



THE FIRE PROTECTION ENGINEERING SOCIETY

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After several years of comparative inactivity the Fire Protection Engineering Society has reorganized, and with the greatly increased enrollment in the department the society promises to be one of the largest in the Institute. Last year the society was handicapped by the illness, and consequent absence, of Professor Finnegan, but with his return this year there has been effected a very successful organization.

We were very fortunate in securing Major Schroeder, of the Underwriters Laboratories, for the first lecture of the year. Major Schroeder was formerly with the United States Army Air Service, and as everyone perhaps knows, held the altitude record of the world for some time. He gave us a very vivid account of that memorable record breaking flight, during which he froze his eyeballs and was unconscious for some time, and yet made a safe landing. The attendance at this lecture was unfortunately limited by the size of the room, but it is quite probable that the Major will return in the near future to give a lecture before an assembly of the whole school.

The second lecture of the year was given by Mr. Plant of the Fire Prevention Bureau of the City of Chicago. Mr. Plant gave a most interesting talk on the methods and practices of the Bureau in preventing fires and panics in the city.

These lectures serve to indicate the type of meetings held by the organization. The interest shown by the members of the society has resulted in a very successful year.