The retiring President then inducted Mr. G. E. Gamble into the chair.

The President (Mr. Gamble), thanking members for his election, asked for more support from members. The success of an Institute did not depend upon the chairman, but on the support that he received from members generally. Such support, in his opinion, had not been accorded to his immediate predecessors.

The Retiring President (Mr. F. C. Hall) then delivered a brief address, which was followed by talking films illustrating activities of the Broken Hill Pty. Ltd. and allied undertakings; also a film illustrating the basic principles and lubrication of internal combustion engines.

The meeting terminated at 10.55 p.m.

ABSTRACT OF PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS
NON SIBI SED OMNIBUS
By F. C. Hall.

The author expressed the opinion that the above motto of another engineering society might well be adopted by all engineering institutions, because one of the main objects of all such bodies was the betterment of the engineering fraternity.

A perusal of presidential addresses read during the last four or five years showed a remarkable unanimity in their plea for an increase in the status of the engineer. But the author’s experience showed that engineers were themselves largely responsible for the lack of regard accorded them by the business community. This was mostly due to the lack of professional solidarity, as evidenced by the indiscriminate critical attitude of one engineer for his brother’s work.

Engineers as a class have still to realise that each member of their profession who makes a success of his job also assists every other member of the engineering profession in some small or large degree; and we, as engineers, should be more willing to assist each other, rather than to condemn, as is the usual practice at the present time.

No doubt it is very annoying to find that an engineer in a large commercial organisation, who is responsible for all classes
of valuable plant and the production of goods, and who has more to worry about than the salesman or sales manager, should only receive comparatively small remuneration. The position can be altered only by a united effort on the part of engineers to protect each other, by withholding criticism, and giving praise where it is due.

It is often alleged that engineers do not make good business men, and that they are bad organisers. But in reply to this we can point to many instances where engineers have become remarkable business men and great organisers. The author cited the names of the late Sir John Monash, a Past President of the Institute, and Sir Alexander Stewart, and he referred to the business talent of Lloyds’ engineer ship surveyors.

Australians do not appreciate the capacity of their own engineers, nor recognise the outstanding engineering ability of many of them. Nearly every school child is taught about George Stevenson and James Watt, but how many school children or people in Australia know anything about the Australian engineer, without whose thrust block the modern battleship or the gigantic Cunarder would not have been possible?

There are many other Australian engineers whose inventions have not been recognised nor even mentioned in the annals of engineering history. This lack of recognition is deplorable from a national standpoint.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL FOR 1937

Your Council has pleasure in submitting its Annual Report:

Five meetings of Council and five General Meetings were held during the session.

At the General Meetings the following papers were contributed, and elicited interesting and valuable discussions:

"Diesel Engine Lubrication." Presidential Address by F. C. Hall.


"Notes on Calorifiers," by G. E. Gamble.
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