FIRE PROTECTION ENGINEERING SOCIETY

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Armour offered its first course in Fire Protection Engineering in 1903. Attendance in the new course was not very large, however; those in the course realized the benefit that a student engineering society would be to students enrolled in the fire protection course. With the aid of several members of the faculty who were likewise interested in the suggested organization, students in the department founded the Fire Protection Engineering Society on November 11, 1913. Originally the society served both as a social and student engineering organization. However, it soon devoted its entire program to student engineering affairs. It aimed to provide speakers at the regular meetings who were active in professional affairs. Ranking engineers from Chicago and faculty members of the Institute were obtained to speak at meetings of the organization. The society became a popular student group, and its membership grew rapidly.

During the past year the officers of the society have done remarkably well attempting to provide interesting and educational meetings and discussions that will prove to be of benefit to members of the organization. In addition, the officers have fostered a spirit of fellowship and good will among the members. The speakers that were obtained represented various fields of fire protection engineering and fire protection insurance practice. These speakers described phases of engineering practice that were unfamiliar to many of the student members, and in addition gave helpful talks describing the considerations and experience necessary in the various phases of fire protection work. Not only were the student officers successful in providing educational meetings, but they secured improvements in the classroom that is used for the regular meetings of the group. Facilities were provided permitting the projection of moving pictures that were previously shown only after much trouble and delay.

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