

make them more attractive, coffee and light refreshments have, during the recent meetings, been served after business was finished, with the result that the attendance has considerably increased, and the meetings have proved pleasant social gatherings.

STUDENTS' MEETINGS.

There have been two students' meetings during the year, at which papers were read on "The New Waterworks of Newark, N.J.," by Jas. Tighe, and on "The Construction of Passenger Cars," by G. S. Smith.

TRANSACTIONS.

The Council regrets the great difficulty in obtaining suitable papers for reading and for publication in its Transactions; and especially papers describing the construction of engineering works or otherwise embodying the experience of Engineers. The Council wishes to impress upon all classes of members that papers to be valuable need neither be long nor elaborate, and that it frequently occurs that short papers on practical subjects are of great value to the profession and elicit discussions of the highest interest.

The price of the Transactions to members has been reduced to \$1.50 per volume. This action has been taken in order to facilitate the acquirement of complete sets by new members of the Society.

At the request of the Annual General Meeting, a circular has been issued to all members of the Society giving a classification of subjects for papers, and asking for a reply as to the class of papers which members desired sent to them. A large number of replies have been received, and advance proofs have been issued in compliance with the requests therein made.

TORONTO BRANCH.

The Council regrets to report that during the year the Toronto Branch has ceased to exist.

BY-LAWS.

In accordance with the instructions of the General Meeting, the Committee appointed for the revision of the By-Laws has handed in its report, and a revised set of By-Laws has been issued for ballot. The Council desires to record its appreciation of the valuable services of this Committee, and of the thorough manner in which it has done its work.

LIBRARY.

At the Annual General Meeting of this Society held last year, a resolution calling for regulations which would render the Library