mediate ones as they deem might interest them. It is probable that, in many in-
stances, even a partial perusal will suffice to show the reader that he is not
suited for an engineering life; in which case a real and substantial benefit will
have been conferred upon him by saving him from bitter disappointment, loss of
valuable time, and an unnecessary and useless expenditure of money.

Any sub-freshman who purchases a copy of the book and concludes to try
an engineering course should keep it and read it from time to time throughout his
entire stay in the technical school - in fact, he would benefit by continuing to
study it after graduation. This remark applies with special force to chapters
XVI and XVII on "Idealism in Engineering" and "Engineering Ethics," for the prin-
ciples that these two chapters expound should constitute a governing guide
throughout every engineer's professional career.

If a purchaser of the book decide not to undertake the study of engin-
eering, it would be a kind and courteous action on his part, were he to present
it with his compliments to some sub-freshman who is inclined to make the trial.

There is still another advantage to be gained by a careful perusal of
this treatise, namely, the improving of one's diction; because it is an outstand-
ing example of fine technical English, illustrating, as it does, the styles of
over fifty prominent engineer-authors - in fact, no book yet written is its su-
perior in this respect. I would call your attention also to the method of punct-
uation (including hyphenization) adopted by the Editors throughout the entire
text, and to how fluently readable it makes the book. As every engineer, at some
time or other in his practice, has to do technical writing - and in most cases a
great number of times - it behooves all young men who consider adopting engineer-
ing as their life-work to take every occasion to perfect themselves in the use of
their mother tongue, both orally and in written composition.

Some of you may be inclined to think that I am speaking in ultra-enthu-