of Technology, and that it should be a high-grade technical journal, not at all devoted to student activities, or to the activities of the alumni, except in a professional way.

*THE ARMOUR ENGINEER* has now a large circulation among engineers and others whose opinions are of importance; articles appearing in it have been copied in many quarters, some in foreign countries, and *The Engineer* is being built up into a *technical* periodical which reflects considerable credit upon the Armour Institute of Technology and its alumni by the engineering excellence of its articles.

The men in charge of the publication this year have done good work both in the business and editorial departments, and the advantage of the new system, adopted this year, of having four men on the staff instead of two as in former years, is apparent. E. Menke and R. W. Whitmore have done excellent work in the editorial department and F. W. Hook and H. F. Smith have brought the advertising department to a paying basis.