

Under the presidency of these two gentlemen we have had two unquestionably successful years, due largely to the generalship they displayed in conducting our meetings, and to the lively interest manifested by the students; and I hope, gentlemen, that you will this year take a still greater interest in the welfare of the Society.

On behalf of the Society I welcome those of you who are here for the first time, and to whom a word or two in regard to the working of the Society will not be amiss.

The officers consist of President, Vice-President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Librarian, Graduates' Representative, and one representative from each of the four years.

Meetings are held every second Wednesday during the academic year, at which papers, chiefly on engineering subjects, are read, these papers being published at the end of each year in the form of a pamphlet.

Leading engineering papers and magazines are subscribed for by the Society, and are on file in the library. A large quantity of drafting paper is bought each year and sold to the members by the librarian at cost price. Drawing covers, school colors, etc., will also be supplied by the librarian at the minimum cost.

These, gentlemen, are but insignificant privileges compared to the benefit that accrue to each member as a regular attendant at these meetings.

The object of the Society, according to the constitution, is: (1) The encouragement of original research in the science of engineering; (2) the preservation of the results of such research; (3) the dissemination of these results among its members; and (4) the cultivation of a spirit of mutual assistance among the members of the Society in the practice of the profession of engineering.

In speaking under this head, I think I cannot do better than quote from the speech of a gentleman with whom you are all familiar. Mr. J. A. Duff, a past-president of this Society, in his inaugural address said that, were he called upon to define the great object of this Society, he would say, "It was to afford facilities for and to encourage the development in the minds of its members of habits of reading and observation, and the cultivation of the ability to communicate information thus received by means of writing and speaking."

In previous years, as all the former members of this Society are aware, the fee was \$1.00 yearly, collectable by the treasurer in the regular way. Prof. Galbraith, watchful of the best interests of our Society, and anxious