

## JUBILEE OF THE ENGINEERING ASSOCIATION OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

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Having been inaugurated on September 24th, 1870, and continuously in operation as a separate body till accepted as a foundation society of the Institution of Engineers, Australia, on August 1st, 1919, but still maintaining its entity until the actual dissolution by virtue of having no funds or property at its disposal (the method by which this act was to be carried out not having been considered up to this date), the Engineering Association would enter upon its fiftieth year on September 24th, 1920.

The committee elected to record the memoirs of the Association, and comprising Messrs. James Vicars, William Poole, J. G. Lancaster and James McNamara, recommended to the Council: "That as the date of the jubilee falls upon Friday, September 24th, 1920, a date somewhere near to that of the Council meeting of the Institution of Engineers, Australia, in Sydney, it is suggested that their meeting be brought forward so as to coincide with the period, thus allowing the visiting members and delegates from other States to be present at the Commemoration.

"2. That some function, preferably a dinner, be set down for the evening of that date, to which it is suggested that invitations be sent out to various gentlemen whom the Council considered interested in the function.

"3. That as the function will take place during a week-end, it is further suggested that an excursion be arranged for the Saturday, either for the whole or part of the day.

"4. That in order to enable members and others to express themselves at this period, a speech evening might be possibly set down for the Thursday, September 23rd, the eve of the jubilee."

After some discussion the three following resolutions were adopted:—

“1. That it is desirable to celebrate the jubilee anniversary of the Engineering Association of N.S.W., and at the same time to recognise the inauguration of the Sydney Division of the Institution of Engineers of Australia, that some function be carried out.

“2. That the recommendations of the Memoirs Committee be adopted *en globo*.

“3. That in order to put the foregoing into effect the Committee of the Sydney Division be invited to co-operate, and suggest that they appoint two or three representatives to act with a committee to be formed by this Council.”

The Committee chosen from this Council consisted of—

Mr. Jas. Vicars (President),  
 Mr. Wm. Poole,  
 Mr. D. F. J. Harricks,  
 Mr. W. Reeks, and  
 Mr. J. M. McNamara.

The following letter was therefore despatched to all members of the Association:—

THE INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS,  
 AUSTRALIA.

Sydney Division.

5 Elizabeth Street, Sydney.

September 1st, 1920.

Dear, Sir,

In order to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Engineering Association of N.S.W., and to celebrate the Inauguration of the Institution of Engineers, Australia, it has been decided to hold a Dinner and Speech Evening at the Burlington Cafe, George Street, Sydney, on September 24th, at 6.45 p.m.

The Tickets for the Evening will be 12/6 each. If it is your intention to be present, will you please fill in the accompanying slip and remit the amount to

The Honorary Secretary,  
Sydney Division,  
5 Elizabeth Street, City.

J. McNAMARA.

Hon. Sec., Commemoration Committee.

The function was a signal success, for in addition to about 150 members there were present the Minister for Education, the Chief Railway Commissioner, the President of the Council of the Institution of Engineers, Australia, Chairman of the several Divisions then present in Sydney at the meeting of Council, and several past Presidents of the Engineering Association, also Messrs. J. P. Franki and A. J. Goldsmith, two original members of the Engineering Association in 1870, and several very old members who, although having retired from active interest in the Association, yet always had its welfare at heart. All present expressed the feeling that in becoming a Foundation Society of the Institution of Engineers, Australia, that the Association had made a progressive step, and that the future of the engineering profession in Australia held out prospects of mutual advancement and a spirit of good fellowship to engineers of all grades.

