

there is often real romance therein is a recognized fact; and many young men are attracted towards an engineering career by this appeal to their imaginations. While the romantic tales of engineers, especially those who can legitimately be classified as soldiers of fortune, in the best sense of that term, are attractive to red-blooded American youths, it must not be forgotten that there is generally a lot of hardship and danger connected with engineering romance; and that these features are usually far more pleasing to read and hear about than actually to experience. I, therefore, desire to give you a word of warning against letting the glamour of life in foreign lands overcome your judgment and induce you to accept some position of doubtful permanence in preference to taking a more prosaic but more certain one in your own country. It will interest you, however, as I said previously, to read what the Editors have to say on the subject in Chapter IV.

Before closing this address, I desire to call your attention to a matter of some importance to a number of persons, namely, that the work of all concerned in the production and distribution of "Vocational Guidance in Engineering Lines" is of a purely altruistic nature; because there has been no payment of any kind for aid therein. The entire enterprise from start to finish has been entirely a labor of love on the part of all interested parties. The book is being sold at such low prices that any profit from the venture is prohibited - besides, many copies have to be presented gratis. The book is truly in the nature of a combination gift from certain old engineers of established reputation and the sponsor society, freely offered to the young men of our country who are considering the adoption of some line of engineering as their life's work.

In conclusion, I beg to express the hope that the few words I have said to you today may prove of service by steering some of you who are suited therefor by Nature into our splendid profession, and by discouraging others who are not so fitted from making an unsuccessful attempt to obtain an engineering education.