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AN OBITUARY

It is with almost uncontrollable grief that we are here forced to record the passing of a faithful friend. During the past ten years one of the best beloved of our constant associates, one of the least complaining in times of stress, one of those most willing to bear the burden of the daily tasks connected with a great Society like our's, a character in short without human failings.

Let us therefore gather in solemn conclave, humble in spirit, to do honor and to pay tribute to the now sacred memory of Union Connecting No. 101 slain by a foul fiend with several dastardly strokes of the brush.

As her whistle echos in the canyons of the Mountain Division let Engine #3747 remember her illustrious predecessor and carry forth her records and traditions to new glories.

THE NINTH ANNUAL EXHIBITION

As has been the hallowed custom, from exhibition #1, nearly all the models for the Show arrived at the last moment and the commercial exhibitors did not arrive, with few exceptions until the Show was well under way. From a harsh critical viewpoint the Show this year presented a very poor appearance due to the sloppyness of the commercial men. The amateur exhibits were extremely well varied and contained much fine workmanship.

Excellent cooperation was recieved from the metropolitan press, going as far as to arraignge for a fifteen minute broadcast over station WMCA and the Intercity Chain. The Model Craftsman Publishing Corp. deserves special commendation for the excellent handling of the Bulletin which was published by them.

It is still too early to estimate the total attendance but it at least, according to the record to date, should equal that of last year.

A NEW YEAR BEGINS

The end of this month marks the beginning of a new year and we feel that we cannot let this pass without a word of commendation for the Officers of the Society. To Mr. Grimke, we extend special congratulations. Now a Life Member of the Society, we feel that he has certainly earned this distinction by faithful service in nearly every capacity since the inception of the organization some twelve years ago.

In general we have had a successful year. A Society cannot standstill and therefore more work than ever before must be done if we are to hold our enviable position as the foremost of the model societies.