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important specialty in each of the main branches of engineering, the status of the practice of that profession would be materially raised.

You may think that in entertaining this hope I am ultra-ambitious, and in your own mind you may accuse me of conceit; but if so, I trust that you will pardon me on the ground that the enthusiastic reception throughout the world received by my "Bridge Engineering" (of which the treatise now under consideration is to be the sequel) has given me cause to entertain the ambition previously expressed. Enclosed herewith are two publisher's folders giving the opinions of the profession and the press concerning what I had thought when I wrote it would be my magnum opus.

I think now, however, that "Economics of Bridgework" will prove to be of greater importance than its predecessor "Bridge Engineering". Enclosed is a "List of Chapters" of the new book, the MS. of which I hope to complete within the next thirty days, as there are now only two chapters unfinished.

One of these is an afterthought -- not of mine, however, but of two former U. S. Army engineers, who requested that I permit the insertion of a chapter on "Economics of Military Bridge Engineering". Upon my immediate adoption of the suggestion, they stated that they would request Major General Beach, Engineer-in-Chief of the U. S. Army, to appoint a member of the Corps to prepare the MS.

Accordingly, General Beach detailed Lt.-Col. Bond; and he with the assistance of two of his brother officers is now at work on the task.

I feel sure that my old friend and former assistant engineer, Prof. H. M. Mackay of Mc Gill, would be willing to aid you in the technical features of the review. What I specially desire is your express-