



**W.H. Collison**  
President, 1956

W.H. Collison, plant superintendent, blast furnaces and coke works, Great Lakes Steel Corp., Ecorse, Mich., graduated in 1926 from the University of Cincinnati with a degree in chemical engineering. His course at the university was a cooperative one in which he worked part of the time in the coke plant of Crucible Steel Co. during two years prior to his graduation. Upon graduation, he continued services at this plant until 1927 when he went to work for the Central Alloy Steel Corp. at Massillon, Ohio, as a heater

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in the coke plant. He was soon promoted to turn foreman. His next job was with the Pure Oil Co., in Marcus Hook, Pa., as a chemist. When Great Lakes Steel Corp.'s new coke plant went into operation Mr. Collison went to Detroit as a boss heater. He progressed rapidly through the steps of assistant superintendent and superintendent of the coke works, and ultimately blast furnaces, to his present position.

### **The President's Message**

We enter the year 1956 in a period of high prosperity, fraught with problems of increasing population and expanding business activity.

In the steel industry, problems of production schedules, of quality, of maintenance, of costs, of raw materials, of plant expansion and of developing men with steelmaking know-how are subjects of discussion wherever steel men meet.

There is need to develop

the new technical graduate, but with the shortage of such men it is also imperative that the latent abilities of the man without technical training be developed. With a program of activities designed to advance the engineering and operating practices of the industry, the Association of Iron and Steel Engineers has before it, in these circumstances, an opportunity, a challenge and a duty.

It is my belief that the office to which you have elected me should be regarded as an opportunity to serve—to serve both the membership and the industry. I must depend upon the entire membership, committee men and officers, to give your support generously as you have in the past.

We look forward to a most active year of the Association.

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President, AISE