To the Class of 1923

As the class of 1923 approaches its graduation the Alumni Association extends to you, individually and collectively, its congratulations and its greetings. We congratulate you at the end of four years of study and preparation, completed with honors by some, creditably by all. We greet you as new members in the one permanent organization of Armour men, the Alumni Association of Armour Institute of Technology.

At present your four years of undergraduate study at Armour are large in your perspective, and your identity as Armour men seems well established. But later, when you have become deeply immersed in the world's affairs and are carrying your share of its work and responsibility, you will find that your life at Armour, viewed from the retrospect of the years, is a most pleasant memory, but not the all-important reality that it seems today. Your work may carry you into all parts of this or foreign countries in which case you will find it increasingly difficult to maintain even a fair degree of contact with your Alma Mater. When such a time comes it will be largely through your connection with the Alumni Association that you will be able to maintain your contact with the Institute and with the friends of your student days.

In welcoming you into our membership we would like you to know what manner of organization it is that you are joining. We want you to know something of our aims and purposes, so that you may realize the work that lies ahead of us in the performance of which we invite your co-operation. You may be interested in knowing what the association has accomplished in the past and to what extent our purposes have been matched by our achievements.

The Alumni Association was started on June 19, 1900, with B. H. Glover as President, A. S. Alschuler as Vice-President, A. J. Burr as Corresponding Secretary, C. P. Schroeder as Recording Secretary, L. Elliott as Treasurer, and E. Richardson as Master of Ceremonies. After ten years of steady growth, the Association was incorporated under the laws of Illinois on March 18, 1910. The articles of incorporation state that the Association was formed for "the promotion of fellowship and good will among its members; the continuation of the ties formed by them while students; and to keep alive their interest in the affairs of the Armour Institute of Technology." In the same year the Constitution was amended so as to provide for life memberships, eighty-two of which have been taken out to date. The money paid in by life members is placed in a fund which is used to make loans to needy students at the Institute.

The Alumni Association now has more than fourteen hundred eligible active members, all of whom are graduates of the Armour Institute of Technology. In addition we have some seven thousand eligible associate members, all of whom have been students at Armour but did not graduate. It is the chief purpose of the Association to weld this group of more than eight thousand graduates and former students into a well organized band of Armour men. We wish to foster good fellowship among our members, to