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Sir Arthur Curry, President. McGill University. Montreal. Canada.

Dear Sir:

The Clausen Gold Medal for the most distinguished service for the welfare of engineers will be annually awarded by a committee of the American Association of Engineers, and this year's committee invites nominations to its chairman, G.M. Butler, for the recipient of the medal.

My forty years of active engineering experience, long editorial services and consulting practice, have afforded me the privilege of an unusually wide acquaintance, and intimate and confidential relations with very many eminent engineers, and men closely affiliated with engineering interests. Many engineers and technical educators have done well, according to their opportunities, for the welfare and betterment of their fellow associates, employees, students, and for the profession generally, but I know of no one, or even two or three together, who have so consistently, continuously, widely and effectively labored to this end as has Dr. J.A.L. Waddell, 150 Broadway, New York.

I have known Dr. Waddell intimately since long before he became so distinguished as a bridge engineer, and have been more than familiar with his numerous and important personal and professional activities, that have well earned for him his conspicuous success and recognition here and abroad. While he has devoted abundant labor and ability to his professional efforts, they have never taken precedence of his unselfish devotion to his profession and its members, and it is his earnest conviction that his own engineering skill and achievements, his methods, records, analyses, computations and tabulations, researches and final conclusions, are none of them his private property to be concealed for the exclusive benefit of himself, or even his clients, but were rather to be held in trust for the good of our noble profession and its members, individually and collectively, and that their most effective presentation and distribution is an honored duty, helping to alleviate duplication of effort, to preserve valuable and costly findings, and to endow his successors with reliable information that would relieve them of unnecessary repetition, and conserve for them knowledge and experience that launches them with better preparation, and facilities for great success than their predecessors.

Always vigorously, consistently and generously practicing this creed, he has for a half a century been a militant apostle of better, broader, and more