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PHILADELPHIA, PA.

May 4th., 1921.

Mr. F. L. Hutchinson,  
Sec'y. A. I. E. E.  
33 W. 39th. St.  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Hutchinson:--

In a letter to me from Mr. Martindale, Chmn. Membership Committee, he asked me to write to you, "if I am temporarily in financial difficulty".

I am. So, here goes!

Since Armistice Day I have lost all of my sources of income--one after another.-- by fall in prices of my accumulation of mining stocks, and failures to receive dividends, as formerly, from them; etc., etc. These mishaps have brought my nose close to the grindstone.

I will be 83 years of age next 14th. of July. While I have the physical ability to do certain kinds of expert engineering work, age seems to be a matter of consideration with possible employers.

Simply, I am unable to pay my dues to the Institute, at present, at least. But I have promises of employment as soon as financial and other business become better, or normal.

In thinking over my connection with the Institute, from its inception by me in the Spring Of 1884; my labors in getting together the two hundred or more, charter members; and of the continuous attention and work I gave to it during several months of that year; I often wonder why I have never received any formal recognition of my services during the "borning."

Be that as it may:-- I can't pay up now. I am in the hands of the Institute, and, of course, will abide by it's judgment.

Accept my cordial thanks, and personal regards.

Yours sincerely,

*N. S. Keith.*

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May 11, 1921.

Mr. N. S. Keith,  
351 Bullitt Building,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Keith:-

Your letter of the 4th instant has come to my attention, and I shall take pleasure in bringing it to the attention of the Finance Committee at its next meeting, with my recommendation to the effect that you be relieved from further payment of dues in the Institute. This action has been taken in a few other cases, and no one deserves to be released from the payment of further dues more than your own good self.

With best regards, and hoping that you will drop in and see me the next time you are in New York, I am

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

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*From  
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May 23, 1921.

Mr. N. S. Keith,  
351 Bullitt Building,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Keith:-

With further reference to your letter of the 4th instant, I take pleasure in advising you that upon the matter being brought to the attention of the Finance Committee of the Institute at a meeting held Friday morning, the Committee immediately recommended that your name be kept upon the membership list with full privileges and without the payment of dues, thus insuring the continued receipt by you of the Institute publications. This recommendation was promptly approved by the Directors at a meeting held Friday afternoon.

With best regards and hoping that you will call upon me if you are in New York at any time in the near future, I am

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

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W. H. FLUKER,  
Supt. at Thomson, Ga.

Philadelphia, Pa., May 31st., 1921.



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F. L. Hutchingson, Sec'y.  
Amer. Inst. Elec. Eng'rs.  
New York, N. Y.

Friend Hutchinson:--

I thank you very much for your kindly letter, dated May 23rd., 1921; relative to the action of the Finance Committee, and of the Directors of the Institute with regard to my Membership, and the Dues.

I appreciate very much your offices in the matter, also the concessions by the Committee and the Directors.

Please convey at some opportune time my thanks to all concerned.

And believe me to be

Yours truly,

*N. S. Keith*

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