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# THE FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION, A. I. A.

The Forty-fourth Annual Convention was notable in the opportunity presented for seeing the good architecture and the magnificent scenery of our country, from the Atlantic to the Pacific. The architects and their families met in Chicago where they were entertained by the Illinois Chapter. A special train was provided from Chicago to the Pacific Coast. In Denver they were entertained by the Colorado Chapter with a formal dinner and an automobile ride seeing the many examples of good architecture in that city and viewing the imposing mountain scenery from the great Denver Plateau. On the trip from Denver to Salt Lake City the train passed through the Royal Gorge. This scenery held the attention of the party. Leaving Denver we passed through the grey plains from which jutted grey cliffs in which one could easily formulate castles, cathedrals and walled towns. From the plain the train passed into the gorge with its varying colors of red, brown and grev. As they neared Salt Lake the party could see the mountains near and distant covered with snow, making a white landscape glistening and brilliant in the sunlight. From Ogden to Reno we viewed the level plains covered with sage brush sear, lonely and gloomy. Leaving Reno a novel experience was the newly cut passage way of snow in the Sierra Nevadas, varying in depth from seven to twelve feet. Then the wonderful trip down the decline into the Sacramento Valley leaving the winter behind and running into spring with the trees and bushes in leaf, and flowers in full bloom.

As the party left the snow bound mountains a committee from the San Francisco Chapter boarded the train and presented each lady with a bouquet of beautiful flowers and decorated the cars with spring plants

## CHAPTER NOTES.

# RHODE ISLAND CHAPTER.

A special meeting of the Chapter was held March 9, 1911, in Mr. Clarke's office, at noon.

There were present Messrs. Angell, Cady, Clarke, Hoppin, Howe, Jackson, Shurrocks. Slocomb, Wright, and Isham.

President Hoppin occupied the chair.

The reading of the records was omitted.

The President announced the death of Mr. Franklin J. Sawtelle, F. A. I. A. It was voted that the President appoint a committee of three to draw up suitable

The President appointed Messrs. Isham, Clarke and Shurrocks.

It was voted that the Secretary send flowers.

It was voted that the Chapter attend the funeral in a body.

NORMAN M. ISHAM, Secretary.

### IN MEMORIAM.

#### FRANKLIN J. SAWTELLE.

Fellow of the American Institute of Architects.

Past President of the Rhode Island Chapter.

Sorrowfully, affectionately, would we of the Chapter record the loss that has come to us in the death of Franklin J. Sawtelle, our beloved associate. Esteeming him as an Architect of ability, honoring him as a man of lofty character, we mourn him most deeply because by his lovable nature he had won our hearts.

To those bound to him by the tender ties of home we would extend our heartfelt

sympathy.

For the Rhode Island Chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

PRESCOTT O. CLARKE,

NORMAN M. ISHAM,

ALFRED F. SHURROCKS,

Committee.

MARCH 10, 1911.

Under obituaries will be found a brief account of the life of Mr. Franklin J. Sawtelle.

A regular meeting of the Chapter was held March 22, 1911, at the University Club, Providence, with dinner at half-past six.

Fourteen members were present.

Mr. Clarke, for the Committee appointed to attend the hearing on the Tenement House Act made a report.

The Secretary read a letter from the Washington Chapter inquiring as to this Chapter's practice in regard to the six per cent. charge.

It was voted that the Secretary be instructed to reply that it is the custom of the Chapter to follow the latest schedule of the Institute.

The Secretary read a letter from Mrs. Sawtelle acknowledging the flowers and the copy of the Memorial sent to her by the Chapter.

Mr. Clarke read selections from a personal letter to him from Mrs. Sawtelle.

The chair appointed Mr. Field a member of the Committee on the Lien Law in place of the late Mr. Sawtelle.

Mr. Jackson was elected a member of the Executive Committee of the Chapter in place of the late Mr. Sawtelle.

Mr. Field at the suggestion of Mr. Clarke, Chairman of the Committee, opened the discussion on the Lien Law.

It was voted that the Committee on the Lien Law have power to interest other organizations in this movement, at their discretion.

Norman M. Isham, Secretary.

A regular meeting of the Chapter was held, April 12, 1911, at the University Club, Providence, with dinner at half-past six.

Fourteen members were present.

The Secretary reported for the Executive Committee that Mr. Clarke and Mr. Jackson had held an informal interview with Mr. Freeman. Mr. Clarke described the interview. After much discussion Mr. Clarke submitted a resolution on the East Side Approach.

It was voted that Mr. Clarke's resolutions be considered section by section.

It was voted that the resolutions be adopted and a copy sent to Mayor Fletcher, Chairman of the East Side Approach Commission.

It was voted that Mr. Clarke be appointed a committee to submit the resolution at the hearing.

NORMAN M. ISHAM, Secretary. would encourage private owners to give to the buildings adequate architectural expression, and it is maintained that no encroachments should be permitted which are solely to the advantage of the individual property owner.

