

## Armour Institute Branch of American Society of Mechanical Engineers

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The past year has been marked with success. We were especially honored at our opening session by an encouraging talk by Professor Gebhardt. He outlined the purpose of the society and emphasized the need of this training to embryo engineers.

In the past it seems that the Engineer and Public Speaker had no connection. It was the object of this organization to bring these two types into one. In order to accomplish this a regular schedule of meetings was approved by the office of the Dean whereby one period every other week was given to the Societies. It was at these meetings that the A. S. M. E. accomplished the impossible. The members appreciate the need of public speaking and through this method valuable experience has been obtained.

It has been the custom of the society to hold their annual Smoker during the first semester but owing to the numerous social and scholastic events that occurred in this period the smoker was postponed. The smoker was held during the middle of the second semester, and the boys voted that it was the best in years.

Through the courtesy of Professor Gebhardt we were invited to attend the annual convention of the A. S. M. E. which met in Chicago during the middle of January. The convention lasted for three or four days during which time we enjoyed the speeches of the most prominent engineers in America.