The range of such elective studies of a liberal character which the institution offers its students is an extensive one; and one only in our direction does this number of courses seem to need much widening. We have, unfortunately, no history of lectures on philosophy, politics, or sociology; and I would again like to urge your attention the desirability of having such liberal and important subjects established at the Institute through a special department or by direct provision in the budget for the payment of teachers for a period of years.

The idea of a four-year course makes provision for those students who desire to secure a training in any field of engineering or scientific work. The study of electrical and mechanical engineering, and the training of engineers in construction, mining engineering, and geology, etc., is of course greatly increased in importance. One who has taken the training of a professional engineer in the four-year course is so well prepared for the duties of a professional career.

I believe it is desirable that the first and second years of the professional school be devoted to the study of the general subjects of liberal education, and that the students should afterwards be enabled to prepare, under the guidance of their instructors, for the study of the technical subjects. It is desirable also that the students should be enabled to study the technical subjects in such a way as to secure a thorough knowledge of the subject and to be able to apply it in practice.

One of the most important features of the new plan is the extension of the opportunities for the study of physical science, which has been developed by the Institute along the lines of the program. The study of physical science is now extended to the third and fourth years, and the students are enabled to secure a thorough knowledge of the subject and to be able to apply it in practice.

In conclusion, I wish to say that the new plan of study is designed to secure a thorough knowledge of the subject and to be able to apply it in practice. The students are enabled to secure a thorough knowledge of the subject and to be able to apply it in practice.

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