

The books are now all locked up, and access to them can only be had by two parties, viz., the Librarian and one of the Fellows of the School, whom the faculty have decided to appoint as Assistant Librarian, and whose duty it will be to look after the books lent to the faculty and to the fourth year.

Much dissatisfaction has been expressed to me of the mode followed in the lending of books, and I would earnestly propose the appointment of a committee to revise the library rules, so that it may be run on a more systematic basis.

As most of you are aware the Librarian is ready to supply drafting paper at cost price.

As regards the Constitution: It is very important in the interest of the Society that the Constitution should not only be up to date, but in such a shape as to be readily accessible to all interested in it.

In looking at the Constitution of the Society as it now stands, I find that a number of clauses have been added to those printed in 1893, with which few are familiar, also that a number of others are conflicting and misleading. I consider that the Constitution as it is to date is too bulky altogether, and that a number of laws are there which are not being followed out. For instance: A by-law now exists calling for the publication of advance sheets of the papers read before the Society, which are to be distributed to outside members soliciting discussions. Now this law has been found by experience to be too costly an undertaking by the Society, and has been discarded by the committee as impracticable. Yet, being a law of the Society it should be followed out. It has been proved beyond a doubt that we are unable to follow this law at present at least, and therefore it should be struck out.

Another case: A whole article is in our minute book, and is part of our laws, but is not published, and thus many of us are groping wildly in the dark as regards the substance of our Constitution.

I would advise a committee of five to be appointed to revise the Constitution, and report to us at the next meeting of the Society, which shall take the form of a constitutional meeting. It is of the utmost importance to us as a Society that this be done without delay, so that a published Constitution can be placed in the hands of the members as early as possible, in order that every student may be acquainted with our laws. I would advise that this committee make as few laws as possible, and to make them plain and forcible.