



Figure 6-1. ASCE Centennial Commemorative Stamp and First-Day Cover

anniversary, the Post Office Department issued a special commemorative stamp during the Chicago Convocation. The stamp compared a typical 1852 wagon bridge with the George Washington Bridge in New York City, and it portrayed George Washington as a pioneer of civil engineering. An official engraved cover was provided for first-day mailing of the commemorative stamp (Figure 6-1).

Society Publications

When James P. Kirkwood assumed office as the second President of ASCE immediately following its rebirth in 1867, he lost no time in calling for services that would ensure the permanence of the Society. In his inaugural address he said:

The nonresident members may many of them connect themselves with our Society from a kind of esprit de corps. ... But this link of union between the Society and those distant members who can but rarely enjoy ... its meetings ... or library ... must be maintained and nourished by some palpable food. The short papers to which I have alluded on subjects of professional interest or a selection from them, must be printed ... reaching and interesting the nonresident members.

Action to provide the “palpable food” was immediate. At that same meeting, on December 4, 1867, ASCE created a Publications Committee. (Supervision of publications was later combined with the duties of the Library Committee. However, there has been a standing Committee on Publications since