

by some effort on the part of engineers the conditions of the men engaged upon these works could be materially improved. We all realize that the more perfect the sanitary conditions of these camps, the better the food, etc., the better is the quality and quantity of the work performed. The consideration of the labor problem should receive more attention than is usually accorded it.

The question of deciding upon the proper examination for admission to the Society of applicants who are not graduates of any recognized engineering school, is one which will have to be carefully considered by the incoming Council.

In concluding this address, I regret that, owing to my residence away from head-quarters, I have not been able to give the attention to the affairs of the Society which I have wished, but through the untiring efforts of the Members of the Council, and of our Secretary, the interests of the Society have been well looked after, and, upon retiring from the office of President, I wish to thank those gentlemen for the able manner in which they have assisted me during the year.