Dear Member,

This letter comes to you in place of the August issue of the Newsletter. The outgoing editor, Shri A. S. Raizada, has been seriously ill for over a month. We have been unable to do anything with the Newsletter, since he is not permitted visitors. We hope he will be his usual self soon and that the Newsletter will resume from September.

Material which has already been type set for the August issue will be included in the September issue, which will be designated the August cum September issue and will be edited by the writer.

The Nominations committee has called for nominations. A couple of interesting seminars have been announced. The Southern Region has announced an event of great importance to the Society—a foundation stone will be laid on 26th August for a building in the land given on long lease to CSI by the Government of Tamil Nadu. You will find more information on these events in this letter.

Yours Sincerely,

S. Venkatesh
Member, Publications Committee

SECOND ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY GROUP
INFORMATION PROCESSING FOR MANAGEMENT

(Organised by Division-4 & Ahmedabad Chapter of Computer Society of India)

September 1 & 2, 1978
Chamber of Commerce
Ahmedabad.

Meant for senior executives involved in the Management of Data Processing and Information Systems. Persons having similar responsibility in consulting and educational institutions could also participate. The following sessions are planned for the two days of the conference:

1. Selection & Evaluation of Computer Systems (including Minis & Micros)
2. Experience of New Hardware
3. Experience of Computer Maintenance
4. Management of Computer Installations
5. Computer Models for Decision Making
6. Data Base Management
7. Indigenous Computer Systems (Manufacturers’ Presentation)

Fee: Rs. 150/- excluding lodging and dinner.
Details regarding participation and reservation of accommodation, etc. are to be sent to the following address:

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Manager—Management Services
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AHMEDABAD 380 022
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S. Sampath

AUGUST 1978

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ADDENDUM

FOUNDATION STONE LAYING CEREMONY

The ceremony will be held at the CSI plot, Technological Campus, Adyar, Madras at 10.30 AM on August 26th, 1978.

The foundation stone will be laid by Mr. M. G. RAMACHANDRAN, Chief Minister, Tamil Nadu.

All readers are cordially invited to attend the function.

More details are available on the third page of the August letter.

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SEMINAR ON 'COMPUTER SECURITY' AND PRIVACY—AUGUST 1978

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IFIP (International Federation of Information Processing) is also concerned about this subject which comes under the purview of Technical Committee No. 8. In IFIP 77 held in Toronto one session was devoted to Social Accountability of Computing. Participating in this session Prof. C. C. Gotlieb (Canada) Chairman of TC-9 pointed out that 'the issue of privacy was raised by legislators, civil libertarians and lawyers and the main contribution of computer scientists has been to clarify certain technical aspects'. This is an important subject and society expects the computer professionals to take the initiative and show the right path. Government of India Department of Electronics have already appointed a committee under Dr. A. Balasubramaniam to go into this problem.

During the recent meeting the CSI Executive Committee held in Bombay on 16 June this year, a subject (given by me as an agenda point) came up for discussion. It was decided that we in CSI should pool our ideas and come up with concrete recommendations to augment the work of the Government Committee.

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The awards are to be made at the CSI-79 convention in Bangalore. Forms and guidelines for Fellow-Grade nomination could be obtained on request from the Executive Secretary. Last date for receipt of completed nominations is 30th September '78.

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