The Chapter has adopted the following preamble and resolution relative to the location of the proposed monument or memorial to the memory of Abraham Lincoln in the city of Washington:

"Whereas, An act (S. 9449) to provide a Commission to secure plans and designs for a Monument or Memorial to the memory of Abraham Lincoln in the City of Washington, D. C., has been passed by both Houses of the Congress and has become operative by the signature of the President and

"Whereas, The Park Commission appointed by the Senate Committee on the District of Columbia made definite recommendation that the site of a memorial to Abraham Lincoln should be west of the Washington Monument at the intersection of the main axis of the Mall with that of the proposed Arlington Memorial Bridge, and embodied these recommendations in their report and the drawings and models submitted therewith, which report has received the approval and support of those interested in the proper development and embellishment of the City of Washington, therefore be it

"Resolved, That the New York Chapter of the American Institute of Architects reaffirms at this time its concurrence in the recommendations of the said Park Commission and respectfully urges upon the Lincoln Memorial Commission and the Commission of Fine Arts their adoption of the site proposed in said report."

Copies of this resolution were sent to the President of the United States and Senators and Congressmen from New York State and to the members of the Fine Arts Commission.

The Chapter has received the new Circular of Advice relative to the Conduct of Architectural Competitions and Code Governing the Conduct of Members of the Institute taking part therein, and has sent copies of the document to each member of the Chapter, with the urgent request that each should familiarize himself with all its provisions and use his influence to the utmost in its support.

The Chapter appointed two delegates to attend the Convention of the American Federation of Art, held in Washington during the month of May.

Through its Committee on Legislation, the Chapter hopes to secure the early introduction of a bill in the State Legislature providing for the creation of a State Art Commission.

The Chapter is giving its support to a bill providing for taxation upon property upon which street signs are placed, and to certain bills introduced by the Mayor's Committee on Congestion of Population, upon which Committee the Chapter was represented.

BURT L. FENNER,

Recorder.

## Brooklyn Chapter.

At the meeting of the Chapter held April 24, 1911, the following were present as guests of the Chapter: Mr. Rudolph Miller, Mr. Ray and Mr. Calagan of the New York Building Department and Mr. J. Thatcher of the Brooklyn Department, Mr. O'Keefe and Chief Lally of the Brooklyn Fire Department. Each of these gentlemen gave a very interesting talk regarding the fire safety and exits of buildings, bringing into prominence the recent disaster of the Asch Building.

During the preceding month, Mr. Andrew Grierson Thomson, a Charter member of the Chapter, died on April 3. The following resolution was adopted.

Resolutions on the death of Mr. Andrew Grierson Thomson.

Whereas, In the sudden death of Andrew Grierson Thomson on April 2,1911, the Brooklyn Chapter has lost one of its founders who was for six years its Secretary and who for sixteen years has given his untiring devotion to the best interests of the Chapter.

Whereas, His companions have lost a sympathetic friend who was noted for his strong loyalty, one whose genial nature and cordial cheerfulness in his relations with his fellows endeared him to so many who will long remember his interested and kindly personality, therefore be it

Resolved, That in the death of our friend and fellow member the Brooklyn Chapter loses one of its most valued members, and be it furthermore

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered in the minutes of the Chapter, and a copy sent to the Secretary of the Institute.

I. E. DITMARS, FRANK H. QUINBY, Chairman.

At the time Mr. Washington Hull died, there was a police station for the City of New York, which he had designed, still unfinished, the Chapter appointed a committee to look after the interests of Mrs. Washington Hull and finish the building. Following is the final report.

April 24, 1911.

Your Committee beg to report that the 172d Precinct Police Station, which was unfinished at the time of the death of the Architect, Washington Hull, and given to this Committee with instructions to complete same for the benefit of the Estate of Washington Hull has been finished and accepted by the Police Department of the City of New York.

We found that there was due the Hull estate unpaid commissions amounting to \$1,465.35 payable on completion, that the Contractor, Daniel G. Ryan had failed, and that no work had been done on the building for over a year.

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Following the dinner and without leaving the table, the meeting was called to order by Mr. Hewitt, President of the Chapter, who stated that the usual routine business would be dispensed with and the evening devoted to a preliminary and informal consideration of the recent Annual Convention of the American Institute of Architects held at San Francisco. He introduced the subject by giving an interesting account of the courtesies which the Eastern delegates received at the hands of the Illinois Chapter at Chicago where a reception and banquet was tendered them at the Art Institute. He recommended incidents of the trip by special train from Chicago to their destination referring to the hospitality en route of the Colorado Chapter at Denver and attentions received at Salt Lake City, ending with the floral reception and further courtesies received on the arrival of the delegates in California.

After conclusion of the President's remarks, Mr. John Hall Rankin, First Vice-President of the Chapter and one of the delegates to the Convention, gave his impressions of the trip with personal references to the delegates who enlivened the party by their varied talents, and in conclusion offered resolutions thanking the several Western Chapters and individuals who had contributed to the pleasure and entertainment of the Chapter delegates, and on motion these resolutions were unanimously adopted.

