# BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

1910.

### FOR ONE YEAR.

Frank Miles Day, 925 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa. George Cary, 184 Delaware Ave., Buffalo, N. Y. R. Clipston Sturgis, 120 Boylston St., Boston, Mass.

### FOR TWO YEARS.

FRANK C. BALDWIN, Union Trust Building, Detroit, Mich. Breck Trowbridge, 527 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y. John M. Carrère, 225 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

### FOR THREE YEARS.

CASS GILBERT, 11 East Twenty-fourth St., New York, N. Y. RALPH ADAMS CRAM, 15 Beacon St., Boston, Mass. John G. Howard, 604 Mission St., San Francisco, Cal.

### AUDITORS.

ROBERT STEAD, 906 F Street N. W., Washington, D. C. James G. Hill, Corcoran Building, Washington, D. C.

# THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

Vol. XI.

QUARTERLY BULLETIN.

No. 3.

OCTOBER, 1910.

FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS, JANUARY 17, 18, AND 19, 1911. HEADQUARTERS, FAIRMONT HOTEL, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

On the night of January 10, the Institute will be entertained by the Illinois Chapter.

Leave Chicago, over the Chicago & North Western Railway, January 11, 1911, at 9.30 A. M., arrive at Denver 12.30 P. M., Thursday. Stop over at Denver where the Institute will be entertained by the Colorado Chapter. Will pass through the Royal Gorge during the day, stop over for the organ recital at Salt Lake City and arrive in San Francisco Monday, January 16, in the forenoon.

January:

16th, Monday:

Arrive in San Francisco forenoon.

17th, Tuesday:

10 A. M. Business session.

2 to 6 P. M. Sight seeing.

8 to 11 P. M. Reception by the San Francisco Chapter, Fairmont Hotel.

18th, Wednesday: 10 A. M. Report of Committee on Credentials.

Business session.

2 P. M. Visit University of California at Berkeley.

8 P. M. Free.

19th, Thursday:

10 A. M. Business session.

2 P. M. Business session.

8 P. M. Banquet by San Francisco Chapter.

20th, Friday:

10 A. M. Leland Stanford University.

2 P. M. Other places of interest.

8 P. M. Chinatown.

### CHAPTER NOTES.

### RHODE ISLAND CHAPTER.

At the annual meeting of the Rhode Island Chapter, held in September, the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year:

$President, \dots$				HOWARD HOPPIN.
Vice-President,				ELEAZER B. HOMER.
Secretary,				Norman M. Isham.
				FRANKLIN R. HINDLE.
Executive Comm	ittee,			PRESCOTT O. CLARK, FRANK-
	•			LIN J. SAWTELLE.

### Committee on Admissions.

A. JEROME MURPHY,

J. HOWARD ADAMS,

HUGER ELLIOTT.

Committee on Entertainment.

NORMAN M. ISHAM.

FRANKLIN R. HINDLE,

ELLIS F. JACKSON.

The retiring President, Franklin J. Sawtelle, delivered the Annual Address which was ordered to be printed. After the reading of the minutes of the last meeting various committee reports were received.

Mr. Clark reported for the Stone Memorial. The Committee purposed to write to the Swan Point Cemetery Directors a formal letter and to publish it with the reply of the Directors.

It was voted that the Committee do as they purposed and that they provide a photograph for publication,

After the election of the officers and committees as given above the newly elected President took the chair.

The Secretary brought up the request of the Board of Directors, A. I. A., that the Chapter appoint a Sub-committee on Competitions. He also read a letter to the President from Mr. Frank Miles Day, Chairman of the A. I. A. Committee on Competitions.

It was voted to refer the matter to the Executive Committee to report at the next meeting.

It was voted that the Secretary express to Messrs. Ross, The J. C. Goff Company and McCormick the Chapter's appreciation of their kindness.

It was voted that the Chapter extend to the members of the Exhibition Committee its appreciation of the hard work done by them.

It was voted that the President appoint a committee of three to consider the revision of the lien law.

The President appointed Messrs. Clarke, Ely and Sawtelle.

It was voted that the Committee on Civic Improvement be continued with power.

NORMAN M. ISHAM, Secretary.

The following account of the presentation to the Board of Directors of Swan Point Cemetery of the Memorial to Mr. Alfred Stone, who died September 4, 1908, is taken from a recent issue of the Providence *Journal*.

The memorial to Mr. Stone, who was for years one of the leaders of the local Chapter and a member of the firm of Stone, Carpenter & Willson, is a stone seat, marked with a bronze tablet, which has been erected at Swan Point Cemetery.

