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An Open Letter

TO THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS
OF ALL CHAPTERS OF THE
AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS:

As the response to the PITTSBURGH CHAPTER's appeal for support in its movement to preserve the Allegheny County Courthouse and Jail, as designed by H. H. Richardson, from destruction, has been so very generous and whole-hearted that the Secretary finds it impossible to thank personally all those who have helped in this undertaking, he is using the pages of the JOURNAL for this purpose.

Will the Chapter Presidents, together with their Officers and Members, accept the hearty thanks of the PITTSBURGH CHAPTER for their willing coöperation and support in our endeavor to preserve Richardson's masterpiece; and although the civic election of last November has temporarily brought the matter to a standstill owing to a change in administration, it will again become active early in the new year, and the letters which you have written will be formidable evidence for its preservation.

THOMAS W. LUDLOW,
Secretary, PITTSBURGH CHAPTER.

Competitions

A competition for a two-story brick apartment building and a five-room brick bungalow, to be erected in a new housing development in Niles Centre, Ill., was recently instituted with the approval of the *Chicago Chapter*. The professional adviser is Elmer C. Lowe, A. I. A., of Evanston, and Harry B. Wheelock, President of the *Chicago Chapter*, is one of the three members of the Jury of Award. The first prize of \$1,200 for each building carries with it the supervision of construction work on the two buildings; there are second, third and fourth prizes of \$300, \$200 and \$100, respectively.

The first preliminary competition for the annual Paris Prize of the Society of Beaux-Arts Architects will be held on 17 February. The Paris Prize entitles the winner to enter the advanced work of the Ecole des Beaux-Arts in Paris, and to receive \$3,000 for his expenses for two and a half years' residence and study abroad. Competitors must be American citizens and under 27 years of age on 1 July, 1926. Application for circular should be made to H. O. Milliken, Chairman, 126 East 75th Street, New York City.

THE GOVERNING Committee of the James Harrison Steedman Memorial Fellowship in Architecture announces the first Competition for a Fellowship of the value of \$1,500, the holder of which is to pursue the study of architecture in foreign countries, as determined by the Committee and under the guidance and control of the

School of Architecture of Washington University. This Fellowship is open to graduates in architecture of recognized architectural schools of the United States, who shall have had at least one year of practical work in the office of an architect practicing in St. Louis, Mo., and be between 21 and 31 years of age at the time of appointment. Application blanks and full particulars can be obtained from the head of the School of Architecture of Washington University, St. Louis, Mo., to whom all candidates are required to forward their application blanks, properly filled out, not later than 31 January. The Governing Committee of the Scholarship consists of Louis La Beaume, Gabriel Ferrand and J. Lawrence Mauran, *Chairman*.

Obituary

James Stewart Barney

Elected to Fellowship in The Institute in 1894
Died at New York City, 22 November, 1924

The late Mr. Barney prepared for the practice of his profession in the office of George B. Post, and was a student in the Columbia School of Architecture. Later he was associated in practice with Otis Chapman. Among the works designed and constructed by him were the Broadway Tabernacle, Troy Library, Hotel Navarre, and buildings for Grace Church parish.

After two decades of professional practice he retired to live in Paris, entering an atelier as a student, specializing in the study of painting in both water colors and oils. During the last several years he devoted himself to painting in oil, in which he showed great ability and acquired an enviable reputation as a painter of landscapes, and was at the height of his art when his untimely end came.

Mr. Barney possessed a remarkable talent in all branches of art, was a leader in thought for the best interests of his profession, and a valued member of the NEW YORK CHAPTER; a man of brilliant mind, with an engaging personality that endeared him to all who knew him, and gave him a high place in the esteem and affection of those who were so fortunate as to be given his friendship.

James H. Forsythe

Elected to The Institute in 1920
Died at Minneapolis, Minn., 1 November, 1925

James H. Forsythe was a graduate in Architecture of the University of Pennsylvania and Master in Architecture of Harvard University, from which he received the Nelson Traveling Fellowship in Architecture and traveled abroad and studied at the American Academy in Rome. He was Associate Professor of Architecture and Advisory Architect at the University of Minnesota and a member of the MINNESOTA CHAPTER of the Institute.

F. M. MANN.