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## **FIRE PROTECTION HISTORY-PART 59: THE NFPA QUARTERLY-VOLUME 1 (1907) (EDITORIAL)**

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## **EDITORIALS.**

As a result of a desire to enlarge the scope of the Quarterly Bulletin issued by the Committee on Special Hazards and Fire Record, and to bring these the Secretary's Bulletins and other printed notices under single cover **we offer to members the first number of a Quarterly Publication** devoted to the interest of the Association.

**The work of our Association is educational** – primarily to our members and secondarily to the public. Through the work of various Committees we have formulated rules and regulations on many subjects pertaining to proper construction and fire protection and large numbers of these rules have been printed and distributed to property owners through the mediumship of the National Board of Fire Underwriters.

**The problems of fire protection and prevention are of the utmost importance and not only is our national wealth and prosperity affected by fire loss but many lives are sacrificed.** The commercial success of our cities is often jeopardized by dangerous fire conditions. The business of corporations and individuals is often seriously affected or entirely discontinued through loss by fire. When to these we add the many lives at stake in our large stores, our theatres, churches and schools, it becomes a fair question to ask if there is any one subject of more vital importance to the country as a whole than the prevention of and protection against fire.

In this work we have invited the co-operation of all interested in the subject. While the Association was originally started by the Fire Insurance interests, it has ceased to be exclusively an insurance organization and we now include many diversified interests such as,

*American Institute of Architects.*

*American Institute of Electrical Engineers.*

*American Society of Mechanical Engineers.*

*American Street and Interurban Railway Association.*

*American Warehousemen's Association.*

*American Water Works Association.*

*International Association of Fire Engineers.*

*National Ass'n of Master Sheet Metal Workers of U. S.*

*National Electrical Contractors' Association.*

*We especially desire the co-operation of the Manufacturers' and Merchants' Associations and their members who represent in great measure the commercial strength of our nation and through whom the greatest good can be accomplished."*

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The *NFPA Quarterly* are bound volumes which include voluminous amounts of information on fire protection. Even in the first decade of the 1900's, the information available on the subject of fire protection was extensive.

This series of articles on Fire Protection History will include excerpts from the *NFPA Quarterly* publications.

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