The Rhode Island Chapter some time ago appointed Norman M. Isham, Prescott O. Clarke and E. B. Homer as a committee to provide, on behalf of the Chapter, a memorial to Mr. Stone.

It was the original intention to arrange for a memorial meeting, but the Committee, as it considered the matter, felt that mere words would be of no great worth, and turned toward some permanent expression in bronze or other enduring material.

It was finally determined to build a stone seat and to mark it with a bronze tablet. The grounds of Swan Point Cemetery, with which Mr. Stone, as President of the Board of Directors, had been closely identified, were, with the cordial assent of the Directors, chosen as the place in which it should be erected. The Committee felt that a memorial of this kind, standing on a travelled path at the side of the main avenue of approach to the cemetery, would not only keep Mr. Stone's memory before his fellow citizens, but would carry on a work and a purpose very dear to him.

The Chapter indorsed these views and ordered the seat, designed by Mr. Isham,

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS ARCHIVES

to be built and the following inscription, written by Mr. Clarke, to be placed upon it in bronze:

This Resting Place
For the People is Erected
as a Loving Tribute to
ALFRED STONE,
F. A. I. A.,
In Appreciation of
His Ability as an Architect,
His Service as a Citizen and
His Character as a Man
By

His Associates in the Rhode Island Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. May 1, 1910.

No formal dedication was attempted. The Committee, with the approval of the Chapter, turned the seat over to the authorities of Swan Point Cemetery in the following letter:

"In behalf of the Rhode Island Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, we hereby turn over to you the memorial which the Chapter has erected in the cemetery grounds in Alfred Stone; and in so doing we wish to express our appreciation of your courtesy in donating the land on which it is located and in offering to place the memorial under perpetual care—an offer which we most gratefully accept."

The letter was signed by Messrs. Isham, Clarke and Homer of the Memorial Committee.

The regular monthly meeting of the Chapter for October was held at the University Club with dinner at half past six.

President Hoppin occupied the chair.

Mr. Clarke made a final report for the Committee on the Stone Memorial.

It was voted that the Committee on the Stone Memorial be discharged with the thanks of the Chapter.

It was voted that the Secretary send to the family of the late Mr. Stone, with a letter, a photograph of the Memorial.

The Secretary read a communication from the Washington State Chapter in regard to the heights of buildings in cities.

It was voted that it is the sense of this Chapter that some restriction should be placed upon the heights of buildings in Providence.

The Secretary presented the report of the Executive Committee on the subject

of the Competition Code, and read his letters, one to the various Chapters, the other to Mr. Glenn Brown, which the Executive Committee recommended should be sent.

NORMAN M. ISHAM.

Secretary.

Following is the letter issued by the Rhode Island Chapter and forwarded to each of the Chapters of the Institute, in reference to the Code of Competitions issued by the Institute.

"DEAR SIR:

"In the circular letter dated July 19, 1910, from the Chairman of the A. I. A. Committee on Competitions, concerning the Institute's Competition Code, it is stated that 'The Chapters, with one or two unimportant exceptions, are warmly in favor of its application.'

"The Rhode Island Chapter is one of these exceptions, and wishes the other Chapters to know the reasons therefor—believing that a responsive chord will be touched in many Chapters besides those constituting the remaining exceptions.

"This Chapter has not appointed the requested sub-committee because not a single member has been found who is willing to serve; for the members are of the opinion that mandatory clauses in the Code tend to degrade what should be a broad-minded and free professional body to the condition of trade-unionism.

"The Chapter considers the Code to be a most excellent one if regarded as an advisory document; it cannot, however, bring itself to believe that the charge of 'unprofessional conduct' could be properly brought against an architect disregarding some of the mandatory clauses under exceptional circumstances. For example, must the owner always agree to provide a first payment of 'one-half of one per cent.' (as made mandatory in Art. 10) before an architect may enter his competition—no matter how satisfactory the other conditions are?

"Again, the Chapter, while believing most strongly in a professional advisor, does not consider that in all conceivable cases it would be unprofessional to enter a competition in which no such advisor was required. As an example, take the following actual case. Some years ago a firm represented on the present Institute Competition Committee entered into competition with a firm represented in the Rhode Island Chapter. In that competition the owner, who was to make his decision unassisted by a professional advisor, agreed to award the commission to one of these two firms and to pay to the other an entirely adequate remuneration. This Chapter fails to find any satisfactory reason why an architect should refuse to avail himself of such an opportunity, or why his taking advantage of it should be considered unprofessional.

