

Welcome to Student Body

On October 1, 1919, Dr. F. W. Gunsaulus addressed the general student body of the Institute, which had assembled in the Armour Mission. The national anthem was sung in Chorus, while Professor Scherger played the organ.

Dr. Gunsaulus began his address in words that accorded the general student body a warm welcome. The opportunities for educational advancement along engineering lines in the Institute, were presented in a common sense manner. The steps leading to success in engineering were explained clearly for every student to understand.

The speaker told of the growth of the Institute since the year 1891, when Mr. P. D. Armour, whose son J. Ogden Armour now is the benefactor, gave to Dr. Gunsaulus the sum of \$1,000,000 to be put into an institution where young men could be trained to become American patriots. The incentive to go on with such an enterprise was received from Cooper's Institute, Mr. Cooper himself being a close friend of Dr. Gunsaulus. Our President journeyed to Europe, visiting the principal countries in quest of newly improved educational systems. Many European systems were brought home to be modeled after, with the result that an engineering college was built in the form of the Armour Institute of Technology.

During the world war, the engineer, as the speaker asserted, was an essential cog in the great works of the various military units. Military engineering was the basis of America's strength in that international conflict. Great structures of wood and iron sprang up every where on what was known as no man's land, only because of the engineer's skillful participation in the war.

Dr. Gunsaulus concluded his address with an appeal to the general student body to "Carry on" the principles of the engineering profession; to serve the world with a spirit of good will and faithfulness consistent with the ethics of their profession.