



THE PRESIDENT OF THE COLLEGE

Armour history will record this year as the one in which the new engineering shops were inaugurated under Dr. Pearl; the year in which a committee of Chicago architects, with John Holabird as chairman, lent its powerful support to a significant move to bring architectural teaching and practice closer together; the year in which the Armour Trustee, General Thomas S. Hammond, President of the Illinois Manufacturers' Association, together with other leaders in that Association and in the Metal Trades' Association, as well as numerous school authorities, joined forces with us in starting the Co-operative Course. History will also record this as the year in which the new comprehensive evening school program came into its stride; the year in which graduate study and research became important items in current operation. The action of the Faculty Council which resulted in an Administrative Graduate Committee, with Professor Freud as chairman, and the underwriting of a research fellowship by the Universal Oil Products Company, with Dr. Komarewsky as fellow, are likely in future years to be recorded as milestones in Armour's progress.

Reference to the opportunities for special financing contained in the President's published report suggests the range of both our educational and our financial objectives. We are not waiting for ideal conditions before starting specific projects and there are a number of promising activities that are not yet ripe for incorporation into a published record of events. The key to our approach to long-time objectives is a closer tie-in with the groups of industries in which Armour men are employed, and we are finding that the service performed by graduates is only one of many ways in which Armour is in position to serve industry. Contacts with industry, and especially with industrial research, are multiplying the proofs of Armour's place in the industrial progress of Chicago. That there are challenging difficulties in the way of realizing our opportunities to the full cannot be gainsaid, but progress is unmistakable, and developments, especially during the past year, have called forth responses which indicate clearly that Armour is on the way.

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