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This year has been one of reorganization, and much progress has been made. The most important change was the revision of the By-Laws to permit Freshmen and Sophomores, who join as Participating Members, to vote. This has stimulated more interest in the organization than has been shown for several years. Our membership now consists of 85 men, constituting 75 per cent of all the Civil Engineering students at the Institute.

A slight change was also made in the ruling regarding Junior and Senior membership. The ruling now states that in order to retain membership in our local branch a man must become a member of the main branch of the Western Society downtown by the second semester of his Junior year.

Our meetings have been very well attended by our own members and also by men enrolled in courses other than Civil Engineering. The practice of allowing all students to attend these talks has worked out very successfully, and we believe it is a step toward a more harmonious condition between the various Engineering organizations of the school.

It has been the desire this year to present speakers who would talk on subjects of interest to all students, and that this has been well accomplished has been evidenced by the large attendance.

Among the talks which have been of particular interest this year were the following:

"The Present Problem of the Railroad Engineer," Mr. F. E. Morrow, Chief Engineer, Western Indiana R. R.

"Some Unusual Structural Problems," Mr. T. L. Condron, Condron & Company.

"The Portland Cement Industry," Col. H. C. Boyden, Portland Cement Association.

"The New York Vehicular Tunnel," Mr. L. T. Smith, Armour Institute of Technology.

"The Rock Island Railroad Bridge," Prof. M. B. Wells, Armour Institute of Technology.