

Your numbers have increased because your influence has been felt, and I view it as a matter of importance that your President and Council should be selected with care, and in view of this I think a provision by which nominations are received one week prior to the election would be an advantage, as thereby no good man would be overlooked in marking your ballots simply for the reason that he was not before you at the moment.

I also think it would be advisable that you should continue the committee on constitution, or appoint a new one, so that your by-laws may be consolidated and put in the most workable shape possible. One change that I think advisable, would be the more frequent meetings of the Board, and the transaction by it of much of the business that has hitherto been left to the Council.

Trusting that the coming year may see a favorable settlement of the burning question of the day, and the establishment of that competition in railway carriage which we now lack and which is found throughout the continent a necessary factor in the growth of any place of importance.

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President.