In order that the Chapter's guests and delegates might be heard from, the President called upon Mr. D. Knickerbacker Boyd to act as toastmaster. Mr. Boyd thereupon introduced Mr. Irving K. Pond, President of the Institute, in terms expressing the esteem in which Mr. Pond is held by the Chapter and by members of the Institute at large, both for his qualities as a man and as the executive head of the Institute.

Mr. Pond in his response paid tribute in graceful terms to the spirit that seemed to unite the various Chapters of the Institute.

Mr. Frank Miles Day being called upon to speak from his experience as an officer and director of the Institute, paid his respect to the newly-elected members of the Board who were present and also to the newly-elected member of the Chapter, Mr. Granger.

Following Mr. Day, the toastmaster called upon the new directors of the Institute, and in response the Chapter had the pleasure of hearing from Mr. Frank C. Baldwin, Mr. Thomas R. Kimball and Mr. A. F. Rosenheim, guests of the Chapter, with remarks also by Mr. Medary the Philadelphia Chapter's representative on the Board.

Referring to Mr. Day's reference to Mr. Granger, the toastmaster called upon that gentleman to explain why he had abandoned his unbound opportunities in Chicago to practice architecture in the effete East, and in response Mr. Granger elucidated the subject to his own and the Chapter's satisfaction.

Returning to the subject of the Convention, remarks were made by Mr. C. A. Ziegler and Mr. Wm. L. Plack, Chapter delegates, in which reference was made to the work of the various committees on which the Philadelphia delegates served.

After further responses to the toastmaster's call by Mr. Otto C. Wolf and other members of the Chapter, the meeting adjourned.

HORACE WELLS SELLERS,

Secretary.

The regular monthly meeting of the Philadelphia Chapter was held in the rooms of the T Square Club, Philadelphia, March 13, 1911.

There were twenty members present.

Mr. Wm. D. Hewitt, President, in the chair.

The meeting was devoted to the report of the four delegates who represented the Chapter at the 44th Annual Convention of the Institute. This covered a full account of the trip to California and the many courtesies extended to the delegates by the Western Chapters as already referred to in the preliminary report presented at the previous regular meeting. The individual delegates of the Chapter were actively engaged on committee work during the progress of the Convention and were enabled thereby to report on the transactions from different view points. The joint report, in touching on the influence which contributed to the results accomplished at the Convention, emphasized first (a) the conciliatory spirit which developed among the delegates en route to the Convention, (b) the hospitality and spirit of co-operation on the part of the Western Chapters, (c) the harmony and unity that prevailed in committee rooms and in open convention—all clearly demonstrating that diverging tendencies, in peaceful acquiescence, had crystalized into one homogeneous body.

The action of the convention endorsed the new ideas promulgated by the Philadelphia Chapter toward the uplifting of the profession in advocating the honorable practice of architecture, and in the opinion of the delegates if the thirty chapters composing the Institute can be brought sufficiently in closer touch, as for example, through the exchange of minutes of their meetings, greater amount of time at future conventions can be devoted to making prominent some one subject, and by the process of evolution bring about an ideal condition of affairs.

The Executive Committee reported the election of Mr. J. Horace Frank to membership in the Chapter.

The Secretary on behalf of the Executive Committee submitted the following resolution which, being approved, was ordered to be spread upon the minutes of this meeting:

"It is with profound regret that the Philadelphia Chapter of the American Institute of Architects has learned of the death of Mr. John M. Carrère, which occurred on March 1st, and this minute is adopted to record its realization of the great loss that the Institute and the community has thus sustained and its appreciation of Mr. Carrère's distinguished abilities, high character, and influence in promoting public recognition of the standing and dignity of his profession. As an architect his talents and achievements brought him to a commanding position; as a Fellow of the Institute and one of its Board of Directors his personality and activities have been an inspiration to his associates and to the members at large.

"Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing minute be sent to the firm of which Mr. Carrère was a member with the request that the action of the Chapter with its expressions of sympathy and condolence be conveyed to his family.

JOHN P. B. SINKLER.

Recorder.

#### PITTSBURGH CHAPTER.

At a meeting of the Pittsburgh Chapter, held March 28, 1911, the following action was taken on the death of Mr. F. E. Rutan:

Resolved, That the members of the Pittsburgh Chapter of the American Institute of Architects wish to place on record the sense of their great loss in the death of Mr. F. E. Rutan, and desire to extend their sympathy to the members of his family.

J. L. BEATTY,

Secretary.

Under Obituaries will be found a short account of the life of Mr. F. E. Rutan.

# PENNSYLVANIA STATE ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Convention of the Pennsylvania State Association, A. I. A., was held at Harrisburg, Commonwealth Hotel, at 12 o'clock, May 2, 1911, the following members being present: Messrs. D. K. Boyd, Edward Stotz, B. F. Willis, F. A. Russell, W. L. Plack, W. L. Baily and Thomas Nolan.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and approved.

After some general remarks from the President regarding the work of the Association during the past year, the urgent business in hand was at one taken up.

