



The Senior Mechanical Society

The Senior Mechanical Society is an organization of the Senior Class in mechanical engineering founded by the Class of 1905 for the two-fold purpose of securing membership in the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and of maintaining an organization among the Seniors of the mechanical department which would unite them in a closer fellowship.

The membership of the society is divided into two classes, active and associate. The former is composed of all the men of the Senior mechanical course. The members of the Junior mechanical course who have fully completed the work of the Sophomore year are eligible to associate membership, and when they have successfully completed the work of the first semester of the Junior year, they become active members. In this manner, it is expected to make the organization permanent and successful.

The society now occupies, with the other engineering societies of the Institute, permanent quarters in Chapin Hall. Here meetings have been held at regular intervals and topics of general interest have been discussed. A number of papers have been read before the society from time to time, and from the resulting discussion the members are afforded the opportunity of not only becoming familiar with the practical problems which are being handled by the leaders of the profession, but also of getting the experience gained by presenting individual ideas before an audience. A resumé of these addresses are to be printed and distributed among the members at the end of the year.

In conclusion, it may be said that the year 1908 finds the society in comfortable quarters with the prospects of having a most successful year. If future classes show as much spirit and interest as has been shown the past year, the future of the society is indeed a bright one.