

THE SOCIETY OF INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERS,
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New York.

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Dr. H. S. Person,
Taylor Society,
29 West 39th St.,
New York City.

Dear Dr. Person:

I am sorry to have been delayed in writing you since our pleasant conversation on Friday.

The possibility of a joint meeting of the Taylor Society, the Management Section of the A.S.M.E. and the Society of Industrial Engineers has come up frequently in the past months and the idea has met with favor in every instance, all three societies being represented among those with whom I have talked.

In accordance with your request I give here a tentative suggestion which is offered not as a definite program, but something about which our ideas might begin to crystallize.

My thought would be a single meeting, preferably but not necessarily in the Fall, preferably in New York City, the general subject of the meeting to be agreed upon by representatives of the three societies in conference and the three societies to join in the program, upon such basis as might be decided by the joint committee. Possibly the subject of the meeting might be divided into three main divisions and each society supply the papers for a division, each one taking say one of three days. The expense of the convention to be divided between the three societies and the full joint program to be sent out to the members of each of the societies, as each may see fit.

My own feeling is strongly in favor of the meeting. It should be distinctly engineering in character and I feel that with the resources of the three organizations, each taking part, there is every reason to believe that a stronger program could be presented than would be probable by any one individually. Such a meeting need be no precedent nor in any way commit any of the societies as to future meetings. I think that we both agree that there is a field of usefulness for each of the three societies, but that these fields overlap to a certain extent. Where they overlap I see no reason why we cannot, from time to time, cooperate to good advantage. Not only would such a meeting cost less than three separate meetings, but it should cost less to each society than a separate one would and it would be a distinct saving to the considerable number of engineers who are members of more than one society and are accustomed to attend the meetings of all. I have heard this point emphasized a number of times. I have already had a very favorable reaction to this suggestion from Mr. Alford, speaking for the Management Society of the A.S.M.E., and if the idea meets with the approval of the Taylor Society in principle, I shall be very glad to help in arranging for a conference to see whether the details of the suggestion might be worked out in a more concrete form.

I can assure you of the most cordial cooperation of this Society.

Yours very truly

Joseph W. Roe.