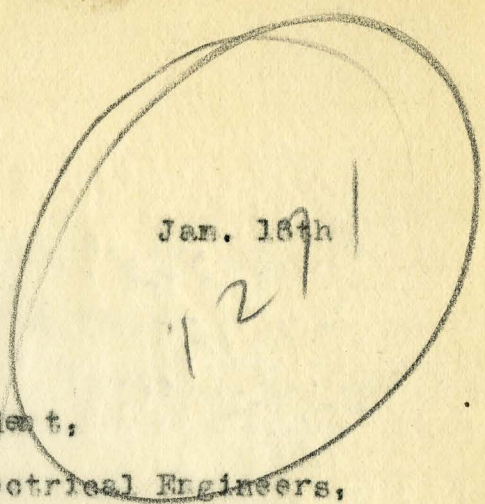


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Dr. Schuyler Skeats Wheeler, President,
American Institute of Electrical Engineers,
#95 Liberty Street, New York City.

Dear Dr. Wheeler:

I enclose herewith for your consideration a letter, dated Jan. 16th, from Mr. H. G. Stott to me, as Chairman of Editing Committee, relating to the editing of his remarks at the December meeting of the Institute. In order that you may better understand the whole situation which served as the basis for his letter, I send with it a copy of the original stenographer's notes of Mr. Stott's remarks, with the editorial work and suggestions thereon in red ink, all exactly as received and complained of by him; and a copy of the letter from me that went with the notes. Furthermore, I send you a copy of my reply to the letter of Jan. 16th.

Mr. Stott announces his intention of bringing the matter of editing the notes to the attention of the Board of Directors at its next meeting, which I hope he will do, so that a well defined issue on an important phase of the editing work may be raised for the Board to settle.

By reading the correspondence in connection with my remarks on the work of the Editing Committee, accompanying my resignation, dated Jan. 15th, you will be in a position to deal with this matter in the light of the facts, when it

comes before the Board.

I leave the matter in your hands; and have nothing to say about it at present, other than to refer to the unfortunate language in which Mr. Stott, while in passion, has seen fit to couch his letter.

I cannot imagine the President of the Institute treating a letter addressed to him by a member on the tone of Mr. Stott's letter, if it were expressed in the usual language of polite business correspondence.

I should imagine the President either would ignore the communication, or else would politely acknowledge its receipt, and say that in view of its tone no reply could be made until a letter in proper language was received, and possibly, not until proper amends for the insult were made.

Now, no member has a right to insult the other officers of the Institute more than he has to insult its President.

Personally, I should expect it to be the sense of the Board that the Editing Committee is at liberty to take reasonable and discreet measures to maintain its dignity.

The Editing Committee has been insulted more than once in letters addressed to the Chairman, which has been passed over, in order if possible, to accomplish certain results for the good of the Institute; but I for one could not permit it to continue and maintain my self-respect. I have known of instances where another committee of the Institute has disciplined parties that did not keep their

correspondence within polite bounds.

I think it unfortunate that you and I have not yet had a personal consultation on matters in general relating to editorial affairs. I once requested a consultation, but received no reply thereto. I now urgently repeat the request.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Chas. F. Clarke

Chairman, Editing Committee.