mediate ones as they deem might interest them. It is probable that, in many instances, even a partial perusal will suffice to show the reader that he is not suited for an engineering life; in which case a real and substantial benefit will have been conferred upon him by saving him from bitter disappointment, loss of valuable time, and an unnecessary and useless expenditure of money.

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Any sub-freshman who purchases a copy of the book and concludes to try an engineering course should keep it and read it from time to time throughout his entire stay in the technical school - in fact, he would benefit by continuing to study it after graduation. This remark applies with special force to chapters XVI and XVII on "Idealism in Engineering" and "Engineering Ethics," for the principles that these two chapters expound should constitute a governing guide throughout every engineer's professional career.

If a purchaser of the book decide not to undertake the study of engineering, it would be a kind and courteous action on his part, were he to present it with his compliments to some sub-freshman who is inclined to make the trial.

There is still another advantage to be gained by a careful perusal of this treatise, namely, the improving of one's diction; because it is an outstanding example of fine technical English, illustrating, as it does, the styles of over fifty prominent engineer-authors - in fact, no book yet written is its superior in this respect. I would call your attention also to the method of punctuation (including hyphenization) adopted by the Editors throughout the entire text, and to how fluently readable it makes the book. As every engineer, at some time or other in his practice, has to do technical writing - and in most cases a great number of times - it behooves all young men who consider adopting engineering as their life-work to take every occasion to perfect themselves in the use of their mother tongue, both orally and in written composition.

Some of you may be inclined to think that I am speaking in ultra-enthu-