

which are divided as follows : Thirty-five in the Civil Engineering Department, thirteen in the Mechanical Engineering, and five in Architecture. Success to them.

We civil engineers may feel proud of our new instruments, models, drawings, and testing machines ; the mechanical, of their models, drawings, and machinery, to demonstrate their study by actual contact and practice ; the architects, of their models, drawings and photographic collection ; and we all of our library, large, comfortable, and convenient.

With these facilities and conveniences, and the staff, with its additions, Messrs. Rosebrugh and Wright, the school becomes more efficient, and confers honor upon these graduates and its past work, and encourages those who are now or will become students of this school.

It is a source of pleasure to see, in apparent appreciation of the efforts of the Government of the country and this school to make it efficient and worthy of esteem and patronage, so many new students for the various branches. On my own behalf and that of this Society, I welcome you to this meeting and Society, and hope that you will all now, as you certainly will sooner or later, become useful and interested members. Very many students make a sad mistake in looking with doubts and suspicions upon the aims and benefits of this Society and their fellow-students generally. They defer becoming members until the Society has proved itself by report, which, obviously, it cannot do, unless many of the first year students attend and become its supporters and champions ; and by the time they become convinced of the benefits of attending our meetings, hearing papers on various engineering and architectural subjects read and discussed, and see the advantages of the library, they have lost much time and benefit, and care not to pay the regulation fee of one dollar for the balance of the year. Again, many look upon the Society as a means of extracting another dollar from their pockets without giving any return but loss of time. To such I will say, do not entertain such an idea, or you will regret it and feel heartily ashamed of yourself before the term is over.

Become members at once and cultivate personal acquaintance with your fellow-students outside your own year, and you will find yourself improved, and the wearisome routine of work broken and made cheerful by acquaintance that will quickly develop friendship if you prove true and worthy students of this institution and of the profession that you signify by your presence here you intend to follow.

It is not expected or possible that students of the first year can make themselves as useful in this Society as they can later, after becoming familiar with the work of the school, and the aims and usages of the Society. Yet it is a credit for students of the first year to render their share

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