

a students' Society, and only those connected with student life in the School of Practical Science and the University of Toronto are admitted as ordinary members.

The objects of the Society according to the Constitution are :—

1. The encouraging of original research in the Science of Engineering.
2. The preservation of the results of such research.
3. The dissemination of these results among its members.
4. The cultivation of a spirit of mutual assistance among the members in the practice of the profession of engineering.

Meetings of the Society are held twice a month ; at these meetings, papers on Engineering and Scientific subjects are read by students and professors, and also general discussions are held on various subjects. Periodicals on the various branches of engineering are subscribed for by the Society and these are circulated among its members.

Two years ago the more important papers read before the Society were printed in the form of a pamphlet in an edition of 500 copies, at a cost of \$90—\$60 odd of which were paid for by advertisements. Last year an edition of 1,000 copies was published at a cost of \$112—some \$55 of which were met by the advertisements. These pamphlets are exchanged with other engineering societies. The fame of the Society has spread far and wide owing to the distribution of these pamphlets. Only the other day we had a letter from a library in England asking for some copies.

The Society has 137 ordinary members and 4 honorary members. The officers of the Society are President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, and five representatives—one from each year, and from the special students and from the graduates. One of these representatives is Librarian. The annual fee is one dollar.

Thus, you see, gentlemen, that our Society is in its fourth year. It is firmly established here and will last as long as there is an Engineering Course in the University of Toronto.

Thus, in arranging our plans for the future, we must take into consideration that they will benefit not only ourselves, but the next few generations that are going to follow us here. Think of what value and interest these papers and periodicals will be one hundred years hence ! Think of the opportunities we have, and, consequently, the responsibilities which devolve upon us.

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