

Changes in Instructing Staff.

An unusual number of changes in the instructing staff have taken place during the summer recess. While most of these changes are among the ranks of assistants and instructors, there are several among the professors. Many men accept these positions for one or two years on account of the invaluable experience gained, and then leave for positions in business or professional life.

Professor Linus Faunce, who was for eighteen years head of the department of mechanical drawing, has resigned, and the work of that department will hereafter be conducted under the general supervision of Dean Burton, while the actual charge of the department will be with Prof. Charles L. Adams, who has been connected with its work for a time. Dr. James Locke, who came to the Institute a little over a year ago from Yale, has found it necessary to give up his work, owing to ill health. Dr. Theodore Hough, for many years associated with the department of biology, has left to accept a professorship in Simmons College, while Dr. W. Skarstrom, who was in charge of the work in physical culture, leaves to go to Columbia University.

Following is a list of the new members of the instructing staff who were officially appointed at the last meeting of the Executive Committee: Messrs. D. A. Allee and John W. Howard, as assistants in civil engineering; Messrs. Walter H. Adams, Edward J. Ruxton, George M. McDonald, Henry H. Fales, Howard S. Morse, John T. Alden and Theodore H. Taft, as assistants in mechanical engineering; Messrs. Durward W. Copeland, Carleton F. Green, Harry R. Low and George W. Swett, as assistants in mining engineering and metallurgy; Messrs. Leslie R. Moore, Arthur A. Blanchard and Livingston W. Smith, as instructors in inorganic chemistry; Mr. John R. Odell, as assistant in analytical chemistry; Mr. J. W. J. Calnan, as assistant in inorganic chemistry, and Dr. Richard B. Earle, as assistant in organic chemistry; Mr. Harold Osborn, as assistant in electrical testing; Messrs. Frank B. Jewett and William O. Sawtelle, as instructors in physics; Messrs. Robinson Pierce, Jr., Eugene D. Forbes and William H. Whitcomb, as assistants in physics, and Mr. Henry W. Buhler, as assistant in heat measurements; Dr. Percy G. Styles, who comes to the Institute from the Bellevue Medical School, succeeds Dr. Hough as instructor in physiology and personal hygiene; Gerald F. Loughlin, as assistant in geology; Harold A. Everett, as assistant in naval architecture; Messrs. Wilfred E. McDonald and Burton H. Camp, as instructors in mathematics; Mr. Charles H. L. Johnston, as assistant in English; Mr. Frank A. Brown, as assistant in forging; Messrs. Eugene S. Foljambe and James R. Putnam, as instructors in mechanical drawing and descriptive

geometry, and Mr. John A. French, Jr., as assistant in mechanical drawing; Mr. Winfield C. Towne, as instructor in gymnastics, and Mr. Claude S. Hudson, as research assistant and physical chemistry.

The Honor System.

At a meeting of the Institution Committee held sometime during the second term of last year, it was decided to investigate the matter of Honor Systems in examinations as practised in some colleges, with a view of determining whether or not it would be practicable to introduce such a system in the senior class of the Institute.

An honor system of examinations is a system doing away with all supervision during examinations; it is one which places the student absolutely on his honor to use fair means only.

This system is now in vogue at Princeton, Williams and the University of Virginia, in all of which colleges it has been eminently successful. The foremost college furnishes an excellent example of its scope. Here the management of the honor system at Princeton is vested entirely in the hands of the undergraduates. At the beginning of each year this court publishes and distributes among the entering class printed slips, of which this is an exact copy.

THE HONOR SYSTEM.

Several years ago the students of Princeton, realizing that the standard of honor in examination was low, decided in a mass meeting to raise the standard by the adoption of what is known as the "Honor System."

This system places every man on his honor, and its rules provide for the summary punishment of any one who shall violate the trust reposed in him.

The movement to which the system owed its birth was eminently a students' movement, and from the very first the undergraduates have heartily sustained it. At intervals since its adoption the system has been put to thorough test, and in no instance has the student body failed to endorse the action of the committee of undergraduates having in charge the trial of offenders.

The substance of the "Honor System," the rules of which govern all examinations in the University, is as follows:

Every student is required, upon each of his examination papers, to sign the following pledge: "I pledge my honor as a gentleman that, during this examination, I have neither given nor received assistance."

This includes any unfair assistance that may be obtained at any time, such as the pilfering of question papers before examination, etc.

Any man accused of violating either the letter or