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FUTURE EDITIONS

November 1980 – Special Issue No. 2.

Will be devoted to the subject of computers and the construction industry, in particular the Quantity Surveyors. Articles, members' views and equipment will be covered.

IMPORTANT DATES

20th October 1980 – Resit examinations –
all subjects

7th November 1980 – Annual Dinner

7th November 1980 – Branches' Conference

COMMENT

“No profit grows where is no pleasure taken. In brief, sir, study what you most fancy.”

So said William Shakespeare (or very nearly). The old adage which suggests that only medicine which tastes revolting can do you any good is not true and probably never was. Obviously, it is far better to enjoy something which will be of benefit.

It is with this thought that we come to that part of the year, the end of cricket, the beginning of football and rugby and the start of the season known to many of us as “I’ve got an examination early next year, so I’d better get down to it.” The universities, polytechnics and colleges up and down the country are ‘welcoming’ their new students and renewing their acquaintance with old ones. There are young students and mature students—part time courses and full time courses—seminars, workshops, symposia, conferences. The choice is endless, the mix infinite. Why do we do it? Why do we masochistically register for yet another year, for yet another course?:

Because it’s there
Increase our knowledge
Improve our status
Keep up to date
Catch up
More money
Nothing better to do
Get away from the wife (girl friend,
mother-in-law . . .).

Whatever the reason(s), whatever the motivation, at the end of the day we should have gained. Likewise, the industry and the industry’s clients should have gained.

The world is changing more rapidly than at any time in the past. We need to change with it. We need to know what it is all about. We need to know more and more about more and more or do the other thing.

To those who have already “arrived” we say explore, expand and improve.

To those who are already “on the way” (including all those “looking forward” to next March) we say good luck!

To those who haven’t started, we say what’s keeping you?

To you all, we say, if you want knowledge, go and get it (or get someone who has it to share it with you).