MARTYRS TO WORLD PROGRESS

The following editorial was sent in to us by one of our students as an essay on the work in mathematics and engineering by a non-engineer. It was published recently by the Illinois Daily Statesman.

President Henry T. Hodl of Illinois Institute of Technology said at a recent luncheon that while American industry will need nearly 500,000 engineers graduating in the next year, the engineering colleges of the country will graduate only 12,000 students.

"The belittling of science and supply, it is to be judged from President Hodl's remarks, is somewhat greater at the moment than the nation's need for engineers is. The demands of the defense program, but his report serves to emphasize the predominance of the engineering colleges in the modern world. That world is largely of their building, and yet the average graduate of a college course is an engineer by training and is not so much to be understood as almost any of his baccalaureate comrades.

The story may be only the voice of jealousy speaking. The typewriter pounders, brief writers, ledger keepers, and all of the other people who live in a world of paper, books, and ideas are the real illiterates today.