

sary number of copies of our report was accordingly sent to them, but subsequently they decided to make a joint report for 1891 and 1892, and therefore their report for 1891 was not printed.

The Secretary of the Arkansas Society stated further that he would send in copies of their report for distribution to the Members of our Association as soon as it be issued.

The Indiana Engineering Society favored us with some 30 copies of their Annual Report, on application members will be furnished with a copy of this report until they have all been disposed of.

Thirty copies of the Geological Survey Report were received in accordance with an order in council passed to that effect, and of these 16 copies were distributed according to a list prepared by the President. The maps to be appended to this report were not ready and they are to be supplied as soon as issued.

The Association was presented with the complete works of Mr. le Chevalier Chs Baillargé, City Engineer of Quebec.

These works are a valuable addition to our library.

Mr. le Chevalier Baillargé was tendered with a motion of thanks for his appreciated gift.

Allow me gentlemen to take advantage of my leaving the office of Secretary-Treasurer, to make the following remarks :—

The position of Secretary-Treasurer to our association involves both the work of many long hours and responsibility.

It is the duty of each member to help this self-devoting officer, the first and most important step to take is to prevent unnecessary correspondence.

The Executive Committee has thought it necessary to request me three times to send the same accounts with accompanying letter, in order to collect the dues of more than a few members.

An unpaid officer will, with difficulty, take interest in his work when he is placed in such a position. As to the responsibility of the office of Secretary-Treasurer, this could be lessened in a very great measure as far as the present system of balloting for election of officers is concerned. I would suggest that each voter would endorse with his signature, the envelope containing the folded ballot, this would be a protection to the Secretary-Treasurer.

As it is now, the name of the Secretary only appears on the envelope of the ballot, and with the present system in force how would the Secretary-Treasurer answer to a charge of non-producing the original ballot papers.

I hope, gentlemen, that my services as your Secretary-Treasurer have been of the kind I endeavored them to be and that my efforts to promote the interest of the association have not been in vain.

J. I. DUFRESNE,

*Secy. Treasurer.*