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PREFACE.

The development of polyphase apparatus and the application of polyphase systems to the solution of engineering problems, have been so rapid and varied of late, that there is no available literature on the subject which is at once practical and up-to-date. The excuse for this little book is the demand for information, in a convenient form, on the characteristics and uses of the various types of polyphase apparatus, and on the actual working of the several polyphase systems now sanctioned by the best practice.

These notes are intended for electrical engineers, central station men, and others who talk about, operate, or are interested in polyphase machinery. While a certain general aquaintance with alfernating-current apparatus is presupposed on the part of the reader, the author believes that the reader whose experience has been confined to directcurrent machinery, will, nevertheless, experience no great difficulty in reading and understanding this book.

In view of the amazing increase in number and magnitude of installations for the transmission of power by polyphase currents, this book has been written with special reference to the problems that belong to this class of engineering work.

The author desires to acknowledge his indebtedness to many electrical manufacturing concerns for the use of much special and valuable information, and to the electrical press for the use of a number of plates.

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CHAPTER I.

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DEFINITIONS OF ALTERNATING-CURRENT TERMS.

Alternating Currents. — On account of the limitation imposed by the space of this book, mathematical demonstrations of alternating-current phenomena have been omitted in the following pages, and the chapter will be found to consist mainly of elementary explanations and statements which partake of the nature of definitions. It is hoped that these definitions will be found useful in aiding the uninformed reader to obtain a clearer understanding of the principles underlying polyphase apparatus and methods. For a more comprehensive treatment of alternating-current phenomena, the reader is referred to the many works on the subject.

The alternating-current generator was one of the earliest applications of the principles of induction. Unlike the current from the direct-current generator, which came at a later date, the alternating current rapidly changes its value and direction, the fluctuations being periodical. Such a current reaches a maximum in one sense, de-