

in the returns covering a period of years. The numbers in electrical engineering were affected to a lesser degree. The rise in numbers from 1924 to 1927 in this department contrasts strongly with the decreases in other departments, and is probably attributable to increased interest in communication engineering and the marked development in the uses of electrical power. Since 1927 the entry in electrical engineering has decreased considerably while that in other departments has become stabilized or has shown a distinct rising tendency. This rising tendency is particularly shown in civil engineering. The freshman class of 1927 was unusually small, as it was the first to enter under the new matriculation requirements. The smallness of their numbers is reflected in the numbers of third and fourth year students in the session 1929-30. Our freshman entry is now more normal, and the total numbers in the third and fourth^{year} courses should tend to increase for the next two or three years. The business situation is, however, a disturbing factor, the influence of which it is difficult to judge. Some students may drop from our courses, probably only temporarily, on account of financial restrictions resulting from their inability to secure sufficiently lucrative employment during the summer months. Others may commence a college course on account of the lack of openings in business. It would be unwise to attempt to forecast figures for the near future in view of the many uncertain factors involved.