

# Association Notes

1944

## TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Twenty-Fifth Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday, the 29th February, 1944, at 5-30 p.m., at the "Chamber Hall" under the presidency of Mr. K. M. Mukherjee.

### AGENDA

1. To adopt the annual report and audited accounts for the year 1943.

President called upon the Secretary to read out the annual report and audited accounts for the year 1943.

Proposed by Mr. B. D. Mohuri and

Seconded by Mr. H. N. Chakraborty.

these were adopted.

2. To present the budget for the year 1944.

President called upon the Secretary to read out the budget for the year 1944.

Proposed by Mr. G. S. Mitter and

Seconded by Mr. S. N. Sen Gupta.

it was recorded.

3. To elect auditors for the year 1944.

President called upon the members present to propose the name of auditors for the year 1944 and to fix the honorarium.

Proposed by Mr. H. N. Chakraborty and

Seconded by Mr. G. S. Mitter.

Messrs. H. C. Das & Co., were re-elected Auditors for the year 1944 on a remuneration of Rs. 25/-.

4. Miscellaneous.

Proposed by Mr. G. S. Mitter that a Sub-committee naming "The Post-War Reconstruction Sub-committee" be formed with special references to Industrial and Town Planning and submit their report within 6 months to the Council for necessary action—Seconded by Mr. J. C. Ganguly and passed unanimously. Formation of the Sub-committee be referred to the Council.

## 5. Presidential address (Published elsewhere).

Vote of thanks to Messrs. A. K. Sen and S. K. Gangopadhyaya who spared their valuable time and served the council as ordinary members now retired.

With a vote of thanks to the chair proposed by Mr. Saroj Basu the meeting terminated.

Capt. R. R. CHIBBA,  
Hony. Secretary.

K. M. MUKHERJEE.  
President.

## Presidential Address

### 1944

Gentlemen,

Since we had met in this Hall for the Annual General Meeting of the Association for the last session we have passed through another twelve months of anxious time created by the world situation specially with the enemy at our very door, and hundred and thousands of our countrymen suffering from want of food and clothings; but I am glad to say that our Association has been able to maintain the standard of its activities much the same as in previous years. On the other hand the organisation which the Association had started for procuring food for its members in collaboration with the Bengal National Chamber of Commerce at a very critical time was very laudable indeed.

Gentlemen, the Secretary in his report has placed before you the financial position of the Association very lucidly but it is not as satisfactory as it should be for an Association like ours; it is at present, as you all see, only just enough to keep the show going, and is not elastic enough to allow us to earmark any portion of the funds to be utilised in imparting cultural training to the junior members of the Association. It has been always the intention of the older members of this Association like myself to make this Association a training ground for the cultural improvement of the junior members so that they may in time be turned into useful members of the profession. To this end it should be the bounden duty of the Executive Committee to find out ways and means to improve the financial condition of the Association so that a fund may

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\* Delivered by Mr. K. M. Mukherjee, B.A., B.E., M.A.E., M.I.E. (In●).

be created for offering a prize for the best essay or articles on different Engineering subjects, selected by the Council, to be competed for by the junior members each year.

Gentlemen, it has been argued on several occasions, whether it is desirable to run this Association at all when a Chartered Institution is already in existence in the country; and that our association if allowed to run would seem a subservient body. This is a controversial point which is not usual to be discussed on an occasion like this; but without entering into the controversial side of it, it may not be out of place to mention that running of parallel institutions the aims and objects of which are identical, is yet a healthy sign for the cultural development of the people in a country in a democratic age. Though it is generally agreed that the standard for allowing technical men to come within our folds should be raised, yet exigencies of circumstances have taught us to revise our opinion about the qualifications necessary for the eligibility of persons to become members of our association or otherwise associated with our institution. We had started our Association in peace time conditions and had framed our constitution embodying rules for membership depending mostly on Academical qualifications of the applicants and positions held by them in professional service; but if we allow the standard to continue and do not accommodate ourselves to the circumstances by bringing within our folds men who have opened out fields in the technical line, we may suffer financially and otherwise. Peace time standards should not always be the ruling or guiding principle of the Association.

The present war time conditions have caused to grow up small industries for manufacturing finished articles for purposes of war under the direction of the Supply Department of the Government and it is seen that these articles are in no way inferior to imported articles. As the owners of most of these concerns are men who may not fall under the categories which our articles of Association allow them to be included as members of our association we would try to bring them within our folds if they wish themselves to be so associated so that the institution may boast of having included in its folds people who have really done some useful work in bringing this devastating war to a successful termination.

