

Since we recognize no year distinctions, and all papers on engineering subjects are acceptable from our members, I trust that you will carefully consider the many advantages gained and continue to contribute towards the contents of our pamphlet.

Don't let the thought that you are not a senior student keep you from contributing a paper, for it is at our meetings that we have to become more thoroughly acquainted with each other.

As President of the Engineering Society I have to procure the papers to be read at our meetings and published in the pamphlet and I can assure you from my experience this summer that this is no easy task.

There should be no reason why it should be difficult to secure papers from the undergraduate members unless it be that they are not fully aware of the benefits to be derived therefrom.

There are a great many reasons why you should avail yourselves of the opportunity offered to contribute papers and read them at the meetings, and with your permission I will mention a few of these.

The Council of the School, when granting honors, consider the papers read before the Society, so that not only those who listen but also the writer receives much benefit.

One other great advantage of reading papers at our meetings, which is very often overlooked, is that the reader gains considerable confidence in speaking in public. No doubt a number of you will be called upon, at some time in the practice of your profession, to state your views and support them before a meeting of directors of some company or a Town Council. A great deal more weight is attached to a person's opinions if they are given forcibly and without effort, and at our meetings you have a splendid chance to become more proficient in this branch of your profession.

Another advantage gained in compiling a paper is the knack of arranging your material in proper systematic order, which is so essential in the work of the engineer. The notes taken, the extra reading, the concentration of the mind on the subject, and the opinion of your fellow students on your efforts are also of advantage.

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