

What we want is enthusiasm. Let every man be an enthusiastic member, and our Society will be a success. Do not come here and be satisfied to listen to others take part in discussions and debates. Join in them yourself. If you have an idea you would like to make known, do not be backward in expressing it. If you have a question you would like to ask, ask it. It is in this way that discussions, which add so greatly to the usefulness of our Society, are brought about. Every one of you has ideas which, if imparted to the rest, might be interesting and beneficial. It is in open debate that matters sometimes difficult of comprehension are made clear, and when you have a Society such as this, where the sole object is our mutual benefit, and where our motto should be, "One for all, and all for one," you should not be slow to forward its interests, but do all in your power to enhance its value to yourselves as students.

Our corresponding secretary, Mr. W. A. Bucke, has been alive to the interests of the Society during the summer months. Last spring, before vacation commenced, he obtained permission from your committee to have a circular letter printed, and a copy of this was mailed to all graduates of the School of Practical Science and to the prominent engineers of the province. Several of these gentlemen thus addressed have promised to write us an article on some engineering subject as a result of your corresponding secretary's work in this direction.

I would like to draw attention to a subject which, although not directly concerning the Society, is of interest to students generally, for which reason I feel justified in speaking on it here. I refer, gentlemen, to the Athletic Association of Toronto University, the directorate of which has taken the place of the gymnasium committee of last session. Since this time last year a gymnasium has been established, and has been equipped more fully, perhaps, than any in Canada, and is probably second to none on the continent. For this we have to thank the old gymnasium committee, on which the school was represented by Messrs. Goldie and Rolph, who devoted considerable time to the work in our interests, and the energy and ability that these gentlemen displayed in this connection cannot be overestimated by the students of this institution, and should meet with the thanks of all interested in athletics. As most of you know, when the University authorities erected the gymnasium building, they did so on condition that the students would equip and maintain it. In order to do this a large amount of money had to be subscribed, and I must say, and I am proud to say it, that the students of the School of Practical Science responded generously to the call for funds. I think the gentlemen of the first year may congratulate themselves in being able to enjoy