After considerable discussion as to the Annual Meeting of the Association the following resolution, being offered by Mr. Russell and seconded by Mr. Plack, was adopted subject to the approval of the Board of Directors of the American Institute of Architects, the Secretary being instructed to forward a copy to the Institute:

Resolved, That the Annual Meeting of the Association shall be held every other year in Harrisburg when the Ligislature shall be in session during the months of April or May, the alternate years it shall be held at such time and place as shall be deemed advisable by the Association; the meeting shall be held under the same regulations as govern the annual conventions of the American Institute of Architects.

The Secretary reported an informal meeting held February 1st, at the Art Club, Philadelphia, at which the status of the State Association was discussed by the following: Messrs. Hewitt, Boyd, Stotz, Rankin, Nolan and Baily; and it was agreed that a resolution should be presented at the next annual meeting. The resolution by Mr. Rankin was presented at the meeting and after some alteration was adopted in the following form:

Resolved, That in the opinion of the meeting, the By-Laws of the Institute authorizing the formation of State Boards, limits the membership of the Board to the number of delegates that the various Chapters in the State are privileged to send to the preceding Annual Convention of the Institute each year. The State Board is therefore a representative body only, representing through duly qualified delegates, the various Chapters of the State, and, as such, is privileged and obliged "to meet when occasion requires" presumably to discuss matters of interest to the various Chapters contributory to the Board. It was further

Resolved, That the Association being already a Board any sub-committees appointed should be from the members of the Board only.

Mr. Stotz presented the bill now before the Ligislature regarding the appointment of a Building Commission for revising and codifying the building laws of the State. The resolution following was adopted as the sense of the Association and a copy was ordered to be sent to the Governor and every member of the Legislature. Mr. Boyd announced that he had received by mail thirteen votes out of the fourteen delegates (one not heard from) favorable to the bill.

Copy of letter sent to members of Legislature, etc.

"At the annual meeting of the Pennsylvaina State Association of Architects,, held at Harrisburg, May the second, the following resolution regarding the appointment of a commission to revise and codify the building laws of the State, was unanimously adopted:

"Whereas, The Pennsylvania State Association of the American Institute of Architects recognizes the unsystematic and fragmentary character of the Acts of Assembly with reference to the construction of buildings and the safeguarding of life and property within the commonwealth and deplores the fact that in this regard, ours, one of the chief States of the union, has not kept pace with the march of progress in many of the varied lines of invention, improvement and adaptation in the materials and methods of construction now in use, and not regulated by law as in such cases should be provided, and

"Whereas, A joint resolution providing for the appointment of a commission to investigate the manner of construction of buildings in this Commonwealth and to determine the strength and character of materials in order to safeguard health and life of persons occupying the same, and to codify the laws in relation to buildings has been introduced into the Senate by Senator David Hunter, Jr.

"Resolved, That this organization in Convention met in the City of Harrisburg this second day of May, 1911, does hereby approve, endorse and urgently pray that the said bill be enacted and that its scope being state wide, its functions being utilitarian and humanitarian tending to conserve both the wealth and lives of the citizens of this Commonwealth, deserves the most earnest consideration and further, that the terms of said bill providing an appropriation of \$20,000 for expense is inadequate for the far-reaching inquiry necessary to the proper carrying on of a work of this magnitude and importance, and that we recommend that the said bill be amended by the addition of a further appropriation of \$20,000, the same to cover a compensation of \$4,000.00 to each of the five members of the Commission which in the judgment of this organization is a low estimate for the sum needed to carry to completion in an adequate manner a work covering the essential points involved in a complete code for the construction and regulation of the future public and private edifices involving many millions of dollars annually in the State of Pennsylvania.

"Very respectfully yours,

[SIGNED] "WM. L. BAILY, "Secretary."

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS ARCHIVES 뿔 Mr. Boyd was also instructed to present this resolution to the Joint Committee on Appropriations of the House and Senate at the afternoon session pending, this joint committee being presided over by Senator Charles H. Kline and Representative James F. Woodward.

Mr. Stotz presented a resolution in regard to House Bill No. 425, providing for the branding of paints, oils, etc., and the Secretary was instructed to forward a copy to the Governor and each member of the Legislature as well as a copy to Mr. John Dewar of Pittsburg, President of the Master House Painters and Decorators Association of Pennsylvania.

The meeting then adjourned for the morning.

After lunch the members were joined by Messrs. Joseph A. Weldon, Samuel N. Murphy and William S. McDowell, members with Mr. Stotz of the Pittsburgh Building Law Revision Commission. They met together and appeared in a body before the Joint Appropriation Committee at the Capitol Building at 2.30 P. M. The Committee were courteously received and given about a half-hour hearing. Mr. Boyd presented the resolution, after which remarks were made by Messrs. Stotz, McDowell, Weldon and Baily. The Committee then was given the opportunity of shaking hands with the Governor and discussing the resolution with him for about ten minutes.

The Committee met again for a second session at 3.30 in the afternoon.

It was resolved that the Secretary write to Senator Kline and Representative Woodward expressing appreciation of the courtesies of the Committee extended to the State Association.

The Secretary was also instructed to record the fact that the meeting considered the State Fire Marshall's Bill known as No. 334 now before the Legislature, but no action was taken.

Mr. Boyd announced that he had added Thomas Nolan's name to the Philadelphia Committee on Revision of Building Laws, making the total membership of the Association Committee on Building Laws eight instead of seven.

