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Dear Mr. Chase:

After reading the several letters and articles published concerning the proposed merger of AIEE and IRE, I feel obligated to pass on to you some of my own observations.

There are individuals who exercise their right to criticize the proposed merger. I find that some of these members are interested only in protecting their own pet projects; others really strain a point to belabor differences in the proposed constitution of IEEE as compared to the constitution of AIEE. I am sure any intelligent individual could easily point out inequities and undesirable features in the present constitutions of either AIEE or IRE.

Those of us who must keep up to date with technological developments should strive to modernize ourselves with respect to organizational philosophies and tune ourselves to the arts as well as the sciences.

I believe the more important factors to consider regarding the merger are as follows:

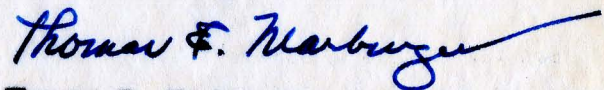
1. These two organizations belong together.
2. The merger should take place promptly.
3. Top level committees have dealt with the important and significant items of consolidation.
4. Men of high esteem, who hold the respect of the engineering profession through their positions in industry, institutions, or government are guiding the merger; it is in good hands.
5. An honest effort is being made to get the best out of AIEE and IRE and put it into IEEE.
6. As individuals we should digest the literature pertaining to the proposed IEEE and ask ourselves, "Is this the kind of organization I wish to be a member of in which I can make a contribution to my profession, and would this organization help me to be a better engineer?"



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7. No one should attempt to tell someone else how to vote. Members in the grades who are privileged to vote are, I am sure, intelligent enough to make up their own minds.
8. Every effort should be made to "get out the vote".
9. If those who are spending a lot of time looking for flaws, and using their opinions to solicit unfavorable votes, would apply the same efforts to perfecting the new organization, the job would be completed sooner and a better organization would be the result.
10. After the voting members have made a decision, personal differences and non-constructive criticisms should be discarded, and we should work toward the best possible organization for all electrical engineers.

Sincerely yours,



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