CIVIL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT NEWS

Changes in The Instructing Staff—Journal Idea Given Up

A few changes have been experienced in the instructing staff during the summer, especially among the ranks of the assistants. Of last year’s corps of assistants, Walter W. Clifford, who has been engaged in the engineering work during the summer; Frank S. Loverwell, who spent the summer in the far West; and Morse W. Vow, 1909.

The faculty of the department has experienced but one change since the close of the school year 1910-1911. Professor C. B. Reed, formerly assistant professor of Civil Engineering having been advanced to the rank of associate professor in the department.

Those Who Have Left.

Howard B. Luther, 1909, who was assistant to Professor C. Frank Allen last year, went to Germany at the close of the last school year, there to complete his course of study along the lines of his chosen profession. He is now at Weimar, Germany, actively engaged in his studies. In a letter, which has been recently received by one of his friends here at the Institute, he says that he spent the summer in a most enjoyable trip through the German Empire, part of the time in the company of Professor Nathan B. Lang of the mathematics department of the Institute.

Henry B. Allen, 1908, who has been for two years an assistant to Professor Rosener, is now located at Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Me. He has received an appointment there as an instructor in the department of civil engineering and began his new duties with the opening of the Bowdoin school year last week.

Arthur L. Shaw, 1909, who last year was assistant to Professor Strickland, is now connected with the bridge department of the Boston and Albany Railroad, having begun his duties with the beginning of the summer.

Richard L. Cary, 1909, who was last year an assistant to Professor Porter, has returned here to the department.

New Appointments.

As a result of the departure of so many of the assistants of the department, a large number of new assistants will be engaged this year. All of the assistants chosen for the coming year are graduates of the Institute in the class of 1910. The following men have been chosen by the executive committee of the faculty for assistants in the department: Carroll E. Benton, Walter K. Brownell, Eldon S. Clark, Ralph W. Herne and John P. Wentworth. These appointments are still subject to the confirmation of the Corporation.

C. E. SOCIETY TO BE ACTIVE.

In connection with unusual activity on the part of the Civil Engineering society, it is evident by the elaborate preparations being made for the coming year. This society, always noted for its successful and interesting programs, has decided to outdo all previous efforts during the coming year.

The popular talks on pertinent topics in engineering, in particular branches of the engineering will be continued this year on a more scale than ever before. Among some of the topics to be considered for the next three months are the Institute of the Institute, the officers of the society endorsing this proposal to raise the society to a higher plane. Professor Nathan B. Lang has also decided to resign from the Institute, and there appears to be at issue the whole situation.

No Support For the “Journal.

Although many of the members of the society expressed themselves favorable to the plan of publishing a C. E. society "journal," the officers have decided not to support the plan for the present. The association during the past summer and are many unusual experiences of the men during the past summer. Surveying in Oregon, during the height of the devastating earthquakes, brick building in Canada; canal work on the Isthmus of Panama, and many other experiences have been indulged in by representatives of the three classes of civil engineering during the past summer. The number of fellows who have had less important but just as interesting experiences, in legion.

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