Such a course should never be followed. The actual quantities should be returned to the senior engineer with the statement of facts. At such a time, the prudence of not accepting presents or having any money dealings with the contractor will be fully realized.

He should carefully check the work in the field and in the office, remembering that, in addition to his duty to himself, he owes it to his college to maintain the standard which his diploma should give assurance of.

He should be reticent about the work, excepting with his own senior officer, to whom he should give a full measure of loyalty and carry out his instructions promptly and cheerfully.

He should be free from prejudice and strictly fair. If he will observe these rules, and it needs but a little firmness and self-denial to do so, he will forge steadily ahead, as men of such character are always in demand.

W. G. M. THOMPSON.

St. Catharines, January 3rd, 1899.

Moved by Mr. K. W. Blackwell, seconded by Mr. D. MacPherson. "That the Society hereby records a vote of thanks to the retiring President."

Mr. Blackwell.

We have not had the pleasure of having Mr. Thompson at any of our meetings, but we would, nevertheless, desire to record our thanks for his services.

It was moved by Mr. G. H. Garden, seconded by Mr. J. M. Mc-Carthy, and carried unanimously:

"That a vote of thanks be tendered to the officials of the Grand Trunk Railway, who so kindly placed a train at the disposal of the Society to visit the new Victoria Bridge."

It was moved by Mr. W. McNab, seconded by Mr. C. deB. Leprohon, and carried unanimously:—

"That the thanks of the Society are due and are hereby tendered to the Canadian Pacific Railway Company for its kindness in placing at the disposal of the Members a special train for their conveyance to Grande Mere and return, and other courtesies."

It was moved by Mr. Wm. Kennedy, Jr., seconded by Mr. J. G. Kerry, and carried unanimously:—

"That the thanks of this Society be tendered to the Laurentide Pulp Company for its great kindness in extending to this Society an invitation to visit their very interesting and extensive works at Grande Mere, and for the generous hospitality extended to the Members of the Society who availed themselves of this invitation."

It was moved by Mr. B. J. Saunders, seconded by Mr. Willis Chipman, and carried unanimously:—

"That the thanks of the Society be tendered to the Secretary and