The Treasurer's account was read and approved.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Association, as to time and place, should be decided at some future time by the Association; it was generally understood, however, that as the present meeting was held in Harrisburg, and the last meeting in Pittsburgh, that the next should be held in Philadelphia.

At 5 P. M. the election of officers was proceeded to. Mr. Boyd relinquished the Chair so that he could propose Mr. Stotz for President, but Mr. Stotz emphatically declined the position on account of his present responsibilities, he also desired to be relieved of the Vice-Presidency; but when put to a vote the old officers were re-elected as follows:

President, . . . . D. KNICKERBACKER BOYD, Philadelphia. Vice-President, . . . EDWARD STOTZ, Pittsburgh. Secretary and Treasurer, WILLIAM L. BAILY, Philadelphia.

It was also proposed by the present officers, and carried, that it was the sense of the meeting that the officers of the Association cannot serve for more than two successive years and that the Secretary shall take the necessary steps to see that this By-Law is properly brought before the Association.

Before adjourning the meeting, Mr. Stotz made some appropos remarks regarding the state-wide significance of the Association, especially emphasizing the influence that the Association should have with the Legislature regarding those matters which were for the benefit especially of the people within the boundaries of the State. He added that he looked forward to a comprehensive Bill that would control the Building Laws of the State and that the Legislature would appreciate the immense value that a Building Commission and similar commissions are to the State in working out the various details which are the real foundation of the laws governing the State. His words were to the effect that these men were the real sinew and fibre of State regulation and should be well paid for their services.

The meeting adjourned at 6 P. M.

WM. L. BAILY, Secretary and Treasurer.

# ILLINOIS CHAPTER.

At the Chapter meeting held February 14, Messrs. R. C. Berlin, M. H. Vail and S. N. Crowen, delegates to the San Francisco Convention, made a report on incidents of interest during the entire journey to Denver, Salt Lake City, San Francisco and Los Angeles and other points incidental to the trip of the Chicago delegates; and the whole account was illustrated by photographs taken by the members during their journey and exhibited on a screen by means of a reflecting stereoptican. The gentlemen took turns in describing the incidents of the journey and in operating the instrument. It was a remarkable exhibition of team work by those who had taken such pains to prepare the illustrations and present them to the Chapter, and was entirely outside of any report of the proceedings of the Convention.

At the same meeting the report of the Committee on Building Contract and Documents prepared by the Committee of the Institute was laid before the Chapter—copies of the same having been previously distributed. In lieu of any speeches the report was explained in a letter prepared by the President of the Chapter, which had been addressed to all the members in connection with the notice for the meeting. The contract form and documents were adopted by the Chapter for future use of all its members, and for recommendation to all the architects of the State of Illinois, without any amendment; and the Executive Committee was given power to act upon any question which may arise in regard to the publication and use of the same in the future.

At the March meeting the sudden death of William J. Brinkman, a Chapter Member, who was run over and killed by a train near his residence in the suburbs of Chicago, was announced. The Chapter had previously decorated his casket with a floral emblem, which by custom has always been furnished at the funerals of deceased members, consisting only of palms and violets.

The jury to award the gold medal of honor in connection with the annual exhibition of the Chicago Architectural Club at the Art Institute was appointed, but at the meeting held April 11th the jury reported that it was unable to make any award this year on account of the fact that no executed work of sufficient importance and value had been illustrated of sufficient merit to be entitled to the medal this year. The Chapter's gold medal of honor is awarded annually during this exhibition on the same conditions that hold in the annual exhibitions of the Architectural League at New York; the award by both the New York and Illinois Chapters being for a building erected in the preceding five years, and not for the illustrations of the building shown in the exhibition.

At the same meeting Irving K. Pond, President of the Institute, paid a tribute of respect to the late John M. Carrère, of New York, who had also died as the result of an accident. A committee was appointed to draft resolutions of respect to his memory.

After the meeting Frank Miles Day, of Philadelphia, who was the guest of the Chapter, delivered an illustrated address on the American Academy at Rome, in Fullerton Hall, in the Art Institute.

At the meeting of April 11th Walter Sargent, of the School of Education of the University of Chicago, addressed the Chapter on the subject of "Some Experiments in Developing Aesthetic Appreciation in Public Schools." At the close of the address there was an animated discussion on the points raised by Mr. Sargent, and as a result of the discussion the Chapter appointed a committee to co-operate with the School of Education in the selection and preparation of photographs of executed American work which would best illustrate types suitable for the needs of the ordinary small American Community in regard to residences, bridges, railway stations, public buildings, etc., from which slides may be made to be used in any educational work along the line of elevating public taste in regard to architecture.

It is of interest to know that a Fellowship in architecture in the University of Illinois has been established by Francis J. Plym, a graduate of the School of Architecture, of the value of \$1,000 per annum, the holder of which will spend one year of travel in Europe for the study of architecture. A competition for this prize, open only to graduates of the Department of Architecture, University of Illinois, under thirty years of age, will be held in May.

