

which together with good papers prepared by the students were printed in illustrated and interesting form, copies of which were presented to you at the beginning of this term.

During the past year the Society made good progress with Mr. J. A. Duff, B.A., president, and Mr. T. R. Deacon, who is now our vice-president, as secretary-treasurer. Library rules were made, the constitution was amended, and a more commodious room was obtained for the library. The office of secretary-treasurer, which had become heavy, was divided the office of special students' representative was discontinued, and many valuable papers were read during the year, some of which you will find in the pamphlet presented to you. And among the indirect but important doings of last year was the starting of a branch of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers.

By the burning of the University on the 14th of last February, at the time of our annual conversazione and engineering exhibit, we sustained many losses of papers, models, instruments, and decorations; but we are pleased to say that our Society, in common with the other societies, was able to clear itself, and now stands ready for the performance of good work during the coming year.

And now we face our position. Shall we accept the labor and rewards of the work of our predecessors in form only, and allow the Society, which we received in a healthy, growing state, to dwindle and die amidst the dense foliage of its environment, whilst the many societies that surround it have considered it a live and growing competitor? Shall we be content in doing less than they? They have nurtured this Society in its weakest days, and have implanted it in the soil of this school. Shall we not continue its supporters?

All who have taken an interest in this Society have by it been benefited just in proportion to their interest and work; hence for your own good and that of the Society, we say become active members at once. The Society will be the better of you, and you of the Society.

From the vigorous growth of the branches of this school, there may arise a desire for a separation of this Society into branches; but since one of the main objects of the Society is to broaden the mind of the student, and acquaint him not only with the work and practice of his profession, but also with its bearings upon and relation to other professions to which it is closely connected in practice; and since civil engineering, mechanical engineering and architecture bear such relations, and the mathematics of each are so alike, that papers written on any one line may be readily understood and discussed by the students of the others, it is of mutual benefit that we maintain our present vigorous unity, and the more intimate that unity the better for all.