

ness. Now, gentlemen, how many of us are studying with this object in view? By far the larger number of us. Now, if the Society can help to counteract this tendency it will benefit greatly a large number of us. Now, the number of widely different subjects discussed before the Society, and the different opinions and experiences on every subject, must help to counteract this. I would like to say more on this, but have not the time.

Sixthly—It gives us opportunities of seeing the actual practice of engineering through the magazines. Now, as I mentioned some time ago, magazine reading makes us observe and think more, widens our views and gives us a large number of practical facts and methods. We hope, this year, to make our stock of magazines of more benefit to the members. We have obtained the use of a small room downstairs, and the General Committee are having it fitted up with shelves so that our very large number of papers can be spread out and kept in good order, and be easily obtained.

We want to appoint a committee of three librarians, whose duty it shall be to look after these, and to take certain days for the distribution of them. They will keep a book, and every member's name will be entered, and the numbers of the copies he takes out. Thus, there will be no trouble in getting the papers as there has been in other years. Besides these old copies, we hope to take in several new periodicals. I think it would be advisable to appoint a committee to investigate and find out the best periodicals, and to appropriate a certain amount to be spent by them. We should have papers on the various branches of engineering; railroad engineering, architecture and sanitation, mechanical and mining engineering, besides general scientific papers.

Seventhly—As to these plans and documentary forms—Members last year were asked to obtain or make tracings of anything they came across in their office work; also to make or obtain copies of any contract forms, specifications, etc., and present them to the Society. As yet I don't think any have been sent in. Now, if we had a good collection of these, besides catalogues of instruments and books, lists of engineers and companies to whom we might apply for work, patent laws and regulations, prospectuses of engineering schools throughout the world, copies of field-notes as kept by different engineers, etc., and any general or particular information that would be useful to the young engineer, it would be of great advantage to us. In fact the library should be a complete reference book on all subjects connected with the engineer. I think in this way the library can do a

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