"But it would be tedious to cite all the ways in which, under exceptional circumstances, competitions might contravene the mandatory clauses and yet be perfectly legitimate. Suffice it to say that if, following the precedent in the schedule of charges

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS ARCHIVES

the Code were put out simply as a 'proper' method of procedure, this Chapter would most heartily commend it and endeavor to secure its general adoption. Its members, however, are not ready to serve on a committee which requires them to report upon, and perhaps discipline, their fellow-members; nor are they ready to be bound by the provisions of the Code under all conceivable conditions.

"Rhode Island Chapter would respectfully request a statement of the views of the other Chapters, whether or not in agreement with its own.

"Yours respectfully,

Secretary R. I. Chapter, A. I. A."

### BROOKLYN CHAPTER.

At a meeting of the Brooklyn Chapter, held October 31, 1910, the following resolutions were unanimously carried:

"To Mrs. Henri Fouchaux and family:

"Dear Madam: Permit us to express our sorrow and sympathy with you in the loss and bereavement which you have suffered in the untimely death of your husband and our fellow member. Henri Fouchaux was for many years an active member of the Brooklyn Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, serving upon the Executive Committee and as Treasurer for six years. He won the friendship and respect of his fellow-members by his painstaking, conscientiousness and fidelity to duty, and his love of truth and enthusiasm for all measures tending toward the advancement of his profession were universally recognized.

"At a meeting of the Brooklyn Chapter held on October 31, itwas unanimously—"Resolved, That the above expression of regret and sympathy be adopted and that the same be transmitted to Mrs. Henri Fouchaux.

"Yours respectfully.

Daniel G. Malcolm, Secretary, E. R. Knowles, Henry Clay Carrel, Julius F. Harder, Special Committee."

Under Obituaries will be found a brief account of the life of Mr. Fouchaux.

### NEW JERSEY CHAPTER.

At the annual meeting of the New Jersey Chapter, held October 6, 1910, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President,			FRED W. WENTWORTH.
First Vice-President,			HERMAN KREITLER.
Second Vice-President,			HENRY BAECHLIN.
Secretary,			
Treasurer,			
Members, Board of Directors,			
			W. VON ARX

### PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER.

The October, and Annual, Meeting of the Philadelphia Chapter was held in the rooms of the T Square Club, October 10, 1910, at 8.20 P. M., The ballot for officers for the ensuing year resulted in the reelection of most of the officers of the past year, those elected being:

President,		Wм. D. Hewitt.
First Vice-President, .		JOHN HALL RANKIN.
Second Vice-President,		MILTON B. MEDARY, JR.
Secretary,		HORACE WELLS SELLERS.
Librarian,		JOHN P. B. SINKLER.
Treasurer,		CHARLES L. BORIE, JR.

### Executive Committee.

### D. KNICKERBACKER BOYD,

ARNOLD H. MOSES.

### PAUL P. CRET.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Wm. D. Hewitt, who delivered his annual address, reviewing the work of the past year and recommending new work to be undertaken during the coming year.

There was a goodly attendance of members and much business of importance to the profession was accomplished. The Executive Committee and all the Standing Committees reported, among them—

Mr. Ziegler, for the Committee on Preservation of Historical Monuments, reported that the city had accepted the proffered assistance of the Chapter in preparing plans for and superintending the restoration of Congress Hall, also for lamps to be placed

**ARCHIVES** 

ARCHITECTS

P

AMERICAN INSTITUTE

뿐

around Independence Square, in which work his Committee, in conjunction with Chief McLaughlin of the Electrical Bureau, were now engaged.

Mr. Rankin reported, for the Committee on Competitions, that the Committee had been instrumental in improving the programme of several competitions during the past year and that the profession and the public had been the gainers thereby.

Mr. Medary spoke on the recommendation contained in the President's address that a Philadelphia Society of Architects be formed with whom could be associated heads of other allied societies and those interested in the advancement of the arts and sciences.

The President was authorized to appoint a committee to formulate a plan for the organization of such a society, to investigate the charter of a similar society which was formed in Philadelphia in 1871, and to report at a future meeting of the Chapter.

Mr. Boyd, for the Committee on Public Information, reported on the work of his Committee during the year. This report contained two recommendations which were very favorably received by the meeting, one of them being that steps should be taken for securing for the Institute a document now sorely needed, and one of almost equal importance with the Schedule of Charges and Code of Ethics, namely, a form of agreement between architect and owner. The report suggested that this agreement should not be a short, perfunctory affair but one setting forth in full what each respectively is expected to do in relation to the whole operation, this being public information on a subject now sadly neglected by both the parties in interest.

