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CHARLES PROTEUS STEINMETZ AND THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS

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This is the anniversary of Dr. Steinmetz's birth. He was born on April 9, 1865. In later years he was my friend, as he was also of many of you who are here to-night.

Also, about this time in the month of April fifty years ago the first formal movement was made in New York for establishing the American Institute of Electrical Engineers. It was my good fortune to attend in Philadelphia a few months later its first formal meeting for the reading of papers, although I was then still an undergraduate in Pennsylvania State College. The meeting was held in Philadelphia on a count of an electrical exhibition being supported there under the auspices of the then sixty-years-old Franklin Institute.

I have been asked to speak for both of these, to us, important anniversaries. With respect to the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, I am requested to provide some words additionally on why and under what circumstances the Institute proves of value to the young men who have ambitions in the field of electrical engineering.

I remember well the joint Pittsfield and Schenectady meeting of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, held in February, 1911, when I was president of the Institute. Steinmetz had been president nine years earlier; but he was actively the

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