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The Armour Branch of the Western Society of Engineers, founded in 1919 for the purpose of bringing the students of civil engineering into closer contact with men actually engaged in that profession, feels that this year has brought about even more clearly than ever before the realization of that purpose. An effort has been made to stimulate an active feeling of unity between the students and professional men.

Only topics which were of primary importance and of assured interest were chosen for the bi-monthly meetings, and as a result the attendance has been unusually large. Men of prominence in the field of civil engineering were invited to address the students on



topics they specialized in. The cooperation of the professional branch has been invaluable in providing aid in arranging inspection trips and in getting speakers. The students are invited by the professional chapter to make use of its excellent engineering library. The rooms of the parent society are also offered to the Armour chapter for its smokers.

On October 9, the senior members steamed off on the year's first inspection trip sponsored by the Western Society of Engineers. The objective of the tour was a grain elevator located at 117th Street and Torrence Avenue, and a general survey of the Calumet Harbor project. Members of the society gathered at the Michigan Avenue Bridge where a boat was waiting to transport them to the Calumet district. An hour was spent in inspecting the elevator.

At an open meeting of the Western Society of Engineers, held on October 16, Mr. Clarence W. Farrier gave a very interesting speech on "Engineering Aspects of the World's Fair." The speaker graduated from Armour in 1916, and is now president of the Chicago Chapter of the American Institute of Architects and also Assistant Director of Works of the Century of Progress. Being thus closely acquainted with the innermost preparations for the Fair, Mr. Farrier was able to

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