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TECHNICAL SOCIETIES.

With the end of September comes the opening of the engineering societies throughout the country. Many engineers look upon the old evenings of fall and winter as delightful times for private reading and quiet evenings in the home. Others take an interest in technical societies and clubs and such institutions as may be used to improve their knowledge of the different branches of engineering and make them more efficient in their chosen calling.

Already we have heard on the street the perennial complaints: "Some members use our club to their own advantage too much."

"Why this waste of time?"

"Such general papers are of no value."

"Some papers last year were so highly technical in character that we could not listen to them."

That all money and time spent by and at these organizations is well spent we do not pretend to believe, but with all their faults these societies are strong factors in the professional life of the engineer.

We wonder sometimes if the "dissatisfied member" recognizes that those who get the most out of the society are the members who put most in. Because a man gets good because he does good, don't "grouch," but dig in and take your part. Do something to increase the standing and influence of the society. If you cannot read a paper, aid in discussion, interest someone who can. If you know of an engineer who has had good experience and is likely to be able to give an interesting paper, let the Executive know, and every chance you get boost, don't knock.

We do think, though, that the membership in general might be more largely interested in the work of each society if special committees were appointed, and under the direction of experienced chairmen they were led to investigate certain engineering problems.

Every city that has a branch of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers or an Engineers' Club has also a university. The university in each instance has a capable staff and a laboratory. Both the university and the society would gain by demonstrations, tests and experiments made with the university plant and machinery.

The varying branches of Canadian industries require the engineer. Few engineers have the laboratory equipment that will enable them to investigate problems. The engineering societies and the universities should unite and assist.

Why not make a start in your society this autumn?

CHEMISTRY AND ENGINEERING.

The recent report of a chemist on a water supply for a Canadian town has impressed the necessity of a closer alliance of chemistry and engineering, or, if you like, engineering and chemistry.

In the industrial plants throughout Canada the chemist has made many discoveries which were rapidly converted into successful manufacturing ideas, and for these the chemist must receive full credit. But as a rule the trained chemist is locked up in his laboratory and