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During the past year, the Armour Branch of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers has been particularly successful in attaining the purposes of its foundation, namely, the offering of an opportunity for students in the department of mechanical engineering to make intimate contacts with men in the profession, and the promotion of a feeling of good fellowship and comradeship among the members of the society. The continuation of bi-monthly meetings did much to maintain the interest of the student body in the organization and its meetings, and the hearty cooperation of several members of the faculty is in no small part responsible for the success attained by the society.

The society has been fortunate in having an abundance of material to choose from for subjects, and many men prominent in the field of mechanical engineering are at hand who are willing to address the student body.

The first meeting of the year had a large attendance, and forecast an unusually successful year. The speaker was Professor Peebles, the text of his talk being the hypothetical progress of an Armour Institute graduate. He traced the course of a man who starts in the drafting room and gradually works his way up through the shop and sales divisions until he attains that degree of advancement which his ability warrants. Professor Peebles warned against becoming too technical to understand other phases of the field which are equally important. This type of attitude is highly detrimental to successful engineering practice, because the engineer must recognize the value of non-technical elements of his life's work when he encounters them and deal with them in an intelligent fashion.

On November 6, Professor Peebles spoke at a meeting of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers on the subject of "Heat