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THE PRESIDENT: One of the most important things to come before us is the report of the Committee of Tellers on the election of officers for the coming year. I have the report before me and now call upon the Secretary to read it.

(The Secretary here read the report of the Committee of Tellers on election of officers).

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THE PRESIDENT: In accordance with the ballots cast as reported by your Committee of Tellers I declare Mr. L. A. Ferguson elected President for the ensuing year. (Applause). I also declare Mr. D. C. Chesney, Mr. Calvert Townley and Mr. B. Gherardi elected Vice Presidents for the ensuing year. For Managers, Mr. D. C. Rushmore, Prof. Clifford, Mr. Stone and Mr. Carlton. For Treasurer, Mr. George A. Hamilton has been elected; for Secretary, Mr. Pope. (Applause)

Gentlemen, before calling upon the authors of the papers to-night I want to just say one or two words about the meeting which took place last week in Washington which I attended representing the American Institute of Electrical Engineers.

Some three or four months ago you may recall that the President of the United States issued invitations to the Governors of the States who were to be accompanied by their technical advisers to attend a conference upon the conservation of the natural resources of the Country. He also invited the Presidents of the four National Engineering Societies -- The American Society of Civil Engineers, The American Society of Mechanical Engineers, The American Institute of Mining Engineers, and The American Institute of Electrical Engineers -- to attend that conference.

The conference opened last week, and I think from every point of view was a wonderful success and probably marks an era in the history of this Country. The impression one gained, in spite of all the newspapers said, was that there was absolutely no politics in the movement at all. Every man seemed to be imbued with the sense of the most intense patriotism and nothing else; and the only one who made any movement whatsoever that indicated politics, was sat on so thoroughly and so satisfactorily that he was not heard from again. It was to me the most impressive meeting I ever attended. Incidentally I think the engineers of this Country are to be congratulated upon the results. The four Presidents of the Societies mentioned held a number of meetings, and as a result of these meetings, drafted a set of resolutions for presentation to this conference in the hope that they might be adopted. These resolutions, which will appear in our transactions next month, were very broad and practically consisted of recommending the appointment by the various States and the Federal Government of Technical Commissions to investigate the whole circumstances in connection with each State and National Territory, and the further suggestion that another conference be called when those Commissions were ready to report. The Committee on Resolutions did not report our resolutions as we handed them in; but if you take the resolutions which were adopted and analyze them, you will find that practically every suggestion we indicated was adopted. I think that the engineers of this Country are to be congratulated upon having had such a wonderful influence on the conference. The last resolution, which was not acted upon, was that a National Department of Public Works should be created to take charge of all engineering work, because a Bill had just been introduced in Congress covering the same subject, which it is hoped will pass during the next session. (Applause).