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Editorial Notes

Cement storage effect :

Our last issue contains an article by Sri N. K. Das entitled, "*Effects of Storing Cement for long periods and necessity for standardisation,*" which could not be referred to in the editorial notes.

It deserves special attention as it refers to a matter of great national importance to the country in regard to the economy and safety of its structures.

In that article particulars are given of reduction of strength in storage. This should be taken into account in design of structures; and every step possible must be taken to ensure that the time elapsed in storage is known to the designer of the structure. The author gives suggestions as to how this can be done.

Afro-Asian Housing Congress at Cairo :

An Afro-Asian Housing Congress was held at Cairo from the 7th December to the 12th December 1963. An invitation to attend the Congress was forwarded to the Association of Engineers by the Government of India and the Association was represented by Sri K. C. Roy, M.A.E., who has kindly favoured us with a report of the proceedings.

The report is published in this issue.

Welding :

The use of welding has now become very common! But there still exists among welders some fallacious ideas as to proper methods of welding. A few of those were dealt with by Sri S. V. Nadkarni, technical adviser to Advani Oerlikon in a lecture delivered at the Indian Branch of the Inst. of welding (London) at Calcutta on 1st October 1963, some notes from which are published in this issue.