WM. C. SHAFER
President and Treasurer.

THE JOHN L. WALKER COMPANY

Plumbing, Heating and Electrical Contractors

WM. J. HARTMAN, Secy.
Manager Plumbing and Heating Departments.

With the very latest in everything pertaining to plumbing The John L. Walker Company easily heads the list of plumbing establishments in Hamilton and is equal to any in Butler county. Efficient work, promptly done, has gained for this company a reputation which is daily bringing it more business.

The John L. Walker Company was incorporated January 15, 1905, with a capital stock of $15,000. The company was then located at 310 High street. John L. Walker was president of the company with W. C. Shafer secretary.

In two years the business had grown to such a degree that a new building, the one now occupied by the company, was erected at 231 Court street. With the occupancy of the new building, business increased at an even greater rate and on May 23, 1913, the company bought out the entire business of the Hamilton Plumbing Company, located at Third and Dayton streets.

Mr. Walker died on August 3, 1910, but his wife, Mrs. Eva D. Walker, holds his interest in the firm. The active management, however, was left to Wm. C. Shafer who is, at present, president and treasurer of the company. Mrs. Walker is vice-president. William J. Hartman, former manager of the Hamilton Plumbing Company is secretary and manager of the plumbing and heating departments and George B. Daggett is manager of the electrical department. The company employs at least fifty men all of the time.

The largest plumbing contract ever let in Hamilton was awarded The John L. Walker Company, that of the Rentschler building. The company had the entire contract for the plumbing and steam-heating of the big building and the fact that there has never been a complaint is evidence enough of the care which attended the work. The best buildings and residences in Hamilton have been fitted by the John L. Walker Company.

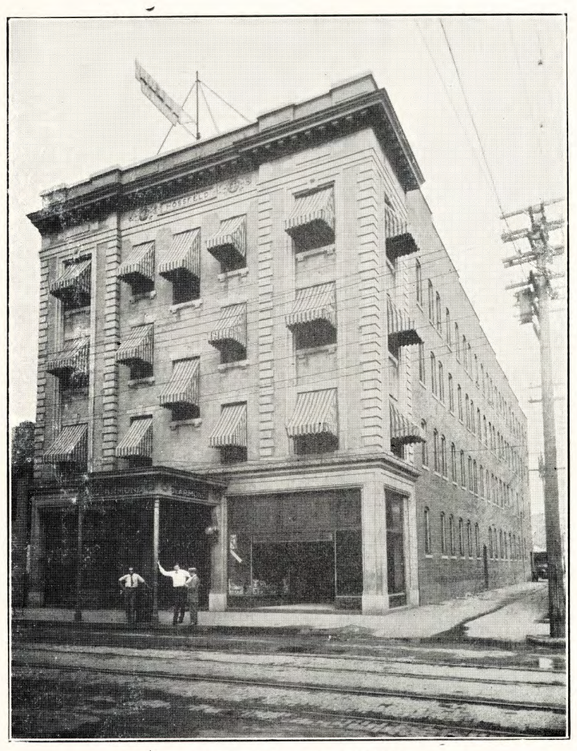
A full line of the latest inventions in plumbing, steam heating, hot water heating, electric wiring, steam supplies, electrical supplies, gas and electrical fixtures and automobile accessories is always on hand and with the advent of every improvement the John L. Walker Company is quick to embrace it. In this way it has gained its reputation for being always among the topnotchers in its particular line of work.

The platform of the company is "Courtesy, Promptness and the Best Goods at Honest Prices." The aim of the company is to have the best equipment, provide the best products and give the best service.

The past growth of the company seems to be but a prophecy of the future. Each succeeding year since the incorporation of the company has seen a greater volume of business. Each year has seen a greater force employed by the company and at the present rate of increase, the firm has the promise of soon being among the leading plumbing establishments in southern Ohio.

THE HOTEL DeARMOND

Hamilton's Leading Hostelry



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No city the size of Hamilton and very few larger, have as up-to-date hotels as the DeArmond, which lays good claims to being Hamilton's leading hostelry. Situated in the central business section, the DeArmond is the mecca for traveling men, and its reputation has spread so far that travelers ask for its location as soon as they enter the city.

The hotel was erected in January 1909, and was christened the "New Seville." It soon changed hands and became known as the "Conner" until Clarence W. DeArmond bought it on September 16, 1912, and re-named it the "DeArmond."

As soon as Mr. DeArmond took charge he immediately set to work to bring everything , which was not so, up to the minute and when he had completed his work he could say with the certainty that there would be no contradiction that the re-modeled DeArmond could not be surpassed by any other hotel in a city the size of Hamilton in the state.

Since his first re-modeling Mr. DeArmond has kept constantly at work, making changes as they were needed and never for a moment has the hotel lost its reputation, but is gaining in popularity every day. In the summer of 1913, Mr. DeArmond added a palm garden in the rear of the hotel in which he serves business men's lunches in warm weather. The garden is attractively decorated with potted plants, palms and ferns and covered by a canopy and was well received from the very start. In colder weather the covered garden is artificially heated.

A first-class restaurant is run in connection with the hotel and many Hamilton families, appreciating the worth and convenience of the dinning room, have arranged to take their Sunday dinners at the restaurant. Traveling men from all parts of the country are already familiar with the completeness of the DeArmond and make the hotel their headquarters while working in Butler county.

The DeArmond has sixty-five outside rooms with hot and cold running water, steam heat, elevator service and all modern conveniences.

Needle, shower and tub baths are also provided for the guests and twenty rooms have been fitted up with private baths. Large sample rooms have also been provided and equipped for the convenience of traveling men and thus every possible service is extended to the guests. Rooms can be secured at from $1 a day up. The hotel is operated strictly upon the European plan. Single meals are provided for patrons at fifty cents.

A shower bath on every floor is one of the features of the DeArmond. The hotel is operated on the most modern lines. Mr. DeArmond is experienced in the hotel business and on account of this is able to provide those things which appeal most strongly to the traveling public. The hotel is centrally located, within a half square of the court house. It is directly opposite Smith's theatre, the leading theatre of Hamilton and within a radius of a square are four other theatres.

As has been said the hotel is in the center of the business district and is convenient to both city tractions and the interurban cars. The Ohio electric lines pass the front door of the hostelry and the Millcreek Valley terminal is within a square of the DeArmond. A square away in the opposite direction is the office of the Ohio Electric. Railroad facilities to all parts of the country are within ten minutes walk from the hotel, which also furnishes cab and auto transportation.

The hotel has grown in popularity with such rapidity that Mr. DeArmond has been compelled to add an annex and has leased three floors of the Smith theatre building, containing twenty-two additional rooms, all of which are filled the greater part of the time.

The hotel has given to the traveling public the best accommodations in this section and has opened up new possibilities for traveling men to stop over in Hamilton and work in Butler county. It has added much to the reputation of Hamilton and is a hostelry of which the city has a right to be proud.

C. W. DeARMOND