

when he carries us proudly out from these walls, we may with confidence ride into the world and compare favorably with our fellows.

The last clause of the objects of our Society, as given in our constitution, I endorse heartily, that is, "The encouragement of mutual assistance among the members."

Everywhere around us, in labor and capital, profession and art, politics and religion, we find organization, circle within circle, as molecules, composed of atoms of mutual affinities, combine to make up the composite whole; so we, if we wish either in student life and pursuits here or in the practise of our professions to occupy a place of security and advantage, and not be dissipated though the interstices as a bye-product of other organizations—we must support each other and uphold our Society union, for in union there is strength.

All matter is capable of receiving and transmitting energy in some form from and to other matter; so we, in like manner, are susceptible of receiving and imparting education from one to another, not only by words and acts, but also through the subtle agent of influence. Now, as success in our profession depends upon the knowledge of our work, let us cultivate and retain the society and educational influence of our fellows, and in no way can we do this better than by organized society work.

On entering the practice of our profession, we will be confronted by the application of our theory to actual practice. Shall we be able to make our way clear, or shall we be confounded? This will depend upon our knowledge of the ways and methods of actual practice. Where and how can we best keep in touch with the practice of our study whilst students here? By the preparation, reading and discussion of papers before the Society, by the reading of live engineering and architectural news, such as our library affords.

On account of your superior opportunities for education and of your profession, you will not only in the discharge of our duties, but as citizens, be called upon to take active parts, and give opinions in matters that will require prompt action, good judgment, and a ready and clear explanation to others that will oppose you on every side. Can you conceive of anything better suited to your development in these lines, and at the same time within the range of pleasant possibilities, whilst students here, than the duties and privileges that our Society involves and affords?

And lastly, look at our library. I shall not dwell upon the advantages of its free use; the books, new and old, that it contains; its models and sketches; its live scientific news, to which are to be added the books now in the University library that relate to our subjects, which will make it more valuable and interesting. The conditions of these additions have