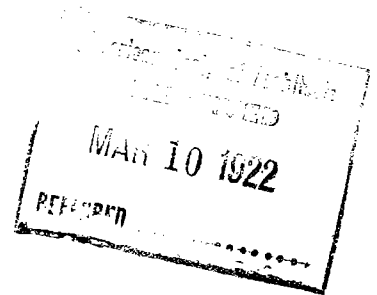


HENRY M. CONGDON & SON
ARCHITECTS
10 WEST 23rd ST., NEW YORK

Thursday 9 March 1922



Secretary, A.I.A.,
Octagon House,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I regret to report to you the death of my Father, Henry Martyn Congdon F.A.I.A., a former Secretary.

Born May 10, 1834, he graduated from Columbia College in the class of 1854 and was a member of Psi Upsilon. His Father, Charles Congdon, of Brooklyn, N.Y., was keenly interested in architecture and the Church and was one of the founders of the now defunct Ecclesiological Society in this country. It was natural, then, that his oldest son should look with interest on architecture as a life-work.

He was accordingly apprenticed to John Priest M.A., of Newburgh, a friend of Charles Congdon's and a fellow member of the Ecclesiological Society, and on the death of Mr. Priest in 1859 Henry M. Congdon and John Littell, fellow students, opened an office for the practice of architecture in New York City. The partnership was a brief one, and was later followed by one with Cady, but the greater part of Mr. Congdon's 63 years of practice were spent without a partner. In 1907 his son, Herbert Wheaton Congdon M.A., was admitted to partnership and father and son worked together until death separated them.

An early member of the American Institute of Architects in the days of small things, he was a Fellow and for a short time its Secretary. Although always keenly interested in its work, of late years he kept very much to himself and was not known at Conventions and meetings as in the earlier days.

Some of Mr. Congdon's more prominent works were: St. Andrew's Church, Harlem, The House of Mercy at Inwood, St. Mary's Free Hospital for Children (all in New York City); Trinity Church, Torrington, Christ Church, Ansonia and Trinity Church in Portland Connecticut -- all three being groups with attached parish houses -- Christ Church, Portsmouth, N.H., Calvary Church, Summit, N.J., St. Paul's Church at Norwalk, Ohio, and St. Paul's Church, Philipsburg, Pa. He also did a great deal of minor architecture, church plate, monuments, etc. as well as the usual grist of dwellings, all of which, however simple, showed a sincerity and a picturesque charm of composition.

Mr. Congdon never retired, but was at his office until his death. He fell asleep, literally, while dressing to go to the office as usual, in his 88th year, on February 28th, 1922.

HERBERT WHEATON CONGDON

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March 10, 1922.

My dear Mr. Congdon:-

We have received with much regret your letter of March 9 announcing the passing of Mr. Henry Martin Congdon, honored Fellow and Past Secretary of the American Institute of Architects.

It is noted that you have sent a copy of the letter to the Press of the A. I. A., and we are calling the matter to the attention of the Executive Committee of the Institute at its meeting in New York on April 3.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Herbert Wheaton Congdon,
10 West 23rd Street,
New York, N. Y.

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