The competition for the Caleb H. Marshall scholarship in architecture by the Illinois Chapterwill commence on May 15. This scholarship will cover the expense of educating a young man in one of the Universities which he may select with the concurrence of the scholarship committee and is of the value of \$1,000 distributed over a term of years.

PETER B. WIGHT,

Secretary.

#### AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS.

## St. Louis Chapter.

At a recent meeting of the St. Louis Chapter the following resolutions of sympathy on the death of Mr. C. W. Clark were passed:

WHEREAS, The St. Louis Chapter, American Institute of Architects, has learned with deep regret of the death of Mr. Chas. W. Clark, a Chapter Member and Fellow of the American Institute of Architects; therefore be it

Resolved, That we place on record our appreciation of his character as a man and his ability as an architect, as demonstrated during his long and honorable practice of this profession; and be it also

Resolved, That we tender to his family our sincere sympathy in their bereavement.

G. F. A. Brueggeman.

Secretary.

Under Obituaries will be found a brief account of the life of Mr.C.W. Clark.

## KANSAS CITY CHAPTER.

Following are the officers of the Kansas City Chapter for the year 1911:

President,				George M. Siemens.
Vice-President, .				BEN. J. LUBSCHEZ.
Secretary,				WALTER C. ROOT.
				CHARLES H. PAYSON.

## COLORADO CHAPTER.

The regular monthly meeting of the Colorado Chapter was held at the office of the Secretary, 305 Chamber of Commerce Building, Denver, Colo., April 3, 1911, at 7.30 P. M., the President in the chair, with seven members present.

Several communications were read and the Secretary instructed to answer them.

A social meeting of the members of this Chapter, accompanied by their ladies, was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Roeschlaub, on Tuesday, March 21, 1911.

Vice-President Williamson complimented the ladies in well chosen words, for the interest shown and courtesies in the reception of the delegates to the 44th Convention of the A. I. A. on their visit to Denver.

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The President appointed Messrs. A. F. Rosenheim and Fernand Parmentier to serve with himself as a committee to revise the Constitution and By-Laws.

The President next called for a discussion on the proposed amendments of the California State Lien Law. Mr. Octavius Morgan explained the proposed law in detail, and said that it would be a mistake to have this bill passed. He also mentioned that he had been in correspondence with Senators Lee C. Gates and A. T. Thompson, and Assemblyman Lyman Farwell, in order to prevent the passage of the new measures; that the proposed law should only be passed with amendments that would make it conform to the present law, as the present law is understood by all. He advised the Chapter to frame a resolution to retain the present law as it stands. The President suggested that this Chapter should be represented at the meetings of the committee from the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, which was at work on this matter. A general discussion followed.

The following committee was appointed to draw up a resolution of condolence on the death of the late John M. Carrère, Architect of New York, and forward a copy of the same to his widow and to the New York Chapter, A. I. A.: S. T. Norton, Julius W. Krause, Fernand Parmentier.

After various minor discussions the meeting adjourned.

FERNAND PARMENTIER,

Secretary.

The thirty-eighth meeting of the Southern California Chapter was held at the Hoffman Cafe, Los Angeles, April 11, 1911.

The meeting was called to order by the President Frank D. Hudson, there being twenty-nine present.

The Committee on Revision of the Chapter's Constitution and By-Laws, reported that a set of amendments to the present Constitution and By-Laws had been prepared for the approval of the Chapter.

A communication was read from Mrs. John M. Carrère, acknowledging receipt of this Chapter's resolution of condolence on the death of Mr. John M. Carrère, architect.

A resolution was read from the Colorado Chapter extending thanks and appreciation to the Southern California Chapter, for the entertainment of the Colorado Chapter delegates to the Convention of the A. I. A., held in San Francisco in January.

The quarterly review of the proceedings of the New York Chapter, published February 28, 1911, was next presented, the closing paragraph of this review containing a suggestion to the Chapters of the Institute to abolish the present custom of the interchange of Chapters' minutes, setting forth the reasons for such action.

Upon motion made by Mr. S. T. Norton, seconded by Mr. A. R. Walker and duly carried, it was decided that this Chapter should hereafter dispense with the forwarding of copies of its minutes to other Chapters with the exception of a copy which was to be forwarded each month to the Secretary of the Institute.

The Secretary was instructed to mail copies of the amendments to the Constitution to the Chapter members for their ballot.

It was moved, seconded and carried to ballot on the amendments of the present Chapter By-Laws at the next regular meeting of the Chapter, to be held on May 9, 1911.

The following committee was appointed to draw up a resolution of condolence on the death of Mr. William Downey, Superintendent of Construction for the Los Angeles Board of Education: Theo. A. Eisen, Julius W. Krause, Fernand Parmentier.

Copy of this resolution to be sent to Mrs. William Downey and another copy to the Los Angeles Board of Education.

The President announced that he would appoint a committee in the near future to wait on the Los Angeles Board of Education with reference to the new school houses about to be erected, advising the Board of Education to make these buildings absolutely fire proof in every respect.

