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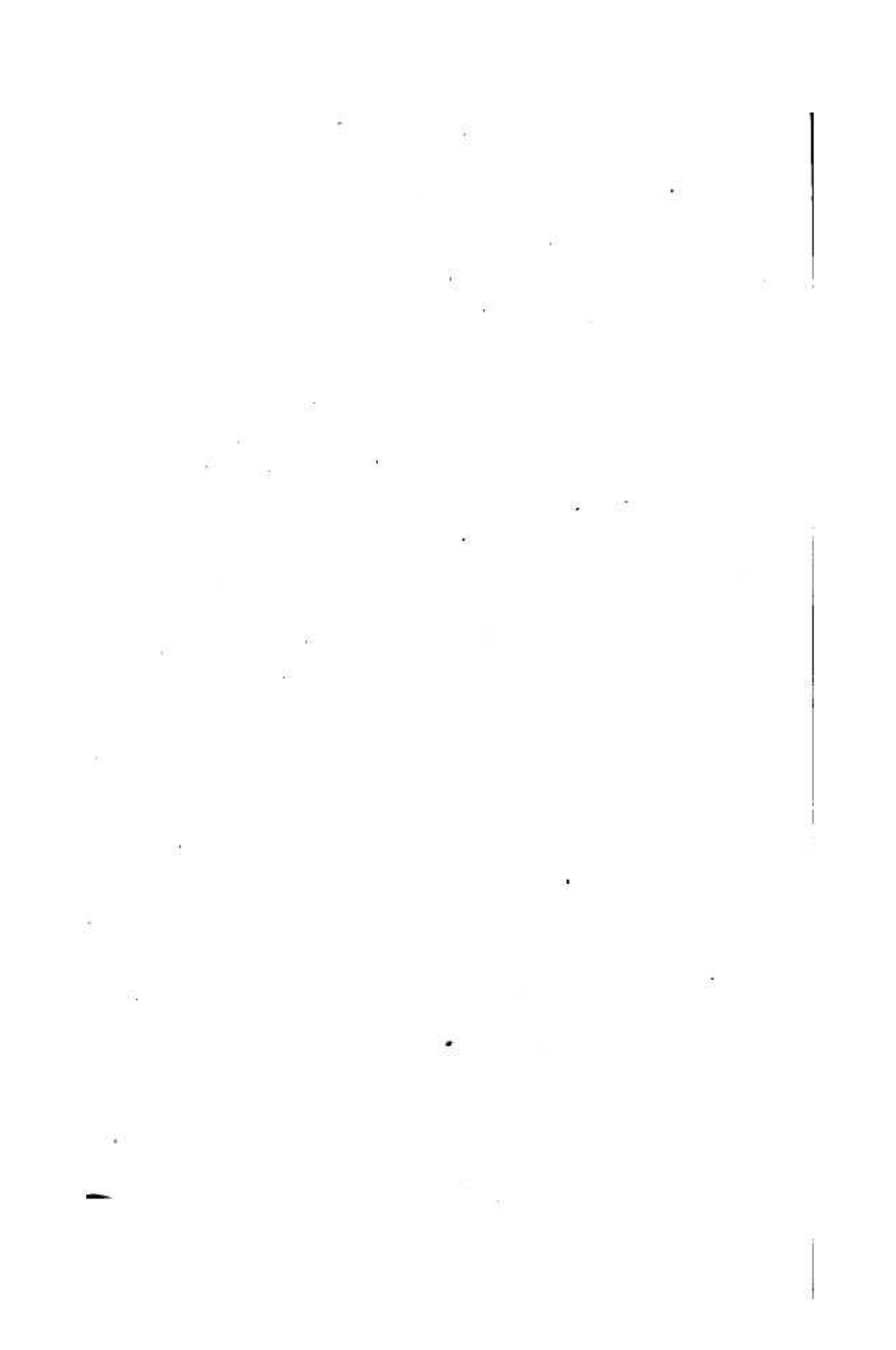
THE history of the ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AND SANITARY ENGINEERS AND SURVEYORS is soon told. Engineering knowledge and sanitary science were not among the qualifications expected of the "Town Surveyor" of the last generation. The Public Health Act of 1848 called into existence another class of officers, protected by the General Board of Health, under whose auspices considerable progress was made in the sanitary condition of the country. In 1858, the Public Health Act was "amended," the General Board of Health suppressed, and the "Local Surveyor" handed over to the tender mercies of the omnipotent ratepayer. The consequence was that, with the exception of a few of the larger towns, the office was degraded and, for the most part, avoided by those whose professional knowledge and character would have been of service to the country. In 1869, it occurred to the Government that the twenty-one years' operation of the Sanitary Laws had not been altogether satisfactory in its results, and a Royal Commission was appointed to inquire into their administration. It also occurred to the "Local Surveyor" that he had something to say in the matter.\* In February, 1871, the Editor ventured to issue a circular † to his colleagues. The result was simply astounding. ‡ Various meetings were held, and ultimately an Association formed with the determination of improving and maintaining the professional position of the "Town Surveyor" and promoting sanitary work. Town clerks, Medical officers, and even the Municipal corporations, have their Associations; last of all, in 1873, came the "Association of Municipal and Sanitary Engineers and Surveyors." Scattered as its Members are throughout the country, no two living in the same town, the experiment was a bold one, and the following volume—the first of the "Proceedings"—is the result.

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\* See Correspondence, p. 227, Appendix.

† See p. 230, Appendix.

‡ See Evidence, p. 244, Appendix.





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