

With regard to manuscripts submitted, your Chairman has insisted that in order to secure a position on the program proper the paper must not savor of advertising. In the past it has not been possible to adhere strictly to this rule, but the inclusion of the manufacturers' session makes it possible now to separate papers of an advertising nature from those which deal with pure research or which are of an educational nature. Also, many manufacturers have previously hesitated to submit papers describing their apparatus in view of the stigma usually attached to such papers when placed on the program of a scientific society.

Another innovation is the extra half-day session on Thursday afternoon and the reservation of many of the more important papers until Thursday. This has been done deliberately with a view to encouraging the members to stay throughout the entire convention. The number of papers allotted to each session has been strictly limited so as to permit ample time for discussion.

Popular abstracts of 90% of the papers have been handed over to the Chairman of the Publicity Committee.

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REPORT OF PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

Considering the comparatively brief period that has elapsed since the last report was submitted, little has transpired that calls for another. No. 29, Vol. XI., of the Transactions appeared ten weeks after the Spring meeting closed, though publication was delayed two weeks by special request. Under the existing, somewhat cumbersome method of handling the discussions, it would seem that about eight weeks is the shortest time in which the Transactions can be issued. Whether it is worth while to attempt to curtail this still more is an open question. But it may be of interest to draw attention to the fact that another society has published its journal, running to over 420 pages, three weeks after the close of the meeting of which it was the report.

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