

## Current Comments

We have noted that there was no engineer in the Honours list on the occasion of nineteenth Republic day and there has been none on the twentieth Independence day. And Indian Engineers must have progress, prosperity and potentiality. Plain living for Engineers and high thinking for the Government!

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The Calcutta University has just completed the election of deans of various faculties, under the new Act and we hope that the university would steer clear with renewed vigour. To the dean of engineering faculty, in particular, we have two suggestions :

1. In the engineering services examinations, held under U.P.S.C; the boys of Calcutta university are not faring well, in comparison with boys of other universities. Could the university do anything or could it induce the constituent college (B. E. College) to adopt any tangible measure to help and guide the boys to achieve the desired position in this all-India competition. What is said of the engineering examination, may hold good for administrative service examination as well.

2. There are many aspiring students among the Diploma holders from the polytechnics and technical schools, who desire to augment their theoretical education and status in the professional sphere. The Jadavpur University has opened a part-time evening course for the diploma holders, to enable them to qualify for the degree examination. The seats are, however, limited and many aspirants cannot fulfill their desire to qualify for university degree. We would urge the premier university in the country to take bold steps in the matter and open the doors of this university to engineering diploma holders of the country. In England, 50% of the engineers are "external" graduates. We look to the West on many occasions for inspiration and in this particular case, we can safely introduce the "external" examination for B.E. degree. This will bring revenue to the university apart from fulfilling the cherished desire of diploma holders. We trust the university will be bold enough to adopt the measure.

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Elsewhere is published an announcement of Engineering conference. Engineers have variagated problems and it is a happy augury that they would meet on a common platform. Some points of comimon interest which they might consider in the subject committee are : 1. Registration of engineers ; 2. formation of Indian Engineering Council on the lines of Engineering Council of England and America ; 3. Recognition of professional Engineering bod<sup>l</sup>es ; 4. Starting of "external" examination for engineering degree in Indian univrsities.