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SECRETARY'S PAGE

Secretary's Page

THE NEXT Convention is in Washington, 16-18 May, and again the Executive Secretary calls attention to the desire of the Board of Directors that reports of committees be received in time for printing and distribution to the Chapters so that a discussion of them may take place before delegates leave for the Convention. If delegates require to be informed of the nature of Committee reports on the floor of the Convention, much valuable time is wasted and intelligent action is jeopardized. It is suggested that all Chapters arrange for a Special Meeting at some date between 15 April and 1 May, when Institute Committee reports be discussed.

In regard to the NEW COLLEGE OF HYGIENE, LONDON, the following communication has been received:

"A year or two ago the Rockefeller Foundation of New York most generously entrusted to the British Government a large sum of money for the purpose of founding and endowing a College of Hygiene in London. A site is being found for this building, and the design of the building will shortly be taken in hand.

"It may, perhaps, interest you to know that the Council of the Royal Institute of British Architects have been in communication with His Majesty's Government on the subject and have urged that an open architectural competition should be held for the building, so that American architects may have an opportunity of submitting designs. It is felt that it is only right that as this College is to be built as a result of an American endowment, the architects of the United States should have an equal opportunity of competing for it.

Yours very truly,

IAN MACALISTER, *Secretary, R. I. B. A.*

PITTSBURGH Chapter has voted to resume the practice of giving an annual scholarship to the students of the Night School of Carnegie Institute of Technology, the award to be to students receiving the largest number of credits during the year. The Chapter has also offered its services co-operatively to the Builders' Exchange and other organizations in the industry, for a discussion of questions of mutual interest.

INDORSEMENT has been given by the Board of Directors to the principle involved in Senate Bill 4062, which provides for a comprehensive development of the Park and Playground System of Washington, D. C. The Board believes, however, that the plan proposed would be improved were it to include the Highway System as well as the Parks, and thinks that if the proposed Commission were known as the National Capital Commission rather than as the National Capital Park Commission, a wider and more useful scope would follow.

Mr. Charles H. Alden, reporting to the Washington State Chapter on the activities of the North Pacific Division of the Small House Bureau said, in part:

In the work of the committee, both in connection with the North Pacific Division of the Small House Service Bureau and the Convenient Farm Home Competition, your committee believes that although the way has been and is difficult and progress necessarily slow, both phases of activity

represent much needed work directly in line with the purposes of the Institute, and these should have encouragement and support from the members of the Chapter. We all believe that small homes, particularly those in out-of-the-way farming districts, must of necessity lack the architectural character in plan, design and construction that such buildings should have unless there is made available to the prospective home builders a service embodying these qualities and presented in such a manner that he will get it. The present deplorable quality of large numbers of these buildings is believed to indicate that a service more than has hitherto been supplied should be available, particularly in this section of the country, and that a great opportunity and resulting responsibility exists with the local Chapters to meet this situation.

The development of the farm house designs continues to be a direct function of the Chapter, this Chapter having voted to co-operate with the Washington State College in this entire project. The premiated plans in the Convenient Farm Home Competition embodying the best point of view of the farm women of the state, were re-drawn at the State College to clearly delineate practicable plans incorporating the wishes of the competitors, and these were published in a State College Extension Bulletin, the Washington State Chapter being given credit for co-operating as similar credit had been given the Chapter in all publicity since the competition was instituted. Your Chapter Committee is now endeavoring to secure the designing of exteriors from these plans with architectural revision of the plans themselves, all characteristic features of the competitive drawings being maintained. Perspectives will be made from these exterior designs for publication with adequately revised sketch plans, in a later edition of the State College Extension Bulletin, the ultimate intention being to have complete working drawings, specifications, and other necessary material to sell to the farm owner intending to build, several of whom have already expressed a desire to avail themselves of this service.

THE SOUTH CAROLINA CHAPTER has prepared a most interesting program for the three days' meeting of the Executive Committee in Charleston on 29-31 March next. On the same dates the Florida, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina Chapters and the North Carolina Association of Architects will also meet both in joint and individual sessions. The delegates will be addressed by the Mayor of Charleston and by Mr. William C. Miller of the Carolina Art Association. There will be excursions in and about Charleston with a drive across James Island to Folly Beach for an oyster roast and smoker. Altogether it promises to be an event of great interest and pleasure, and all members of the Institute and Chapters are cordially invited to attend. Notification, if possible, of the intention to be present and the number of persons accompanying should be sent to Mr. Albert Simon, Chairman, 42 Broad Street, Charleston, S. C.

Obituary

Curtis W. Bixby

Elected to Membership in 1914

Died at Boston, Massachusetts, 8 January, 1923

Frank M. Duke

Elected to Membership in 1921

Died at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 10 January, 1923