

ENGINEERING SOCIETIES

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Before a joint meeting of all the Engineering Societies here at School, Professor Gebhardt appealed to us to make use of our qualities as spokesmen as well as of our ability as engineers. He called to our attention the fact that it was the failing of both the embryo and practicing engineers to withdraw too much from active controversies in the business and economic worlds, and thereby remaining in the background when they should be up and doing. He explained our modest recedure from public affairs by showing that we allowed ourselves too little time for this type of work; and by the fact that when it comes time for us to talk, we are held back by a sense of inadequacy due, partly, to the underating of our ability in coping with the appalling forces of Nature.

Remembering these points and continuing along with the usual policy of the Society, we have carried out our work so as to help ourselves as much as possible. A number of interesting discussions were presented by Messrs. Bowman, Otte, Wettley, Sanders, Schroeder, Lamm, Gambell and Petersen on technical subjects which were not only instructive but were also of extreme pleasure to hear.

Following up the idea of acquainting ourselves with prominent men in the profession and the plan of improving ourselves in the art of presenting topics logically and correctly, we were invited, through the courtesy of Professor Gebhardt, to attend the Power Show at the Furniture Mart. The Seniors were excused from classes to attend in a body many of the meetings, where they heard some of the best known engineers in America.

The one social function of the year was our annual smoker which was held at the Phi Kappa Sigma Fraternity House on April the eighth. Due to the efforts of Mr. Sanders and his committee and the cooperation on the part of the Professors, a great time was had that evening. We consider the affair to have been one of the best smokers held by our Society in many years.