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gineering Standards Committee should be obtained in the development of standard specifications covering design, construction and installation.

Based upon a consideration of popular demand, it tentatively recommends that the recognized capacities of elevated steel towers be reduced to the following capacities in U. S. gallons: 5,000, 10,000, 15,000, 20,000, 25,000, 30,000, 40,000, 50,000, 60,000, 75,000, 100,000, 150,000, 200,000, 300,000, 500,000.

Committee Appointments

The personnel of a number of the Institute committees has already been selected, and the men appointed to these bodies have already signified their acceptance of their appointments.

The members of the new Executive Committee are as follows: D. Everett Waid, Edwin H. Brown, Abram Garfield, William L. Steele, and Charles Herrick Hammond.

The new Judiciary Committee is composed of Messrs. William L. Steele, *Chairman*; W. E. Fisher, and William J. Sayward.

The Board of Examiners—Messrs. Edward W. Donn, Jr., *Chairman*; Delos H. Smith, and Louis A. Simon—is the same group which has served for the past two years.

At the meeting of the Board of Directors, which followed the Convention, President Waid, in conference with the Board, decided to withhold the appointment of new Standing and Special Committees for the time being. This will give opportunity for mature consideration, which was not possible on the day following the Convention.

In the meantime the President and the Board are asking the present committee chairmen and members to continue to perform their respective duties.

Announcement of new appointments, or reappointments, will be made in due course.

Letters to the Editor

Modern German Architecture

TO THE EDITOR OF THE JOURNAL:

Mr. Irving K. Pond is quite right in saying that some German architectural work has gone wild and is really cast-iron. No wonder! The war and post-war times in this country are well fit to create a thorough nervous breakdown of a great nation. Naturally the soul is irritated and will seek its way on twisted roads; however, I can assure Mr. Pond there is sanity still alive in the architectural world over here too. Therefore, it would seem "square" not only to reproduce the cast-iron trials but give the sane work a chance also—sane work which is struggling for economic and artistic solutions both.

HANS J. PHILIPP.

Itzehoe, Germany.

Obituary

Louis Holmes Boynton

Elected to the Institute in 1913
Died at Chicago, Ill., 19 April, 1924

Professor Louis Holmes Boynton, of the faculty of the College of Architecture of the University of Michigan, was born in 1867 at Guilford, Connecticut, and as a special student studied architecture at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Afterward he entered the office of Peabody and Stearns, in Boston, winning the Rotch Traveling Scholarship in Architecture in 1896, which gave him two years of study in Europe. Part of this time was spent in Italy where in 1897 he was married. After his return to the States he was for a time with Shepley, Rutan and Coolidge, Boston, and—later—McKim, Mead and White and Cass Gilbert, New York City. With Mr. Gilbert his principal work was on the Union Club and on the New York Customs House. From 1908 to 1912 he practiced in New York City, and then went to the University of Michigan, to teach in the field of architectural design, in which his training and experience on important undertakings was of great value. As a practitioner he was very active and has done some of Ann Arbor's most beautiful buildings including the new South University Avenue public school, residences and fraternity houses.

He is survived by Mrs. Boynton and three children, Louise, Lucia and George, and by three brothers.

Professor Boynton had been on the Board of Directors of the Ann Arbor Art Association since 1917, and was its president in 1920-21. His loss will be keenly felt by all who had the privilege of knowing him whether as a friend, associate or teacher.

William D. Hewitt, F. A. I. A.

Elected to Associate Membership in the Institute in 1901
Elected to Fellowship in 1909
Died at Philadelphia, Pa., 23 April, 1924

(Further notice later)

Booth Traveling Fellowship

The first award of the George C. Booth Traveling Fellowship in Architecture has been made by the College of Architecture of the University of Michigan. Of the nine competitors who finished, the designs of two were of such equal merit that the jury decided to divide the \$1200 income of the Fellowship between Marion F. Blood, a member of the Class of 1924 and Ralph R. Calder who graduated in 1923. Both have had office experience in addition to academic training and both are students of high scholarship.

To the \$600 received by each winner, Mr. Booth has generously added \$500; by this gracious gift it thus becomes possible for the school to send two students abroad for a stay of approximately one year.