At a suggestion of several members, the Secretary was instructed to communicate with the members of the Chapter's permanent Committee on Legislation, to arrange a meeting with Mr. J. J. Backus, Chief Inspector of Buildings of the Los Angeles Board of Public Works, with the object of framing a new ordinance governing fire escapes.

Mr. A. B. Benton was next called upon to read a paper on California Missions. Mr. Benton before reading his paper, explained that owing to some misunderstanding the apparatus for stereopticon views was not available for the evening, but that he would read his paper and have the stereopticon views presented at a future meeting, inviting discussion of the subject at that meeting. At the conclusion of the paper, Mr. Benton was presented with the Chapter's hearty vote of thanks.

The meeting adjourned at 10.10 P. M.

FERNAND PARMENTIER,

Secretary.

# SAN FRANCISCO CHAPTER.

The regular monthly meeting of the San Francisco Chapter, was held at Tait's Cafe, February 16, 1911.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Mooser, President, there being fifty members present.

Mr. Woollett, an engineer of New York, was a guest of the Chapter.

Mr. Mooser read the report and recommendation of the Reception and Entertainment Committee, as follows:

"FEBRUARY 16, 1911.

"To the Members, San Francisco Chapter, A. I. A.:

"Your Committee on Reception and Entertainment for the 44th Annual Convention of the American Institute of Architects, begs to submit the following financial

ing the Committee concerning competition, and read a letter from Frank Miles Day regarding modifications in the code, and stated that a letter would shortly be sent Chapter members advising them of the changes, together with a new copy of the code.

Mr. Faville for the Committee on the Voorhies Table, reported that he had had an interview concerning the same, and believed that the table could be purchased for a sum under \$1,000.00. On motion of Mr. Shea, duly seconded and carried, the committee was given full power to act, and use its discretion toward acquiring the table; and, if it deemed same advisable, to start a subscription list for the purchase of the table and its presentation to the Institute.

The Committee on Resolutions in honor of the late John M. Carrère submitted the following resolution which was adopted by a standing vote and spread on the minutes, and the committee discharged with thanks.

"Fellow Members of the San Francisco Chapter American Institute of Architects:
"It is our mournful duty to formally advise you of the loss to the architectural
profession of John M. Carrère, F. A. I. A., who expired on the first day of March, 1911.

"His loss to the American Institute of Architects, of which he was a Director, the architectural profession and the world, will be keenly felt, as his influence in the world of art was a conspicuous factor for many years.

"The success attending his practice would indicate his close attention to the profession which he so brilliantly adorned, while his ability and strict integrity gave him a standing both attractive and inspiring.

"We respectfully submit the accompanying resolution for your consideration.

"Whereas, Death has suddenly removed from our midst a valued and esteemed fellow laborer, and

"Whereas, The degree of respect with which we viewed his many successes and invaluable work for the architectural profession in America, makes it fitting that we should express our appreciation of the services rendered by the late John M. Carrère during a long period of years, and to express the profound sorrow in the great loss sustained by his untimely death.

"Resolved, That the above preamble and resolution be entered on the minutes and that copies be sent the American Institute of Architects and the family of the deceased.

[SIGNED] "CLINTON DAY,
"LIONEL DEANE,

"WM. CURLETT,

" Committee."

A communication was received and placed on file from the Colorado Chapter, A. I. A., resolutions of thanks and appreciation for the entertainment provided during convention week.

The Chair announced the presence of the guests from the Southern California Chapter, and they were called upon for remarks. Messrs. Morgan, Hebbard, Krempel and Roehrig favored the Chapter with brief addresses. Mr. Curlett expressed the pleasure of the Chapter in having these gentlemen present as guests.

There being no further business before the meeting an adjournment was taken at 10.45.

# OBITUARIES.

# F. E. RUTAN, A. A. I. A.

Mr. Frank Elmer Rutan was born in Newark, N. J., on February 17, 1863. He was educated at the Public School. In 1881 he entered the office of H. H. Richardson, the Boston Architect. At Mr. Richardson's death he remained with the former's successors, Shepley, Rutan (his brother) and Coolidge, and was by them in 1886, sent to Pittsburgh to assist in the completion of the Allegheny County Court House. After this was done he entered the office of Longfellow, Alden & Harlow, who had also come from Boston on the same work. After a short time he became the local representative of Shepley, Rutan & Coolidge, and when they decided to close their Pittsburgh office he opened one of his own. In 1896 he formed a partnership with Frederick A. Russell under the name of Rutan & Russell, a firm which continued until his death.

Mr. Rutan was supervising architect of the Allegheny Post Office. The Lincoln Hotel was among the first of his large buildings, followed by the magnificent Hotel Schenley, and his success and place in his profession were assured. Many of the office buildings of the city and of the beautiful homes in town and country are his work.

In the summer of 1909, illness followed overwork and strain, and for several months he was an invalid, away from home much of the time in search of health which it was finally hoped he had regained to an extent which would permit a large degree of his former activity, but this hope proved to be in vain. Early in January, this year, he began to fail again and died on Saturday, February 25th, at Atlantic City, where he had gone two weeks earlier.

Besides his profession Mr. Rutan found time for many other activities especially in the line of music.

