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The Fire Protection Engineering Society, a society formed for two basic purposes, has done much in the past year towards accomplishing these ideals. First, it has given the members of the society a definite and invaluable contact with men in the field; and second, the feeling of fellowship among students in the department has been aided and increased through the social functions of the society.

The field of Fire Protection Engineering is comparatively new. It is indeed only in the last few years that the problem of fire prevention has received well-merited attention. The problem of reducing annual fire losses is not one that can be considered of minor

importance, and the reduction of fire hazards requires careful study and attention.

The meetings of the Fire Protection Engineering Society are held bi-monthly. This assures the members a large number of speakers and maintains interest in the society. Speakers are chosen who are specialists in the various phases of fire prevention and are engaged in the different branches of the insurance business.

The members of the society were very fortunate in being addressed by Mr. John A. Neale, Chief Engineer of the Chicago Board of Underwriters, on November 6. Mr. Neale, who is one of the best informed men in Chicago on fire protection engineering, spoke on the subject of "Fire Protection in Builder's Risks." Buildings under construction are fire hazards and present none of the advantages of the class of building for which they are rated. Some of the hazards which are present are found in the large piles of combustible material lying about, salamanders and rivet forges, acetylene welding torches, leaky gas lines, and temporary electric wiring. The Chicago Board of Trade Building, with but thirteen fires while under construction, is considered to have been relatively well protected. In order to prevent fires while buildings are under construction,



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