[*Proceedings of the stated meeting, held Wednesday, October 25, 1893.*]

HALL OF THE FRANKLIN INSTITUTE,
PHILADELPHIA, October 25, 1893.

Mr. R. L. NEWMAN, President, in the chair.

The first stated meeting of the Section of Engineers and Naval Architects was held this evening.

The minutes of the preliminary meeting were read and approved.

The President having announced the unavoidable absence of the Recording Secretary, Mr. Campbell kindly volunteered to perform his duties for the evening.

The following gentlemen were proposed and duly elected to membership:

Messrs. Edwin S. Cramp, Lewis C. Nixon, James H. Horgan, Walter S. Cramp, J. W. Atlee, James Young, Nesbit Sinclair, G. L. Davidson, E. C. Given, E. Heyne, E. Hoel, C. Heinrichs, Nelsen Madsen, Wm. Collison, Wm. H. Wahl, John McInnes, John McMaster, John A. Nilson, Thos. Jarvis, John Sullivan, James B. Rowen, Wm. J. Warne, Leighton Lee, W. K. Watson, Albert Duboy, E. L. Peacock, John Bayne, Jr., Henry Peimberton, Jr., F. L. Gamson, R. D. Wilson, C. B. Schultz.

This being the first regular meeting of the Section, the President delivered his inaugural address, in which he dwelt upon the foundation of the Section, its aims and its prospects for the future.

The by-laws were then read, and Articles 8, 11, 13 and 14 amended.

The Section unanimously accorded a vote of thanks to Dr. Wahl, Secretary of the Institute, for his kindness in being present and for his assistance in formulating the by-laws.

Mr. Barger was accorded a vote of thanks for the energy he displayed in bringing the members together for this evening's meeting.

Attendance, thirty-three persons, including visitors.

The meeting then adjourned.

ALEX. CAMPBELL, *Secretary pro tem.*

[*Proceedings of the stated meeting, held Wednesday, November 22, 1893.*]

HALL OF THE FRANKLIN INSTITUTE,
PHILADELPHIA, November 22, 1893.

Mr. R. L. NEWMAN, President, in the chair.

The second stated meeting of the Section of Engineers and Naval Architects was held this evening.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The by-laws were read, with amendments made at previous meeting, and unanimously adopted.

The following-named gentlemen were proposed for membership and duly elected: Messrs. August Bod, J. V. Olsen, Jas. S. Doran, Wm. C. Foley, Thomas Jordine, Walter Whetstone, A. Masters, James C. Workman.

A paper on "The Subdivision of Steamships" was read by Mr. Andrew Ham.

An animated and instructive discussion followed the reading of Mr. Ham's paper, and was participated in by Messrs. Foley, McInnes, Stoeve, Warne, Newman and Campbell.

Attendance, thirty-six persons, including visitors.

Adjourned.

ROBERT McLAUGHLIN, *Secretary*.

SECTION OF ENGINEERS AND NAVAL ARCHITECTS.

THE PRESIDENT'S INAUGURAL ADDRESS.

[Read at the first stated meeting of the Section, held Wednesday, October 25, 1893.]

MR. RICHARD L. NEWMAN, President, in the chair.

On assuming the chair, the President spoke as follows :

GENTLEMEN:—I take this opportunity of expressing to you my thanks for the honor you have done me in electing me your first President.

It will be my earnest endeavor during this session to promote the best interests of this Section, and, as one of its founders, I am the more anxious to see it a complete success. I trust that both the officers, and all our friends who have its welfare at heart, will support me in my endeavor to this end. I hope, therefore, that they will attend regularly at our various meetings, and thus, by their presence, encourage the contributors of papers and give to this Section (and especially to the younger members of the same) the benefit of their experience and advice. For I consider that the great feature of societies like our own is the discussion of subjects, rather than the mere listening to a paper or a lecture.

I also trust that many of our younger members will join in these discussions, both for the sake of eliciting information from those who can give it, and to show that they take an interest in the subject under discussion. A good way of learning something of a subject, is to criticise it in a proper spirit, and any young member who will get up the