

THE BELL SYSTEM EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

An educational conference of faculty members from the electrical engineering departments of nineteen of the leading technical institutions in the country meeting with representatives of the Bell System was held at 195 Broadway during the week of August 18-23, 1924. The purpose of the Conference was to determine ways and means whereby the Bell System could more closely cooperate with the engineering schools of the country and to bring about a common understanding of our mutual problems. The visiting members were invited to submit suggestions as to the manner in which the Bell System could contribute toward the development of electrical engineering education.

The program consisted of morning sessions devoted to papers and discussions, while the afternoons were spent in observation trips to the Bell System laboratories, local and long distance installations at the Walker Street building, and also in the demonstration of the telephone apparatus which is to be presented this fall to each of the institutions represented.

During the Conference the large problems of organization and operation of the Bell System were presented by Mr. W. S. Gifford and other officials of the System while the more technical aspects of the business were treated by representative specialists of the organization. Of great interest and value were the full and free discussions of the subjects presented, bringing about a mutual understanding of the best means of cooperation between this industry and the educational institutions. The two outstanding factors of importance whereby the