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Editorial Notes

1962. Outlook:

We commence this year in a spirit of bright hopes for the future. A new enthusiasm is apparent among both our new and old members in fostering the aims and objects of this glorious association which has steadily worked its way undaunted through neglect and apathy to a growing recognition of its utility and integrity. The profession of engineering has received the recognition of politicians and Ministries of the state. There is an increasing demand for entry into membership of the technical institutions and applicants for membership of our association is on the increase.

This country is fast changing from the category of an importer to that of an exporter of finished goods. Manufactured goods of high quality are being exported even to countries from which it had formerly imported.

New Industries are being set up and steps are under way for promotion of export.

Efforts are also being made to promote small industries. These are however suffering under some difficulties. We have in this issue an article by Mr. P. S. Kothari dealing with the problems of small scale paper industry.

The City of Calcutta, being the most densely populated of all the cities in this country, still holds our interest and we have therefore included an article on the surfacing of its roads, presented by one of the officers of the Calcutta Corporation, Sri Sukumar Mitra, acting Superintendent, asphaltum department. We are sure the article will be read with interest.