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The President's Message

The problem of satisfying the requirements of armament programs, placed on top of a quickening civilian consumption, puts a burden on the iron and steel industry in which the best efforts may not be good enough. Many expansion plans have been announced; some are in progress. But while the majority of these expansions are still in project form, it is necessary for the steel

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plant operators and engineers to do a better job with what they already have. This method of increasing production carries the advantage that less time and money are required than for new construction. It is gratifying to note that this type of expansion has been quietly proceeding, and has already shown concrete results in the form of increased production.

It is also gratifying to know that the Association of Iron and Steel Engineers, through the medium of our technical meetings and standardization work, our publications and exposition, has been of material aid in this program. The Iron and Steel Engineer ranks foremost among journals devoted to the production of iron and steel. The yearly proceedings form a reference library of incalculable value. Our new modern publication, *The Modern Strip Mill*, is an important contribution to steel

plant literature. The Iron and Steel Exposition has become a vital tradition in the industry. The latest developments in equipment used by the industry are displayed here, and their merits and uses explained and demonstrated by experts from the builders of the equipment.

Through these various activities, which are made possible entirely by the efforts of its members, the Association has rendered invaluable assistance to the iron and steel industry. Now, as never before, it is our duty to increase this assistance, and your President asks the full cooperation of each and every member to this end. Your President further pledges the Association to aid our country in the present emergency to the limit of our abilities.