

F. L. Hutchinson

(A'94, M'13, member for life)

Secretary 1911-32

UPON the resignation of Ralph W. Pope in August 1911, Frederick Lane Hutchinson was appointed acting secretary, being later appointed secretary as of January 1, 1912.

Mr. Hutchinson was born at Elizabeth, N. J., April 2, 1866. He began his business experience with several years' service with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company in

New York City, later entering Cornell University in 1889. In 1893 he graduated from the electrical engineering course, and immediately entered the employ of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company. After several years' experience in the manufacturing, testing, engineering, and sales departments in Newark, N. J., New York City, and Pittsburgh, Pa., he was transferred to the publication department.

In 1901 he became manager of the publication department of the C. W. Hunt Company, New York, and in the following year became advertising manager of the National Electric Company of Milwaukee, Wis. A year later he was made manager of electrical sales for the same company.

Mr. Hutchinson returned to New York in 1904 to undertake some special work on the TRANSACTIONS of the Institute. This work gradually increased in scope until in February 1908 he was appointed assistant secretary, becoming the national secretary at the beginning of 1912. Mr. Hutchinson served in this capacity continuously until his death, February 26, 1932.

Mr. Hutchinson was thoroughly familiar with the history and policies of the Institute, the scope and duties of its numerous committees and representatives, and the relations of the Institute to other engineering and similar organizations, both in this country and abroad. He was one of the delegates to the World Power Conference, London, 1924, and to the World Engineering Congress, Tokyo, 1929. He had served on various Institute committees, both before and after becoming secretary. Immediately prior to his death he was a member of the committees on publications, coördination of Institute activities, award of Edison Medal, and maintenance of Institute headquarters. He was also a representative of the Institute on several other bodies. During Mr. Hutchinson's term as secretary, the Institute's membership increased 2½ times.

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