Naval Architectural Society Banquet.

The third Annual Fall Banquet of the Naval Architectural Society was held at the Technology Club, Tuesday evening, Nov. 25. Dean Burton, Professor Swain, Professor Peabody and Captain Hovgaard were the guests of the society, and about forty members were present. T. Miller, '95 (the first class to graduate members in the Naval Architectural Course), Barney and Simpson, '00, Coburn, Perry, Skene and Willard, '01, and Appleton, Everett, Gardner and Teague, '02, attended, the presence of so many graduates of the course doing much toward making the evening enjoyable.

After an excellent dinner, Pres. H. Crosby welcomed the guests and new members from the Junior Class, and introduced the toastmaster of the evening, P. R. Parker, who, after some excellent stories and apropos remarks, introduced Dean Burton, the first speaker.

Dean Burton said that, although not having any connection with the subject of naval architecture, unless his course in navigation gave him an opportunity to claim membership, he was a "well-wisher." He spoke of the value of professional societies to every Tech man, and said that, in his opinion, they are the best means of bringing the members of each department into closer touch and relationship with one another. Continuing, Dean Burton gave an interesting account of his experiences in Greenland, and told some stories, illustrating the differences between theoretical and practical navigation.

Professor Swain spoke of the opportunities Tech men have, both before and after graduation, to show what they're made of, and their character, using as text one which he claimed to use whenever he advised young men; viz.: "Wake up!" He said in part: "The reason so many young men fail, is due to the fact that they expect to fall into some 'snap job' with a nice salary immediately after graduation. These men think they know it all, forgetting that they have had no practical experience to speak of, and they do not reach high positions; but those who are willing to start at the very bottom, and to work hard for nothing, excepting the experience gained, are the ones which become presidents and managers of large concerns."

Professor Peabody, who had just returned from the annual meeting of the American Society of Naval Architects, after telling a few excellent stories, described the National Society, its object and organization, and gave an interesting resume of the papers read at the meeting.

Captain Hovgaard spoke of the great difficulties he had encountered when called to take charge of a Danish yard, which had under contract the construction of the Russian royal yacht "Alexis." The launch took place in midwinter during a driving snow-storm, a canal having been cut into the two-feet thick ice. The success of this launch, in spite of unusual difficulties, Captain Hovgaard laughingly ascribed to the precautions taken by the priests, who, carrying a silver bowl filled with water, walked around the ship three times on the morning set for the event, and then sprinkled the hull with the water. Captain Hovgaard also spoke of the curse of European labor unions and the trouble they caused engineers, and told of how he broke a strike by importing laborers from Germany. After Captain Hovgaard's speech the meeting adjourned. Thanks are due to Mr. Hayes of the Technology Club and the committee for the success of the evening.

Calendar.

Saturday, Dec. 6.—Freshman elections close.
Wednesday, Dec. 10.—Electrical Engineering Society dined.
Thursday, Dec. 11.—1904 Class Dinner, 7 P.M.