The Summer School of Architecture.

Professor Homer, of course IV., who, in connection with Mr. Mann, '94, had charge of this year's summer school, is very enthusiastic over the work done by his department in the three weeks' outing. The week following commencement seventeen students, including six young women, arrived with the paraphernalia peculiar to their profession, in Salem, Mass., where they established their headquarters and drawing rooms at Plummer Hall, through the kind permission of the Essex Institute. The summer school at once set to work on the beautiful colonial architecture of that historic town, and, through the kindness of the inhabitants, made many full-size drawings of types on the most interesting of the dwellings. Professor Homer and his class also obtained many excellent photographs, which will be of great value to the Institute. Aside from the work at Salem, excursions were made to Ipswich and surrounding country, and at Foxcroft the Essex Institute gave the class a dinner. Three weeks in all were spent by the students on this work, in which study and recreation were so delightfully united.

Y. M. C. A.

The new Y. M. C. A. at the Institute has made an auspicious beginning in extending to the Freshman class so hearty a welcome. A very neat booklet has been gotten out by the association, stating its aims and quoting portions of its constitution. In conjunction with this is published a map of the city and valuable lists of boarding houses, hotels, places of amusement, together with a brief summary of Institute affairs and athletics. An opening reception will be given the Class of '99, on Saturday, October 5th, at the Boston Association Building, cor. Boylston and Berkeley Streets. Three addresses will be made: by Professor Sedgwick, representing the faculty; by John Rockwell, '96, for the student body; and by Mr. Lewis, for the Association. The Association will also soon put into execution a plan advanced by President Walker last year; namely, the establishment of a house where students, members of the association, may board, and where all may find an open parlor and the means of spending a spare hour agreeably. President Walker expresses himself in hearty sympathy with the work.

Technology Representatives Abroad.

President Walker, accompanied by his daughter, Miss Walker, left Boston July 11th, for his initial trip through the far Northwest. He selected the Canadian Pacific route, and was thereby enabled to see portions of British North America as well as the northwestern states of the Union. Arriving at Victoria, he sailed on The Queen for Alaska. From thence he returned to Tacoma and Portland, Yellowstone Park, St. Paul, Chicago, and Niagara.

General Walker expresses himself as chiefly delighted with the social ambition evinced by the people of the Northwest. One expects to find business push and energy in these busy localities, but is naturally surprised at the almost universal evidence of architectural skill shown even in the smaller buildings and homes of the people.

Well-kept parks gay with flowers are scattered generously throughout the larger cities. The whole aspect of affairs points to the evident desire of the people to bring their section of this great empire to a high state of culture.

Dr. H. W. Tyler sailed for Europe the first day of June. Six charming weeks were spent in Germany, during which time he visited several of the great Universities, among them Erlangen, where he took his degree of Ph.D. In Switzerland, Dr. Tyler spent three weeks, arriving in this country September 9th.

Prof. A. N. Van Daell and family sailed for Hamburg, June 5th. After spending