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### COMMENT

THE papers and discussions at the Syracuse meet-  
ing, printed in this issue, are testimony to the ex-  
cellence of the meeting. Every paper was of a high  
quality and inspired discussion of a corresponding qual-  
ity by an audience thoroughly representative of progres-  
sive managements. In addition to representatives of  
local industries there were registered 187 representatives  
of plants in other cities—some from as far west as  
Indianapolis. The reputation of the Taylor Society  
as offering programs packed with content both inspira-  
tional and substantial was unquestionably enhanced.  
Without exception the comments of members and  
guests who were present were highly gratifying.

WE believe the following courteous editorial in  
*Chemical and Metallurgical Engineering* (June  
18, 1923; p. 1058) is a fair statement of the reaction of  
most of those who were in attendance at the meeting:

### AN INTEGRATED SOCIETY CONVENTION

The recent spring meeting of the Taylor Society was  
one of the most enjoyable affairs of this nature that it  
has ever been our fortune to attend. One came away  
from this convention stimulated—with a feeling that  
something of true worth had taken place in which it was  
a privilege to participate. Comparing this feeling with  
the reactions caused by many gatherings of a like na-  
ture, one is moved to question wherein the difference  
lay. The usual feeling one takes away from such a  
meeting is of a mind in chaos, overcrowded with a  
heterogeneous mass of ill-digested facts.

The difference is just this, and it is one that many  
other technical societies could well mark: The Taylor  
Society's program was a unit. It was composed of dif-  
ferent subjects—true; but each of these subjects was  
so chosen that it threw a searchlight beam on the main  
topic. By the discussion of a series of closely coordi-  
nated parts of the management problem its significance  
to industry was placed in a clearer and better light for  
all who attended.

IT is usually only in connection with Society business  
meetings that the Taylor Society introduces into its  
programs such social or quasi-social elements as ban-  
quets and luncheon meetings; the principle being that  
the meeting is primarily a gathering of progressive  
executives, interested in better management and at-  
tracted to the Society meetings as a business proposi-  
tion—meetings where management substance is offered  
and where more new ideas concerning better manage-  
ment can be got within a few days than can be got in  
the same time elsewhere or in any other way. In this  
connection an interesting story was related to us during  
the Syracuse meeting: A young executive who had  
recently joined the Society had taken his program of  
the meeting to his general manager with the tactful  
suggestion that that meeting might be worth sending  
him to. The general manager looked the program over  
deliberately and thoroughly, and replied: "That is a  
good program; there's real stuff in it; you'd better plan  
to go; and look here—do you notice there isn't a d—d  
banquet or luncheon meeting in it; there is a society  
which apparently has learned something!" Members  
must have some time for personal business.