In Memoriam

It is with an overwhelming sense of loss that we announce the death, on November 16th, of John Fredrick Kelly, Managing Director of the Association of Iron and Steel Electrical Engineers and Editor of the Iron and Steel Engineer.

He was born in McKeesport, Pa., November 25th, 1880, and lived in the Pittsburgh district all his life. In his early years, before becoming associated with the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Company, he was connected with various steel plants in this district. In 1909 he left the Westinghouse Company where he was employed in the office of manager of works, to go to the electrical department of the National Tube Company at McKeesport. In 1917 he was elected National Secretary of the Association of Iron and Steel Electrical Engineers. In 1918 he left the National Tube Company and established A. I. & S. E. E. offices in Pittsburgh. He was later made Managing Director of the Association and Editor of the Iron and Steel Engineer.

Mr. Kelly was one of the best known figures in the Iron and Steel Industry. He knew and studied the Industry from every angle. This knowledge and experience he used to build the A. I. & S. E. E. to its present prominent position among the National Engineering Societies. In his long career with the Association, and under his guidance, the Iron and Steel Engineer was founded as well as the Combustion, Lubrication, Mechanical and Welding Divisions. The original Electrical Division was founded in 1907. It was his dream and ambition that the Association should answer every engineering need in the Iron and Steel Industry. Toward the achievement of that result he labored unceasingly and tirelessly.

He is gone – our friend, counselor and associate; true we have memories, fond and wonderful memories of him, but even they cannot quiet the ache in the hearts of all of us.