

as to its prosperity, suggested that it be made compulsory for each regular student to pay a library fee of \$1.00 into the school treasury, and each member so doing to be exempt from further dues to the Engineering Society; the greater part of the money so collected, or at least as much as we have ever before raised in a single year, to be handed over to our treasurer to be expended as your committee may deem wise, and the balance to be spent in providing books for the library—the books to be selected by your committee, subject to the approval of the council of the school.

This suggestion met with the approval of your representatives, and a library fee of \$1.00 was accordingly inserted in the new calendar, and is being collected with the ordinary fees of the school.

In former years any surplus there was at the end of the year, after the publishing of the pamphlet and paying of current and incidental expenses, was used, if spent at all, to replenish the library shelves.

Therefore, gentlemen, you will easily see that we have everything to gain and nothing to lose by the change just brought about. We will have full control of the library, and must keep it in order. I think, gentlemen, this has been a wise move on the part of your committee, and before many years are passed this Society will possess a well-stocked library and be in a position to profit by the action just taken.

Many of you, no doubt, would like to know why this meeting was not held on Tuesday, as in former years, instead of to-day. During the summer months, when your committee were not here to be consulted, Prof. Galbraith asked me, as the representative of the Engineering Society, if I would consent to allow the day of meeting to be changed from Tuesday to Wednesday, saying, at the same time, that Wednesday would suit the convenience of the majority of the students. After consulting the article relative to meetings in our constitution I readily agreed to his request, and my decision has been sustained by your committee.

I would like to say something in regard to the relation between the Engineering Society and the school itself. Our meetings here, although we control them, are quite part of the work of this institution, and shall, I understand (from good authority), always be regarded as such so long as part of a working day is devoted to them. This Society was instituted eight years ago by Prof. Galbraith, who, for four years, was its very esteemed president, the object being to acquaint the students with the practical side of their chosen profession. I say again, gentlemen, and I cannot impress it upon you too forcibly, our work here as members of this Society is not the least important factor in the curriculum, and I think