

DEPARTMENT OF MECHANICS



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The present year has brought several important changes to the Department of Mechanics. The scope of the work has been enlarged by the installation of four new courses for undergraduate study, and one new course for graduate work. Specially ar-

anged courses in analytical or engineering mechanics, as well as in mechanics of materials and hydromechanics, are now offered to students in Chemical Engineering, Architecture, and Science. The resulting increase in the teaching staff of the department has been met temporarily through the assistance of instructors from other departments.

This expansion of work in the department was made necessary by the many important changes in the curricula of the various major divisions of the Institute which were put into effect during the school year. The general tendency to put more emphasis on the fundamental subjects upon which technical education is based is becoming more apparent each year in the leading technical schools. This should bring about a closer degree of cooperation between the engineering divisions and the so-called "service departments" in these institutions.

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

The Department of English this year offers a more extensive and a more progressive course of study than ever before.

Beginning with a survey of the principal types of literary creation, both classic and contemporary, as examples for clear, terse, and logical analysis and criticism, the student proceeds to a study of the methods of research and exposition, concluding with practice in the writing of commercial correspondence and engineering reports.

For those who ask for greater latitude, we offer special courses in the drama and the novel; and for those who are interested in writing, we provide opportunity in advanced courses.

Being vitally interested in all forms of student expression, the Department encourages students to write for the Institute pub-



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lications, to take part in dramatics and stagecraft, and to develop their ability in public speaking. Courses in these subjects have met with an enthusiastic response.