

detest making speeches. I was thinking this over coming down to-night, and I decided that I would just simply say "Thank you."

Mr. Chairman, and fellow members of the Club, in accepting this beautiful gift which you have so kindly given me, I want to say that when you elected me as President of the Club last year no one knew better than I did how unfitted, how utterly incompetent I was to fill the chair. I refused the position, but I want to tell you I was forced into it, and had it not been for the splendid Committees we had last year, I am afraid The Central Railway and Engineering Club would have been wrecked before the year passed by.

This is a grand Club, and to my mind stands in a class by itself. Just think of it, we have blacksmiths, master mechanics, engineers, owners, boiler-makers, salesmen, pattern-makers, steamfitters, moulders, and draftsmen, all sitting here side by side discussing subjects of mutual interests. Now I ask you, where can you find such a body of men as this Club represents. I have never belonged to a Club like it before where there was so much harmony among so many different branches of the engineering profession. To my mind there is a great future before this Club, there are great possibilities if we stay right on the lines we are now working along and continue to work for the benefit of the Club as a whole, unselfishly and harmoniously as we have done in the past, rather than stand in the limelight as individuals.

Let us help the President to make this year the best year that we have ever had.

I do thank you sincerely for this present, and I shall always wear it with pride, coming as it does from such a body of men as you are. Gentlemen, I thank you.

Chairman,—

The next order of business is the reading of papers, and the discussion thereon.

We have a paper to-night by Mr. Bannon, Chief Engineer of the City Hall, on "Temperature Regulation," and we will now be pleased to listen to Mr. Bannon's paper, and after it has been read I hope you will take hold of the discussion and not wait to be called on so that we will not lose any time that can be used for the discussion of the paper.

Mr. Bannon,—

In getting up this paper I have tried to make it as practical as possible without being too technical.

This is a very broad subject, but the paper I have prepared is not a very long one, in fact it is short, but as the Chairman has said, I think that probably there will be plenty of discussion.