More than a year ago the Commercial Club organized a Committee, having for its object the study of Chicago and its surroundings. This Committee is to make a comprehensive report which should become a guide for the physical development of the City.

Such a report must of necessity deal with the future for generations to come, and while it cannot indicate details, except in a general manner, it is hoped that it will be definite enough to finally insure a logical and harmonious outcome.

The Committee has, at considerable expenditure of time and money, gathered together the necessary documents bearing on the subject, including several hundred scale plans of the important cities of the world; also books and maps sent through our foreign Consuls and through the State Department at Washington; and the organization working for the Committee has now in its possession all necessary reference works.

It is not the purpose of the Club, of the Committee, or of its working force, to attempt to dictate to the government or to the people of the City of Chicago. In what they do they confine themselves to suggestions in the form of drawings and printed matter, such as might properly be offered by any private citizen. The Club will study individual parts of the plan and record its conclusions, and these documents, as well as the personal services of members, will always be at the disposal of the public authorities for the purpose of helping them determine the sort of things that should from time to time be put into execution, including practical and artistic details.
In regard to the connecting link between the North and South sides of the River, an immediate solution seems to be demanded. Not less than twelve scale plans for this have been made by the Club's working force, each of them showing a different route or treatment of a route. These drawings are at the service of the public for the purpose of studying the problem. The Club Committee has only one fixed opinion on this subject, namely, that nothing short of the best solution should be adopted; such a solution, indeed, as will result in an improvement equal to anything of its kind in any other city in the world. The Club believes that to this end all private interests should give way.