The other suggestion of the Committee on Public Information was that all the Chapters of the Institute should be communicated with and those not having committees on Public Information should be urged to appoint such a committee. That further, these committees should arrange between them to exchange minutes of all of their meetings and of any papers issued by any of the Chapters. This would extend and enlarge upon the acquaintances formed each year through delegates of the Chapters to the conventions and in being beneficial to the Chapters would undoubtedly advance the interests of the Institute itself. Few of the Chapters now have committees on Public Information and but two or three issue printed minutes which have been distributed to other Chapters and have been the source of healthful suggestions.

Mr. Day pointed out that the Institute's Committee on Contract and Specifications had been considering a contract between the owner and architect and as the Philadelphia Chapter's Committee on Public Information were willing to undertake the work of beginning such a document, a motion was passed that they be requested to submit a tentative form to the Chapter for its later consideration.

As to exchange of minutes and communicating with other Chapters, a motion was also passed instructing the Executive Committee to communicate with the other Chapters with the hope that the suggestion might be carried out.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION,

D. KNICKERBACKER BOYD,

Chairman.

The following resolutions on the death of Mr. Isaac Pursell were adopted by the Chapter at the September meeting:

"Whereas, the Philadelphia Chapter of the American Institute of Architects has learned with deep regret of the death of Mr. Isaac Pursell, a member of the Chapter for over twenty-five years and a member of the American Institute of Architects since 1901, therefore be it

"Resolved, That we place on record our appreciation of his character and his ability as an architect as demonstrated in the large number of churches and similar buildings he designed in a practice extending over thirty years, and be it also

"Resolved, That we tender to his widow and family our sincere sympathy in their bereavement."

ARNOLD H. Moses, Secretary.

Under Obituaries will be found a brief account of the life of Mr. Pursell.

# SOUTHERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER.

The regular meeting of the Southern Pennsylvania Chapter was held at the office of the Secretary, October 8, 1910.

In the absence of President Rankin, the meeting was called to order by Mr. Hamme, President pro tem.

A communication from President Rankin was read, asking for a concensus of opinion upon a list of names that have been proposed for Institute offices to be filled at the coming convention. The members present were unanimous in their favorable comment.

Next, the matter of extending the boundaries of the Chapter was discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Kast, seconded by Mr. Leber, that the Board of Directors of the A. I. A. be asked to grant the following counties, in accordance with the resolution passed at the State Association meeting held at Pittsburgh, April, 1910, namely: Bedford, Fulton, Blair, Huntington, Mifflin, Juniata, Snyder, Union, and Northumberland. Also, to add in addition, on account of their geographical location, the following: Lycoming, Montour, Clinton, and Centre. The motion was carried.

The letters of Secretary Brown, in reference to the McKim Memorial fund at Rome, were read and discussed. It was finally decided that, owing to our extreme youth and small number (nineteen in all), however much we should have liked to contribute to so praiseworthy an object, it was impossible.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Leber, and seconded by Mr. Hamilton: "Resolved, That this Chapter ratify the action of the Board of Directors in nominat-

## OBITUARIES.

# HENRI FOUCHAUX, A. A. I. A.

Mr. Henri Fouchaux was born at Coytesville, New Jersey, April 29, 1856. His parents were Julien Fouchaux, who emigrated from France in 1847, and Madeleine Rapinez, who came from France in 1848. They were married in New York City in 1849.

He attended the public school at Coytesville until he was about seventeen, when he apprenticed himself to a carpenter and learned that trade. His first work in New York City was a five-story dwelling for Mr. N. A. Cowdry, at 25th Street near Madison Avenue. About that time he attended the night school at Cooper Union, and took a course in architecture, under the late Professor Plympton, and his diploma, signed by Peter Cooper, was always one of his most cherished possessions. Soon after, he engaged with Messrs. Shickle & Ditmars as outside Superintendent of Construction, and while with that firm superintended the erection of a number of institutions, the most important being the St. Joseph's Hospital, 143d Street and St. Ann's Avenue and the Isabella Home, at Fort George, New York City.

Resuming the practice of architecture, Mr. Fouchaux planned and supervised a number of buildings for the New York Institution for the Instruction of the Deaf and Dumb, at 163d Street and Riverside Drive, the principal of which are a new power house and coal pocket, a large dormitory, and hospital building.

Within the last fifteen years he planned and supervised the erection of about thirty large apartment houses and several factory and office buildings.