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## Extracts from the Minutes of the Proceedings :—

"The resignation of Mr. S. M. Ghose, Associate A.E. was accepted with regret."

—(C. M., dated 21-1-44).

## The following Sub-committees were formed :—

(1) Library Sub-committee—Consisting of the Ward Councillor, Messrs. Sailendra Nath Paul, Haranath Chakraborty, S. Basu, M. N. Ghose, Hony. Secretary and Hony. Librarian (ex-officio) as its members.

(2) Silver Jubilee Sub-committee—Consisting of Messrs. S. Basu, S. Bandopadhyaya, K. C. Biswas, N. N. Sen, M. N. Ghose, Dr. J. N. Basu, Rai Bahadur W. C. Dey, Rai Sahib N. N. Das, Mr. Haranath Chakraborty, Hony. Secretary and President (ex-officio) as its members.

The following are the dates and programme for the celebration of the 25th Annual General Meeting and Annual Week :—

### (1) Thursday, the 24th February, 1944.

Visit to the Calcutta Telephone Exchange.

### (2) Tuesday, the 29th February, 1944.

25th Annual General Meeting (Proceedings published elsewhere).

### (3) Friday the 3rd March, 1944.

Paper on "Telephony" by Capt. R. R. Chibba, (Published elsewhere) and Discussion on the paper "pH and its application to Water Works Practice" (read by Mr. S. Chatterjee on 7th April, 1943), by Messrs. P. C. Bose and S. Basu. (Published elsewhere).

It was also decided to make an arrangement, if possible, for a visit to Kulti Drainage Outfall and date for same to be fixed and notified later on.

—(C. M., dated 4-2-44).

The suggestion of Mr. N. N. Sen for co-opting Messrs. J. C. Ganguli, B. D. Mohury and D. V. Rama Rao in the Library and Silver Jubilee Sub-committees was considered and accepted.

—(C. M., dated 14-2-44).

The Post-war Reconstruction Sub-committee was formed consisting of the following members :—

(1) Rai Bahadur W. C. Dey, Messrs. (2) S. Bandopadhyaya, (3) P. C. Bose, (4) S. Basu, (5) B. D. Mohury, (6) G. S. Mitter, (7) President and (8) Hony. Secretary as ex-officio members with power to co-opt.

On the proposal of Mr. N. N. Sen, Messrs. J. N. Banerjee, R. K. Ganguli, and C. K. Ghosh were co-opted as members of the Silver Jubilee Sub-committee.

—(C. M., dated 22-3-44).

### ADDITION TO MEMBERSHIP LIST

#### Associate Member

Ledger No.		Date of election.
340	Ali, Moulavi M. Jinnat	23-12-43
326	Banerjee, Subodh Kumar	23-12-43
342	Dutta, Amiya Bhushan	4-2-44
345	Ghosh, Rakhal Chandra	4-2-44
319	Mitra, Nihar Kumar	23-12-43
324	Narayanan, Subrahmanya	23-12-43

#### Associate

354	Kotwani, Kishin Gopaldas	4-2-44
389	Vachaspati, Dabeeru	22-3-44

#### Student

9	Khandelwal, Ganga Prasad	22-3-44
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### Library Notes

Our thanks are due to the publishers of the following periodicals for favour of exchange :—

1. Architectural Association Journal.
2. Beama Journal.
3. Britain To-day.
4. Building Science Abstracts.

5. Endeavour.
6. Electrical Engineering.
7. Electrical Review.
8. Engineering.
9. Indian Concrete Journal.
10. Indian and Eastern Engineer.
11. Journal of the College of Engineering & Technology,  
Bengal.
12. Journal of the Indian Inst. of Architects.
13. Journal of the India Society of Engineers.
14. Journal of the Inst. of Electrical Engineers.
15. Journal of the Inst. of Engineers (Australia).
16. Journal of the Inst. of Engineers (India).
17. Journal of the Inst. of Heating and Ventilating Engineers.
18. Journal of the Inst. of Sanitary Engineers.
19. Metropolitan Vickers Gazette.
20. Monthly Science News.
21. Nickel Bulletin.
22. Quarterly Journal of the Geological Mining and Metallur-  
gical Society of India.
23. Sewage Works Journal.
24. Tisco Review.
25. Transactions of the Inst. of Marine Engineers.