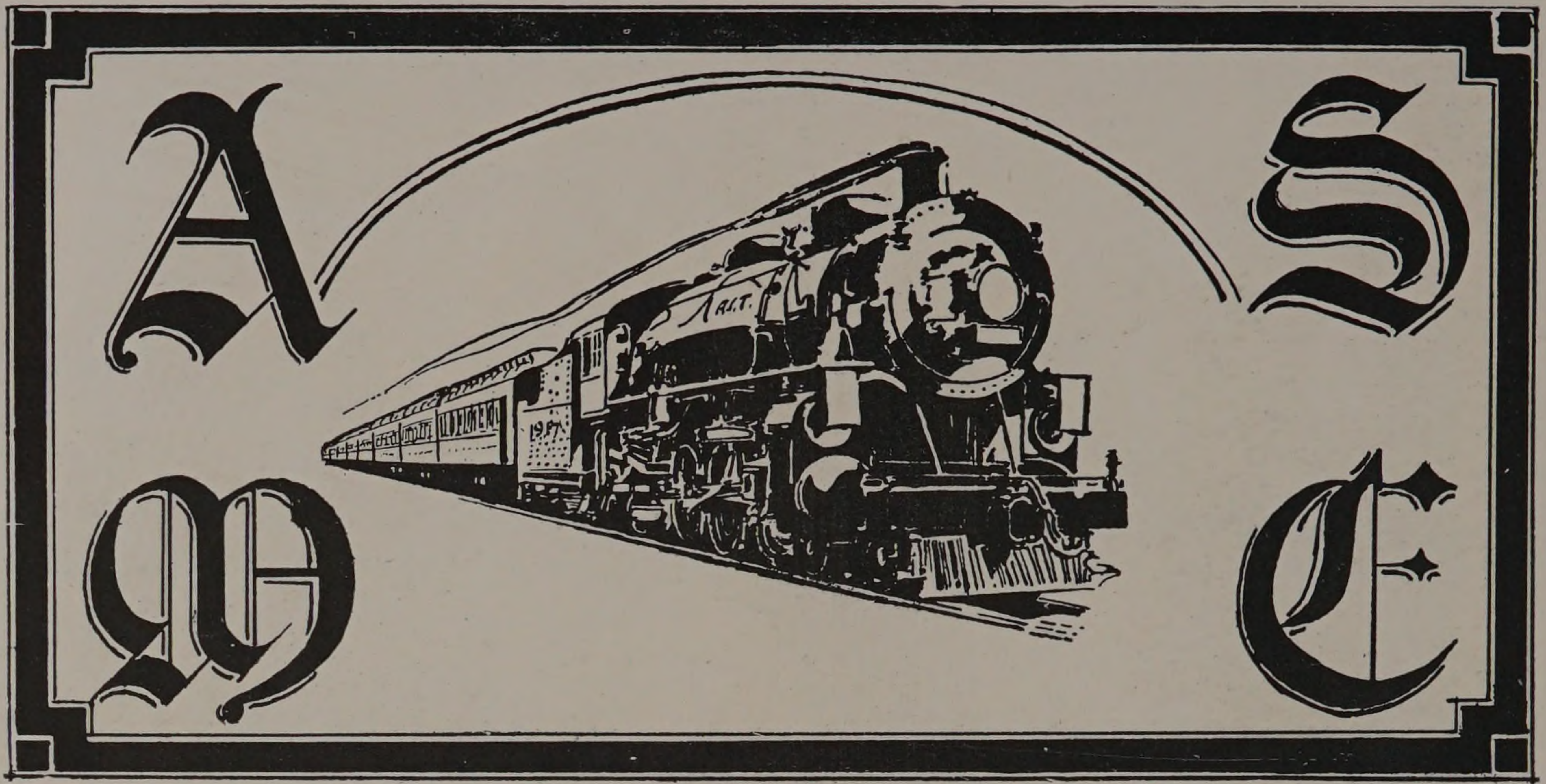
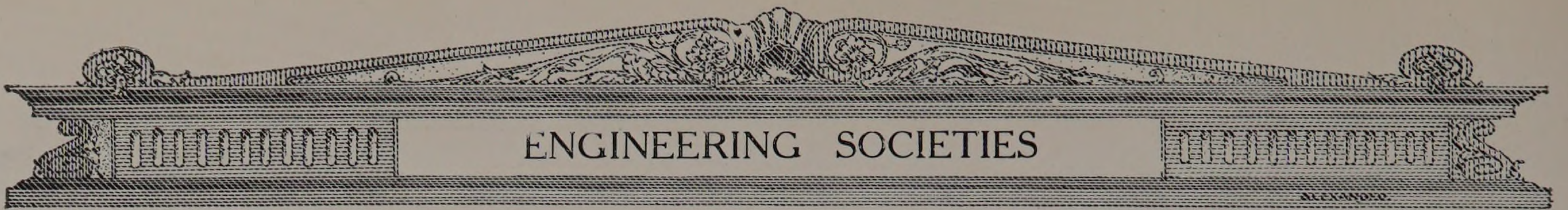




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Because of the high order of development of engineering science and its consequent complexity, the curriculums of the ranking engineering colleges are very heavy and exacting. It is impossible to offer in four short years many subjects that would be of undoubted value to the engineer in his profession. In the general courses of most universities and colleges great stress is placed on instruction in public speaking. To add such a course to the already bulging curriculum of our Mechanical department is considered inadvisable at the present time. The main object of our Society is to supply this deficiency.

In order to accomplish this a regular schedule of meetings approved by the office of the Deans was adopted which provided for a gathering every other week. At these meetings members of the Society are called upon by the president to address the assembly, the subject of the talk being left entirely to the speaker. This system provides invaluable experience to the student giving the talk which is usually of interest to the listeners.

The past year has been marked with success. As is the custom, a smoker was held towards the beginning of the first semester, and was a regular "get together" for the students and faculty of the Mechanical department.

The regular meeting of the Chicago chapter of the A. S. M. E. on February 20 was turned over to be conducted by the student branch. Our president presided and presented a program consisting of talks by several of the students. The cooperative meeting was an innovation but it was attended with such great success that it promises to be continued.

