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# EDITORIALS

## THE NEW STAFF

With this issue ends our guidance of *The Engineer* through another year of its life, and we hope the magazine has been improved during our administration. The responsibilities were not slight, but we feel that our education has been developed just that much more and are glad that we have had the opportunity.

The new staff will be announced in the near future and possibly a reorganization. Heretofore there has not been men enough try out for positions and that is a serious handicap to any college publication. We want to appeal to every man in the engineering college that is interested to come to the staff meetings at 4 P. M. every Tuesday in Room 117, Shops Building. If you feel that you have not the ability or the time, come and prove to yourself that you are wrong. To make reorganization possible more men will be needed and therefore there will be plenty of chances for everyone. Think it over; it is your paper.

To the new staff we wish success.

## LETTERS OF COURTESY

One of the desirable qualities of an Engineer, as stated by Mr. Hammond in his book, "The Engineer," is courtesy. Other authorities as well emphasize the necessity of courtesy in daily life, not only for engineers, but for everyone. Many of us imagine that we are courteous if we give our seat in the street car to a lady, or when we remove our hats in an elevator. We seldom think of letter writing as a matter of courtesy, but more of a matter of business. True, a busy person cannot devote a great deal of time to writing letters, but there are many times when a letter of sympathy or congratulation or thanks would make a friend, or strengthen a friendship of long standing.

Abraham Lincoln knew the effect of such letters. One of his letters, that to Mrs. Bixby, is still regarded as a masterpiece of English composition. It is couched in simple, dignified terms, but it conveys a wealth of feeling and sympathy. It is on such little acts of courtesy and kindness that many of the anecdotes of Lincoln rest.

A letter of this kind need not be long; indeed, it need not exceed a half dozen lines in length. It should be couched in quiet, dignified language,

and should convey the desired thought without any superfluous words. Such a letter need not take more than five minutes to write, but it will be found to return even this slight expenditure of time many fold.

An instance of this kind was brought to our attention a few days ago. We had purchased a suit of clothes at one of the larger down-town stores, paid for it and thought no more about the incident. A week or ten days later we received a short letter from the firm thanking us for the business and urging us to bring the suit back if it was not perfectly satisfactory. This is no doubt a business policy of the firm but it conveys a feeling of friendship and interest and, without question, more than pays for the slight expense of sending the letters.

It would be well for every engineer to write at least a few such letters on appropriate occasions, if not for pure courtesy and friendship, to show that he possesses the elements of politeness and good culture.

—D. S. E.

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### THE CLASS OF 1924

When the Seniors receive their coveted "sheep-skin" another page in their history will have been written. Four years seemed an age of work and study, yet, when they are graduated there is no doubt but that they will leave with regrets. In spite of the many problems, reports and midnight oil burned, there is a tie to Ohio State formed that is broken reluctantly for the status of Alumnus. Some will succeed in their conquest of the world, but some will not. Endurance and work should be the team they drive and, helped by personality, success should be certain. To the class of 1924 we wish every success in their new life.

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### THAT'S PEP!

Vigor, Vitality, Vim and Punch—

That's *Pep!*

The courage to act on a sudden hunch—

That's *Pep!*

The nerve to tackle the hardest thing

With feet that climb and hands that cling,

And a heart that never forgets to sing—

That's *Pep!*

Sand and grit on a concrete base—

That's *Pep!*

Friendly smile on an honest face—

That's *Pep!*

The spirit that helps when another's down,

That knows how to scatter the darkest frown,

That loves its neighbor and loves its town—

That's *Pep!*

To say "I will" for you know you can—

That's *Pep!*

To look for the best in every man—

That's *Pep!*

To meet each thundering knockout blow

And come back with a laugh, for well you know

You'll get the best of the whole darn show—

That's *Pep!*

—GRACE G. BOSTWICK.