

 THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF ENGINEERS, through its standing Committee on Engineering Education, has succeeded in eliciting and editing the MS. of a book on Vocational Guidance in Engineering Lines (covering all the important divisions and sub-divisions of the profession) that has been written by a full half-hundred technical specialists of the highest standing. Attached hereto is a list of the chapters with the names of their authors. The said MS. has already gone to press, and the book is due to be issued about the middle of April.

The treatise will total some 560 pages (averaging 525 words per full page), including some fifty illustrations of outstanding engineering constructions, sixteen photostated letters of endorsement of the project by prominent Americans (with Ex-President Hoover heading the list), and a photostated official approval by the American Institute of Consulting Engineers.

The book is intended mainly for the benefit of students in high schools and other preparatory schools who are contemplating the study and adoption of some line of engineering endeavor; but it should also be exceedingly useful as a textbook in engineering schools, in order to teach the students thereof what the profession of engineering actually is and what kinds of work are covered by its various branches and by the numerous specialties in the said branches. It will also provide them with excellent specimens of engineering English, from which they can select for themselves suitable style-models for their technical writing.

This enterprise of the American Association of Engineers is by no means confined to the issuing of a book on Vocational Guidance; for it includes also its presentation annually during the next decade, by local engineers of good standing, to the students in most of the high schools and other preparatory schools of all the large centers of population of the U.S.A., one hundred and fifty of them having been selected as a starter, as per the enclosed list of localities. These local engineers, who will have pledged themselves in small groups to see that this presentation is thoroughly done in their vicinity, will lecture gratis to the young men concerning the Engineering Profession, with constant reference to the book and occasional quotations therefrom, the primary object being to promote its perusal by both them and their parents or guardians.

The ultimate object of the treatise is to induce young Americans of the highest ability to undertake the study and future practice of engineering, and to discourage from making the attempt all who are in any way unfit - in other words, the endeavor is to keep the square pegs out of the round holes and vice versa.

The undertaking is absolutely altruistic in character; for nobody concerned, except the printer (who will have to be temporarily the publisher also), can make any money by its production. It is truly a labor of love on the part of the Association, the Editors, and the authors of the chapters.

The MS. of the book has been ready to send to the printer since April, 1932, but there have been no funds available for publication; consequently the Association, in order not to lose any more valuable time, has found it advisable to enter into a temporary arrangement with the Mack Printing Company of Easton, Pa., by which the said company shall, at its own expense, publish the book and sell it in the U. S. A. and Canada at \$2.50, postpaid, for single copies, at \$2.00 per copy when delivered there in bulk, and at \$3.00, postpaid, per copy in all foreign countries. Outside of the United States, the buyer will have to pay all customs' duties. The agreement provides that, at any time, the Association shall have the