



## THE SPIRIT OF THE INSTITUTE

Much has been written and related in the pages of "The Integral" and "The Cycle" of recent years regarding the history and purposes of "Armour Tech," and, therefore, little can be said which is not already familiar to the students and readers of the College Annual.

The story of the evolution of the Institute from a polytechnic school for both sexes to a high grade college of engineering is an oft-repeated tale, yet always claims the closest interest in the minds of its friends and, particularly, those who have watched its progress in the last two decades. The constructive work which has been accomplished in this period has been of a character to place the Institute in a foremost position with respect to engineering education, and in the front rank of engineering colleges. To teach the students the fundamentals of science and to acquaint them with economic, social, and cultural subjects, in order that they may be prepared to comprehend and deal intelligently with the many problems of our modern industrial and commercial life, is the purpose and ideal of engineering education at "Armour." Throughout all our progress there has been an insistent and constant broadening of the Institute's fundamental purpose, the building of true character. A prosperous and honored alumni form tribute to the influence which we are privileged in appreciating. It is in this influence toward the truest that we may confidently trust the Institute's future.

To Dr. Gunsaulus, our loved and lamented President, do we owe the spiritual ideal upon which this institution was created, and his immortality will find expression in the exemplary citizenship of the thousands of young men who were so fortunate as to be trained under his cultural and benign influence.

"Armour" now has fourteen hundred living alumni scattered over many countries of the world. This year another hundred will be added to the list and every one is going out to tell of the happenings, and his life and training at "Armour Tech."

The Institute has achieved an enviable position, in the past, is maintaining it in the present, and the future holds for it a brilliant prospect. The spirit of "Armour" is that tangible certainty which shall reach from the Atlantic to the Pacific as it has already spread throughout the middle west. The young men who leave her doors will not forget this spirit and will pause many times in their labors and live again the days they spent within her walls, and while they dream over those memories how pleasant will be the thought that "Alma Mater" is not old and feeble, but is yet young and growing stronger each year. It is the influence of this spirit which is to form the greater Armour Institute of Technology. Not only a greater Institute in a material sense, a greater architectural plan, but a greater Institute of ideas and ideals; a greater Institute whose teachings shall lead young men to greater efforts in doing honor to her who has taught them the principles of true manhood and right living. Changes will be many, and when they come, we know they will be for the better.

To you, "Armour Tech," we predict a future worthy of such a grand institution. The undergraduates and graduates will ever be watching you in your progress and will rejoice in each step forward. It is with confidence that we shall tell of your glorious future. We know that you will aspire and accomplish in a masterly way and fulfill our hopes.

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