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Obituary

Francis Ward Chandler

In St. Paul's Cathedral in London there is a tablet inscribed to Sir Christopher Wren: "If you would see his monument, look about you." At gatherings of architects, some young and some old, in many section of the United States this tribute may be said to apply to Francis W. Chandler, for his whole life was an inspiration to all who came in contact with him. He was born September 30, 1844.

Some years ago, at a meeting in his honor when retiring from his professorship at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, we were thrilled by the words of Robert S. Peabody and others telling of Mr. Chandler's valor and sacrifice in the service of his country during the Civil War. Stories of his student days in Paris with McKim, Peabody and others were related, all of these stories indicating the love and affection in which he was held by his associates.

As a practicing architect Mr. Chandler gave ideal service to his clients. His genius was for planning and he was indefatigable in working out his designs to result in the most effective administration and maintenance, at the same time preserving their artistic charm. While not daring in individualism, he never masked his planning by designing after fashionable models, though he knew well the history of art in its various periods as few knew it.

His practice was most active in the early '80's, when clients were beginning to demand more comfort and less austerity in their homes, and his response to these calls soon made him eminent as an authority on domestic architecture. During that period he had a large and varied practice and positions in his office were eagerly sought by many young draughtsmen. It was my good fortune to be a member of his office force at that time. Each and all were proud to be his proteges. His never failing affection for his "boys," his sunny disposition and helpful counsel made him loved and respected by all. He was equally respected and admired by members of the building industry, who considered it a privilege to work under his supervision.

In 1889 Mr. Chandler retired from active practice and became Professor of Architecture at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. This brought him into contact with hundreds of young men and established for him a broader field for his ripened years. He built up the Department of Architecture and made it one that other institutions have been proud to copy. Many of his students have become members of the teaching staff of other colleges, while the number of practicing architects who were trained under his guidance is legion. He was called upon for service to the public and to his profession many times during these busy years. He always responded to these calls and gave generously of his time and skill to municipalities, corporations and others who sought his advice. Throughout his long life he had constantly in mind the advancement of his profession, and the debt we owe Francis Ward Chandler will be grate-

fully acknowledged by all. "Ad mortem fidelis," the motto on his crest.

He died September 8, 1926. SAMUEL W. MEAD

Frank W. Ferguson

Elected to the Institute in 1901; to Fellowship in 1910.

Died at Boston, Massachusetts, 4 October, 1926

Frank W. Ferguson, member of the firm of Cram and Ferguson of Boston, died at his home there due to an attack of pneumonia which he had in the early part of the year. Mr. Ferguson was born in Portsmouth, N. H., in 1861, and he was graduated from Dartmouth in 1887.

As a member of the firm known as Cram, Goodhue and Ferguson, he assisted in the designing of the United States Military Academy at West Point, St. Thomas' Episcopal Church of New York, and the Rice Institute in Texas. As a member of the firm of Cram and Ferguson he was instrumental in the designing of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York, and many other buildings of note. Mr. Ferguson is survived by one son, Donald Ferguson, of Boston.

Andrew C. McKenzie

Elected to the Institute in 1915. Died at Brooklyn,

9 October, 1926

Andrew C. McKenzie, senior member of McKenzie, Voorhees and Gmelin, of New York, died of heart disease. Mr. McKenzie was born in Dunkirk, N. Y., sixty-five years ago. He had a part in the designing of forty buildings for the telephone company in this state, including the new telephone building on West Street of New York. He was formerly a member of Eidlitz and McKenzie, the designers of the Times Building. He is survived by his wife.

George W. Maher

Elected to the Institute in 1901; to Fellowship in 1916.

Died at Chicago, Illinois, 12 September, 1926.

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Elected to the Institute in 1901; to Fellowship in 1910.

Died at Boston, Massachusetts, 4 October, 1926.

(Further notice in December).

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Elected to the Institute in 1915. Died at Brooklyn,

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Charles I. Berg

Elected to Fellowship in the Institute in 1898.

Died at New York, 14 October, 1926.

Mr. Berg died at the New York Hospital after more than a year's illness, at the age of seventy. He had the distinction of erecting New York's first skyscraper, the Gillender Building, a twenty-story structure at Wall and Nassau Streets, constructed in 1897, which was torn down a few years ago. His last important work was as consulting architect in the construction of the Presidential Palace in Havana, Cuba, in 1918. He is survived by his wife and a son, Hunter Van Beil Berg.