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## PREFACE.

The American Society of Heating and Ventilating Engineers was first talked of, at least with the idea of at once forming such society, during a visit of the present secretary of the society to the office of Hugh J. Barron, New York city, in the summer of 1894. This was just after the annual meeting of the Master Steam and Hot Water Fitters' Association, and while recognizing the great value of that association as a trade organization, it was thought that the time was ripe for a purely engineering society, composed of the active workers in the field of heating and ventilating work, at whose meetings subjects most interesting to the engineer would be discussed. As the result of this interchange of ideas the present secretary took it upon himself to ask the opinions of fifty or seventy-five engineers known to be much interested in their chosen line of work, as to the advisability of forming such an organization.

So many favorable replies were received that invitations were sent out to about twenty-five persons in New York city to come together at the office of *Heating and Ventilation*, 146 World Building, New York, Thursday, August 2, 1894. The following persons responded personally: A. A. Cary, James A. Harding, George B. Cobb, Hugh J. Barron, H. M. Swetland, W. M. Mackay, W. A. Russell, W. B. Wilkinson, Thomas Barwick, F. P. Smith, Albert A. Cryer, Edward A. Munro, Percival H. Seward, O. C. Breckenridge, and L. H. Hart. Mr. Fred. P. Smith was elected temporary chairman and L. H. Hart temporary clerk.

After discussion as to best methods of forming the society, etc., H. J. Barron moved that a committee of five on organization be selected and that a committee of three be appointed to select such a committee.

The committee on organization selected were Messrs. Fred. P. Smith, H. J. Barron, James A. Harding, W. M. Mackay, and A. A. Cary. The committee on organization were authorized to issue invitations and select the place of the next meeting. Motion was made by Mr. Cary, and carried, that those present sign a paper agreeing to form an organization of heating and ventilating engineers, and that they be made charter members. The meeting was then adjourned to September 10, at the call of the committee.

The committee on organization set actively at work correcting

a list of persons who were to be invited to become charter members, and circulars explaining the necessary qualifications were sent out with the invitations. In the meantime the committee worked hard and faithfully, formulating a constitution and by-laws for presentation at the next meeting.

The first regular meeting was called to order at 3 P. M., September 10, 1894, at the Broadway Central Hotel, New York, Mr. F. P. Smith in the chair, L. H. Hart, clerk. Mr. Smith explained the objects, advantages, and policy of the proposed organization.

Roll call found that 75 persons had become charter members. The present constitution and by-laws were adopted after some discussion and amendments to the one presented by the committee on organization. It was voted that the name of the society should be The American Society of Heating and Ventilating Engineers.

The constitution provides for an annual meeting in New York in January of each year, provision also being made for a semi-annual meeting to be held at various cities, date and place to be fixed at the annual meeting.

The following officers were elected to hold office until the first annual meeting in January, 1895: President, E. P. Bates, Syracuse, N. Y.; first vice-president, W. M. Mackay, New York; second vice-president, W. F. Wolfe, Boston, Mass.; third vice-president, Chas. S. Onderdonk, Philadelphia, Pa.; treasurer, Judson A. Goodrich, New York; secretary, L. H. Hart, 146 World Building, New York; board of managers, F. P. Smith, H. J. Barron, A. A. Cary, New York; James A. Harding, Vineyard Haven, Mass.; Henry Adams, Washington, D. C.; council on membership: Chas. W. Newton, Baltimore, Md.; R. C. Carpenter, Ithaca, N. Y.; Albert A. Cryer, New York, F. W. Foster, Boston, U. G. Scollay, Brooklyn, N. Y.

L. H. HART, Secretary.