ARCHITECTS SOCIETY

HOLDS BIG SMOKER

Honoring New Members of the Instructing Staff—Many Present.

The Architectural Society held its first meeting of the year last evening in the studio of the department. The affair was in the form of a joint reception to the new members of the faculty of the department and a smoker.

President Francis Whitten, '21, opened the meeting with words of welcome to the new men. He struck the keynote of the organization and the course in architecture in pointing out that the men connected with them were ever striving for progress and developing initiative.

He introduced Professor James Knox Taylor, who first explained that Technology will not be as rigid in the competition this year because the ideals of Tech and the methods employed are far ahead and beyond those of the competition that it was unfair to ask the students to compete.

In the good things to come he outlined tentative plans for the student recreation rooms of the department when the new institute is built. He then introduced Professor Edgar J. Williams, who spoke on the need of less individualism and greater spirit of co-operation among the students of the course.

He pointed out that it is desirable for the students to crowd around the professors when the individual criticisms are given; for each man should take to heart any remarks that might be made which have a bearing on his individual problem.

The new Frenchman of the department, Professor Albert Le Monier, of the Ecole de Beaux Arts, then expressed his admiration for his former colleagues in the department and the pleasure he has had in dealing with the students. He has emphasized the need of greater co-operation among the students as far as criticisms go and pledged his ardent support to the students.

W. T. Aldrich, '01, who is connected with the firm of Bellows & Aldrich, down town, and who is now a special instructor of design, then spoke to the men on the development of taste.

Taste, he said, was good manners in architecture and is all a matter of reason. It is only developed by the individual, and receptiveness to criticism is a thing to be cultivated.

The next speaker was Charles Everett, of Harvard and the Beaux Arts, who is also teaching design. Architecture, he said, is as much a science as physics and mathematics, and is a quintessence of good taste which lifts a man from out of the common run of scientists to the pinnacle of a true architect.

He emphasized that the Beaux Arts stood for simplicity—that a "French" building is a simple one and not the popularly conceived one.

S. W. Mead, another teacher, then told of the value of academic training taught here and stated that the Institution of a Rotch Scholarship first opened the eyes of the young men of the country to its value. He emphasized the advantages that a this of presentation would give.

Ross Turner then told of his trip to Paris last summer and he became enthusiastic enough to say that if a man goes abroad he should spend as much time as he can in Paris and then if he has any time left over, he should see other things. Professor H. W. Gardner then talked there and a letter of regret from him was read.

MR. J. K. TYRON TO BE NEXT T. C. A. SPEAKER

"Mr. Bryan's Plan for World Peace" to be Subject of Talk.

Next Thursday.

Next Thursday's speaker will make the third from the Peace Foundation; two years ago, the T. C. A. secured a speaker from the Peace Foundation, and last year, the latter association supplied the T. C. A., with Mr. Edward Yin. Mr. Yin's talk will be well remembered by many of the students who heard him speak last spring on "What the World's Students Are Doing Towards Peace."

Mr. Tyrone, who is Boston man, will speak on "Mr. Bryan's Plan for World Peace." Wm. B. Yin's plan for "World Peace" has attracted worldwide attention, and its many phases have been very rigidly discussed.

Mr. Tyrone will probably elaborate his outline to his audience the plan in general, together with its advantages and disadvantages, and with the various arguments for or against.

The subject is such a universal one that it will undoubtedly be of great interest, and the T. C. A. considers itself fortunate in having secured Mr. Tyrone as a Thursday noon speaker.

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