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The American Institute of Electrical Engineers is an organization, national in scope, representing the electrical profession. It was founded in 1884. The society aims to advance the theory and practice of electrical engineering and of allied arts and sciences, to maintain a high professional standing among its members, and to develop the individual engineer. It has been a contributing factor in the remarkable progress that has taken place in the electrical field during the last four decades and has done much in advancing the interests of not only its members, but the entire engineering profession. All branches of electrical engineering are represented in the membership.

Meetings for the presentation and discussion of technical papers and other matters pertaining to the profession are held by the original society in New York and the eighty-six branch organizations located in the principal electrical centers of the country. The same practice is followed in the student branches which are found in the engineering colleges of the nation. An annual convention and additional special conventions, as authorized by the board of directors, are held in different parts of the country.

The policy of co-operation with other engineering societies in matters of mutual interest is promoted by means of joint meetings, and through other opportunities which present themselves. The Federal government has often invited the Institute to appoint representatives and committees to co-operate with governmental branches and they have appeared before congressional and other legislative bodies on subjects concerning the interest of the engineering profession.

The Institute provides opportunity for the interchange of ideas, the presentation, discussion and publication of papers, the formulation of standards and codes, the advancement of ideals, and the cultivation of the spirit of co-operation. Seeking these advantages, a group of students of the electrical department organized the Armour Branch of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers in 1903. The original purpose of the society has been carried out by the student branch this year by means of student talks, professional talks, and several social functions.

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