Mr. Frank Elmer Rutan left behind him memories most precious to those privileged to know him as a man and a friend. Unusually pure,

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sweet and lovable in disposition, yet firm in his convictions and positive in decisions and actions, he won and kept the love and esteem of all who came in close contact with him. His circle of friends and acquaintances was wide and he was a member of the leading clubs and of many public and private organizations.

Mr. Rutan was elected an Associate of the Institute in 1901.

Under Chapter notes will be found the action of the Pittsburgh chapter on the death of Mr. Rutan.

# Franklin J. Sawtelle, F. A. I. A.

Mr. Franklin J. Sawtelle, who died on March 9, 1911, was born in Norridgewock, Maine, on October 9, 1846, the son of George and Sarah Herrick (Peet) Sawtelle. He was educated in the Public Schools of his native town and while still in his teens entered the office of J. S. Fassett, an architect of Portland, Maine. In May, 1873, he came to Providence, and entered the office of Stone & Carpenter, where he remained seven years. In 1880, he opened an office of his own in the Wilcox Building and there he remained until the time of his death.

Among Mr. Sawtelle's various works were the Bates Opera House, and several school houses and residences in Attleboro, Massachusetts, school houses in Wakefield, Rhode Island, and other neighboring towns; the Taftville Congregational Church, the residences of Mayor Baker, Mayor McGuinness, Mr. Catlin, Professor Davis, Mr. Tiffany and Mr. S. O. Edwards, as well as several other dwellings in Providence. He also did a great deal of work for the Hope Webbing Company, and at the time of his death he was engaged upon one of his most important commissions, the school for Miss Wheeler on Hope Street, Providence. The alterations in the High Street Universalist Church in Pawtucket also were from his drawings.

In 1901 and 1902, he was a member of the firm of Sawtelle, Robertson & Shurrocks and with them he designed the Waterman Block in Olneyville, and the residence of the Rev. Robert Parker on Manning Street in Providence. In 1894, he travelled in England and France.

Mr. Sawtelle superintended for Carrère and Hastings the construction of the Central Congregational Church and designed and built the Lock-

wood Memorial Chapel, adjoining the church, as well as the house on Diman Place occupied as the parsonage. He also planned and carried out the residence of F. W. Carpenter in Providence in association with Carrere & Hastings.

Mr. Sawtelle joined the Rhode Island Chapter, January 12, 1885, becoming an Associate of the Institute in the same year. He was advanced to Fellowship in 1889. He was elected secretary of the Chapter October 18, 1893, and served until October 2, 1895. He was Vice-President of the Chapter, 1895 to 1896, and President from September 18, 1908, till September 1, 1910.

His interest in the Chapter and its activites was very strong, and he always did a generous share of its work, serving on its most important committees. Of two of these, the Executive Committee and the Committee on the Lien Law, he was a member at the time of his death.

Mr. Sawtelle's sterling character and inflexible integrity made all respect him, but his nature was kindly and lovable, so that with the respect he had the love of all who knew him.

It is remarkable that his last words to the Chapter in his Annual Address at the close of his second term as President were: "And then . . . when one is through with the successes and the failures, when he drops the broken pencil, lays aside the unfinished specification, rolls up the fragmentary plan; then as he passes on, may he joyfully say: I have fought a good fight." Of no one could he have said this more fittingly than we who remain can say it of him.

NORMAN M. ISHAM, Secretary, R. I. Chapter.

Under Chapter notes will be found the action of the Rhode Island Chapter on the death of Mr. Franklin J. Sawtelle.

# CHARLES W. CLARK, F. A. I. A.

Mr. C. W. Clark was born in West Virginia in the year 1854, and died March 12, 1911. He was graduated from the University of Illinois in the class of Civil Engineering, and followed this by a course of Archi-

tecture in the years 1885–86. His principal works are the Y. M. C. A. Building, St. Peter's Church and St. George's Church, all in St. Louis, together with many residences in St. Louis and its suburbs.

G. F. A. Brueggeman, Secretary, St. Louis Chapter.

Mr. C. W. Clark was elected a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects in 1890.

Under Chapter notes will be found the action of the St. Louis Chapter on the death of Mr. C. W. Clark.

# Andrew Grierson Thomson, F. A. I. A.

Mr. Thomson was born in Dumfries, Scotland, in 1838, and received his early education there and later in various educational institutions and architects offices in England.

He came to this country when a young man and for several years he occupied the position of chief computer in the supervising architect's office of the United States Treasury, and later had charge of the construction of the Post Office in New York City.

For a time he was in the office of Charles C. Haight, and for the past twenty-five years he has been consulting architect to the J. L. Mott Iron Works, and designed its plant at Trenton, New Jersey.

He was one of the founders of the Brooklyn Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, and for a number of years its Secretary. He was elected a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects in 1896, and had attended most of the conventions of the Institute since that time.

He was one of the founders of the architectural department of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences.

Mr. Thomson died at his home in Brooklyn, April 2, 1911.

FRANK H. QUINBY, Chairman.

Under Chapter notes will be found the action of the Brooklyn Chapter on the death of Mr. A. G. Thomson.