

cient supply of copies of the book to meet the demands of all interested persons.

- D. Dividing each year among the members of your Lecture Group the work of lecturing, and seeing that all the lectures are promptly delivered.
- E. Reporting once or twice a year to the headquarters of the American Association of Engineers at Chicago concerning what your Group is going to do in the succeeding year and what it has already done, telling, if possible, some of the effects of the lectures on the people of your community who are interested in the study of engineering by either themselves or their young friends.

At the outset these various duties might require quite an amount of your time and attention; but, if you organize thoroughly, after the first year everything should proceed like clockwork.

I recognize the possibility that you may object to undertake to lecture about this book and the allied project until after the appearance of the treatise; but I hope that such is not the case, for that would tend to retard our progress. Will not the list of chapters and the well-known high standing of their various writers justify you in concluding that the book is going to be a truly first-class production in every important particular? You may be sufficiently familiar with the technical books and pamphlets I have written during the last half-century to conclude that I would not have my name connected in any way with an inferior publication, or one written in defective English - hence I hope that you will waive the consideration of any such doubt that would involve delay for our program.

If for any reason you cannot serve as Chairman of the local lecturing committee, can you find a suitable engineer in your city who would be willing to assume the responsibility? If so, please give him these papers and ask him to write me.

You may deem it consummate gall on my part to ask you to undertake such a lot of work. If so, please remember that it is ultimately for the benefit of the Engineering Profession in America and, consequently, of our entire nation; because the progress of mankind is primarily dependent upon the work of the engineers, and our book aims to improve greatly their status and efficiency.

Again, please consider that half a hundred of America's leading engineering specialists have given generously of their time to this undertaking, and that the Editors have worked long and faithfully in securing, compiling, and editing the MS. I myself have devoted two full years to the job, and shall continue to work upon it until it is completed. In addition, I have lent a large sum of money during these hard times to keep the enterprise going. When you consider these statements, you may decide that, after all, I am not quite as presumptuous in asking your aid as at first thought you may have imagined.

An early answer to this appeal would greatly oblige,

Yours sincerely and faithfully,

J. A. L. Waddell

Chairman of the Committee on
Engineering Education of the
American Association of Engineers.