

just so surely will the coming century see a similar social improvement, whereby the social conditions of the great mass of mankind will be improved, and to a similar extent as were material conditions during the past century, and the group of men who wrought the former change will also be responsible for the greater change that is to come.

The lawyer and the politician have admittedly failed to solve the industrial relations of man to man and the relations between capital and labor. The very qualifications of mind and training that have enabled the engineer to so successfully grasp and solve any problem set before him will be called upon and required to solve and to deal with what will be, after the war, the greatest problem which we have to face.

We find already many of the executives of large industrial concerns being chosen from our own profession and more and more will the men who have received a thorough training in technical matters be called to the high positions in industrial affairs. This will mean the opening up of a scope for the profession, giving rise to a future that will place the technical man in control of the industrial life of the nation. Coincident with that is arriving a condition whereby the engineer must, besides drawing plans and specifications, give his advice in connection with financing of any industrial or engineering undertaking, so that the time is coming, and very soon, that the engineer instead of receiving the reward that capital is willing to offer, will walk hand in hand with the capitalist, on an equal footing, and will share in the rewards that the other has heretofore enjoyed.

In view of such enticing prospects and possibilities for the individual, what limit is there to our development as a profession if we but act in unison? Here we are, a powerful legion with all the potential attributes of mind, heart and soul to carry us to undreamed of heights of eminence, and how far we shall rise as a profession is only limited by the minimum amount of effort which each and every one of us is prepared to give in conjunction with his fellows to make what is reasonably possible a living reality.

And speaking from knowledge, gained by experience in my relations with you, gentlemen of the Ottawa Branch, you who have been leaders in the affairs of the Society in the past, I know full well that in the forward movement leading to the exaltation of the profession, you are certain to play a very important and a very prominent part.