

THE ENGINEERING AGE.

Those perverse people, the Erewhonians, had no use for machines, except as museum exhibits illustrative of the bad old days when men were held in subjection by the machinery which they had created.

As opposed to the theory that men are the slaves of the machines which they tend, the engineering ideal is the delivery of the race from drudgery and want.

vocate of the elevation of the status of the engineer, in a recent address deplored the fact that engineering did not rank higher among the professions.

The interstate conferences, of which the present gathering is the second afford a means of combining recreation and mutual instruction with the education of the public in the importance of engineering.

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THE REASON FOR HIS EMPLOYMENT.

Professor R. W. Chapman told an amusing story at the civic reception given on Tuesday to the engineers visiting Adelaide in connection with their annual conference.

ENGINEERS CONFERENCE.

Delegates in Adelaide.

Extensive Plan of Campaign.

By the two divisions of the express from Melbourne on Tuesday there arrived in Adelaide more than 50 interstate delegates to attend the second interstate conference of the Institution of Engineers, Australia.

The delegates were met at the Railway Station by Professor R. W. Chapman (President of the Council), Mr. J. Bowman (a Vice-Chairman of the Adelaide division), Mr. W. G. T. Goodman, and Mr. E. V. Clark (members of the local committee).

Some of the Delegates.

A large number of delegates are staying at various hotels in the city, while others are guests at private homes. Those who are located in the city include:—At the South Australian—Messrs. M. O. Coates, H. E. Morton, R. J. Pringle, T. M. Ritchie, and J. Jobbins (Melbourne).

Grosvenor—Messrs. C. F. Assheton, A. E. Bowen-Stean, A. E. Fraser, L. E. W. Horne, A. T. Jones, C. A. Lonsdale, J. McGeachie, H. Stiepenwich, W. Stephenson, J. D. Smith, C. E. Todd (New South



PROFESSOR R. W. CHAPMAN, the third President of the Institution of Engineers, Australia, whose annual conference is being held in Adelaide during this week.

Wales); S. M. Allen, W. A. Emmerson, D. Ewing, R. E. Fuller, E. P. Grave, E. D. Reid (Victoria), F. Morrison (Western Australia).

A Busy Week.

The conference will last for seven days—from March 6 to March 12, inclusive. The first public function took place on Tuesday afternoon, when the visitors were tendered a civic reception at the town hall, and in the evening there was a smoke social at The Grosvenor.

Wednesday morning, visits to Holden's Motorbody Factory and Islington Workshops; afternoon, visit to Adelaide Electric Supply Company's new generating station; 8 p.m., University, lecture by Mr. W. G. T. Goodman; Thursday morning, visits to Pengeley's Furniture Factory, and Tramway's Trust's power station; afternoon, visit to Tramways Trust car depot and Henley Beach; 8 p.m.,

institute, lecture by Mr. C. A. Bayer; Friday, visits to Millbrook Reservoir and Barossa Dam; 8 p.m., institute, annual meeting; Saturday, visits to Mount Lofty and Pentfold's Magill vineyards; Monday, visit to River Murray Reclamation Works. Meetings of the council will be held on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons at the University.

Acelaide Division.

The conference committee includes:—Mr. J. H. O. Eaton (Chairman), Executive Committee, Messrs. J. Bowman (Acting Chairman), W. L. Burton, E. V. Clark, C. D. Gibb, and Professor Chapman; General Committee, Professor Chairman and Messrs. C. G. Bayer, W. L. Burton, E. V. Clark, J. H. O. Eaton, D. V. Fleming, W. G. T. Goodman, H. G. Jenkinson, E. A. Johnston, J. B. Labatt, S. McIntosh, A. J. R. Richardson, H. V. Ryan, F. W. Stephen, J. G. Stewart, A. E. Melbourne, F. W. Whendon, Dr. W. A. Hargreaves, and Messrs. E. F. Eberbach (Secretary), and W. Hobba (Assistant Secretary).

HAPPY GATHERING.

SMOKE SOCIAL AT GROSVENOR.

In the evening, the members of the conference gathered in the spacious dining room at the Grosvenor, North terrace, at an enjoyable smoke social. Professor Chapman presided over an attendance of about 150, of whom about 80 were visitors.

In proposing "Our Visitors," the Acting Chairman of the Adelaide division (Mr. J. Bowman) said Adelaide engineers would have a difficult task to bring the 1923 conference into line with the gathering

held in Melbourne the previous year. Nevertheless, they were glad to welcome the interstate visitors, and would do their best to give them an interesting time during their stay in Adelaide. (Applause.)

Responses were made by Messrs. Matthew C. Coates and G. G. Jobbins (Melbourne), and A. J. Arnot (Sydney). All referred in glowing terms to the splendid reception they had received in Adelaide.

The feature of the evening was an unusually good musical programme, to which many well-known vocalists and instrumentalists contributed, including Messrs. Robert C. Jones, Frank Charlton, F. G. Brown, and George Goldsmith. The accompanist was Mr. Wilfred Hobba. During the evening, the I.E.A. Quintette rendered delightful selections. Mr. Harry Lyons, the well-known ventriloquist, enlivened the proceedings considerably.

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Mr. Eric F. West, B.Sc., M.Sc., who, during the past two years has been abroad, will return home to Adelaide by the Commonwealth liner Jervis Bay to-day. He has had a brilliant academic career, and has also made extensive enquiries in America, England, and European countries in irrigation and agricultural matters.

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Professor Sir Edgeworth David, who has been in charge of the department of geology at the Sydney University for 31 years, expects to retire at the end of 1924. He returned to Sydney yesterday from Tasmania, where he has been writing a book dealing with the geology of the Commonwealth.