

Report of Proceedings at the Extraordinary Meeting of the Institution held at the Engineers' Club, Coventry Street, W.1. on 23rd July, 1925.

Mr H B Molesworth in the Chair.

FIFTEEN MEMBERS ATTENDED

1 The Notice convening the Extraordinary Meeting was taken as read

2 THE CHAIRMAN moved

THAT the Objects and Rules of the Institution be altered by striking out the following Clause

To amalgamate with any other Society or Institution having objects wholly or partly similar to the Institution

A discussion ensued as follows

MR WINGFIELD —I move that the following words be added to this Clause, and that it then be retained " Provided that no steps shall be taken without the consent of a General Meeting " I think it is desirable that the Clause should be retained, because, although there can be no question of amalgamation yet, it might be found desirable at some future time to amalgamate with some other body

THE HON SECRETARY —The reason for striking it out was that it seems an unsafe " object " Suppose at some time the Council was not quite in agreement with the membership, and an Extraordinary Meeting was called at which the members could not attend A packed meeting could be arranged

for, and in that way the matter could be got through when it was perhaps not desirable

MR BRAMSON —If this Clause is struck out, does it debar us from absorbing any other Society, which, I presume, would be the same thing as amalgamation?

THE HON SECRETARY —We can always put this clause into the Objects and Rules again whenever we require it for business concerning amalgamation, and it will be the first portion of the business, as it was at the last Extraordinary Meeting

MR HOULBERG —I would like to point out that the whole of the negotiations in connection with the late proposition to amalgamate with another society, were carried out before this Clause was added to our Objects and Rules

THE CHAIRMAN then put the motion to the vote that the Clause be struck out, and it was carried unanimously

3 THE CHAIRMAN moved

THAT the Objects and Rules of the Institution be further altered by striking out Clauses 11 and 16(a) and substituting the following Rules therefor

11 There shall be an Annual Subscription graded and payable as under

By Members with Honours Diploma,	Three Guineas
Members and Associate Members	Two-and-a-half Guineas
„ Associates	Ten Shillings and Sixpence
„ Students	
„ Overseas Members with Honours Diploma, Overseas Members, Overseas Associate Members, and Overseas Associates	One-and-a half Guineas
„ Overseas Students	Ten Shillings and Sixpence

The Annual Subscription of Overseas Members, Associates and Students herein mentioned shall be retained by the Institution. Such Members, Associates and Students shall in addition pay such further subscription to their local branch as the Committee of such branch may fix. The Financial Year of the Institution shall run from the January 1st to December 31st in each year. All subscriptions shall be payable in advance. Should any Member, Associate or Student fail to pay his Annual Subscription within twelve months from the date when the same became due, the Council may accept such non-payment as a sign that the particular Member, Associate or Student has resigned from the In-

stitution, and cause his name to be removed from the Register. Provided that the Secretary shall send to the last-known address of such Member, Associate or Student at least fourteen days' notice of the intention of the Council before the preceding rule can take effect. Provided further that the Council may, at the request of such Member, Associate or Student, at any time within three months of such removal as aforesaid, reinstate his name upon such terms as shall seem to them just.

16(a) The Institution shall be governed by a Council to be elected at the Annual General Meeting, consisting of one President, two Vice-Presidents, and not less than nine and not more than thirty Members, Associate Members and Associates. The number of Associate Members upon the Council shall not exceed one-third of the total membership of the Council. The number of Associates upon the Council shall not exceed two.

That Clause 16(b) be altered by striking out the word "and" between the word "Members" and the word "Associate," and by the addition of the words "and Associates" between the word "Members" and the word "of" in line 1,

And that Clause 18(a) be altered by striking out the word "and" between the word "Members" and the word "Associate" in line 2, and by the addition of the words "and Associates" between the word "Members" and the word "and" in line 3.

DISCUSSION

MR EVANS —It does not seem to me quite right that Members and Associate Members should both have to pay the same amount of subscription. In most Institutions the higher grades are expected to pay more. I suggest Members should pay 3½ guineas, Associate Members 2½, and Associates 2.

THE HON SECRETARY —With regard to the alterations in subscription, at the last Extraordinary Meeting the Council agreed to carry on if the subscriptions were put up to £3 3s, and it was felt by some that it would therefore be unwise to put them at any higher figure. It is impossible to carry on unless the level of £3 3s is decided upon, so it was kept at that figure. Mr Manning, who is unable to be present to-night, suggests an amendment of the last sentence of the Clause now under discussion, which at present reads "Provided further that the Council may, at the request of such Member, Associate or Student at any time within three months of such removal as aforesaid, reinstate his name upon such terms as shall seem to them just." He