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### VOLUME XVIII.

With the issue of December 31st we will close Vol. XVII., and our first issue in January will commence a new volume. So many engineers now bind their copies of The Canadian Engineer that we feel warranted in making special mention of the new volume, knowing many more are anxious to add to their technical libraries by preserving their technical magazines.

During the first six months of 1910 we will have special series of articles dealing with

- Railroad Location.
- Gas Engine Design.
- Practical Astronomy.
- Machine Design and Operation.
- Steel Bridge Design and Erection.
- Concrete and Reinforced Concrete Construction.
- Costs and Cost-keeping.
- Legal Decisions Affecting Engineering.
- Municipal Street and Park Improvement.
- Critical Book Reviews.
- Current Construction News.
- Lists of Engineering Literature.
- Market Conditions.
- Railway Signalling.
- Locomotive and Stationary Engine Design.
- Railway Earnings.
- Precipitation at Fifteen Centres.
- Orders of Dominion Railway Board.

### ANNUAL MEETINGS.

During December and January the annual meetings of most of the technical societies will be held. New officers will be elected, reports adopted, and, this great effort over, we will go to sleep, in some cases, for another year.

A society is like a business. To be successful, someone must regularly, persistently and untiringly work for its advancement.

Look over the history of those successful societies you are familiar with, and you will find they are a "one-man organization." Somebody has made it his own personal business to arrange meetings, get after new members, and enthruse the membership. When he drops out, for a time things go on as before, but very soon the personal touch is lost and things drift.

Let us not be suspicious nor envious of the man who gives hours and hours of unselfish devotion to a public cause.

Technical associations are again like business ventures. To be successful they must give value for money received. No matter how venerable the name nor how