

Current Comments.

It is a very happy augury for the Association of Engineers to agree to accept Industrial Corporate Membership (I. C. M.). The decision at the Annual General Meeting has not come a moment too soon. There was a time when, industrialists were identified with financiers, and business magnates were categorised on the basis of balance sheet. The time has changed. Now, we have undertakings and entrepreneurs. Ace engineers are exploring new avenues for enriching themselves and the country. The professional organisations of Engineers will be benefited by the association of engineers in industries as industrialists and not necessarily in service under industrialists. The Royal Society in England which was not open to engineers, has now decided to admit engineers. The Association of Engineers has done well to associate Industrialists with the organisation.

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The Association of Engineers, being the oldest India-based organisation is expected to do something for the know-how of the country. Government have opened various training courses for raising the standard of know-how. There is room for activities for writing text books for them, for bringing them under one fold to develop their latent talents by association with more sophisticated technologists and engineers; for editing a journal for them to enable them to exchange their views. Govt may entrust the Association of Engineers to launch the programme.

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The Commonwealth Engineering Societies Conference is scheduled to be held in India this year. Strange enough, the London office has not yet communicated with the Association of Engineers, the oldest India-based organisation of Indian engineers on the topic. London die-hards may put up a show in collaboration with organisations which hold their Queen's charter, but this Association being the India-based body, registered in India, will dissociate with such a show, to expose the unrepresentative character.