His last work was the Powell Chocolate factory, at the northeast corner of Canal and Sullivan Streets, New York City, which is a tenstory fireproof and complete up-to-date factory.

Mr. Fouchaux lived for about twenty-six years at Washington Heights and had his office at 162d Street and Broadway. He later moved to the Powell Building on Hudson Street.

Mr. Fouchaux died July 8, 1910, and was buried at Coytesville, N. J.

DANIEL G. MALCOLM,

Secretary, Brooklyn Chapter, A. I. A.

Mr. Fouchaux was elected an Associate of the American Institute of Architects in 1901.

Under Chapter Notes will be found the action of the Brooklyn Chapter on the death of Mr. Fouchaux.

# ISAAC PURSELL, A. A. I. A.

Mr. Isaac Pursell died at his home in Wenonah, N. J., August 19, 1910. He was born in Trenton, N. J., June, 1853.

His professional training was in the office of the late Samuel Sloane of Philadelphia.

For over thirty years he was in business in Philadelphia, his principal work being designing and constructing churches, he having designed quite a large number. A few of his principal churches in Philadelphia are: Christ's Memorial Reformed Episcopal, 43d and Chestnut Streets; St. Paul's Reformed Episcopal; St. Paul's Presbyterian; St. Mathew's Lutheran; Calvary Protestant Episcopal; Heidelberg Reformed; First Moravian; Epiphany Chapel; Spring Garden Unitarian; Bethany Tabernacle; First Baptist; Christ Protestant Episcopal.

Two recent churches, and the largest outside of Philadelphia designed by Mr. Pursell, are the First Presbyterian of Haddonfield, N. J., and the Second Presbyterian of Knoxville, Tenn.

The Cumberland and Camden Asylums for the Insane and the later buildings for the Home for Feeble Minded Women, in Vineland, N. J., were also his work.

> Arnold H. Moses, Secretary, Philadelphia Chapter, A. I. A.

Mr. Isaac Pursell was elected an Associate of the Institute in 1901. Under Chapter Notes will be found the resolutions adopted by the Philadelphia Chapter on the death of Mr. Pursell.

# THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS ARCHIVES

# FRIDOLIN J. HEER, SR., F. A. I. A.

Mr. Heer was born July 30, 1834, in Wallenstadt, Canton St. Gallen, Switzerland. At an early age he felt a strong inclination to follow his father's occupation, that of a builder, and with that purpose in view, after finishing his early education, was taken in with an architect of experience and practice at Rapperswil, Canton St. Gallen, Switzerland, where he had excellent opportunity to prepare himself for his life work.

He began the practice of architecture and building for himself at Chur, Canton Graubundten, Switzerland. He became the architect for the renowned Pater Theodosius, one of Switzerland's greatest philanthropists. One of the prominent structures erected for him in Chur, am Bischoflichen Hof (in front of the Cathedral), is the beautiful Gothic fountain built entirely of stone, sixty feet high. This fountain was pronounced by the Society of Art in Munich, "a work of art" worthy of special mention; as was also the Bischof Haller monument in St. Gallen.

After five years of practice in Chur, he met with the great adversity of losing all he possessed on account of having gone security for his philanthropist friend, who died suddenly in the midst of his greatest activity.

Mr. Heer left at once for the United States and chose Belleville, Ill., as his destination. From there he removed to Chicago but after two years' residence there wended his way to the promising western town of Dubuque, Iowa, in 1868–1869, where he and his family have since resided.

His first drawings were for the residence of William Bradley, James Levi's store, Globe Building, Rider Building and others of that period.

Later came the residences of W. J. Knight, Andrew and Treadway, Alexander Young, James Levi and others, then the first buildings of Mount St. Joseph's, St. Francis' Convent and Orphans' Home, this city; St. Mary's Academy buildings and addition to Sacred Heart College, at Prairie du Chein, Wis. Among churches: Sacred Heart Church, this city; Catholic church at Dyersville; Sacred Heart Church at Fort Madison, Iowa; Sacred Heart Church, Pomeroy, Ohio; St. Anthony's Church, Milwaukee, Wis.; St. Felix Church, school building and many others. In this city the Dubuque County Court House, the Franklin Fulton and Irving Public School Buildings; the residences of the late H. L. Stout,

William Mole, F. A. Rumpf, Alf. Mathews, N. F. Schrup, Lawrence Gonner, A. F. Hub and many others.

He also had the superintendence of the Dubuque Brewing and Malting Co's. large plant and has done all their work since.

His last work was the large addition to St. Mary's Academy at Prairie du Chien, Wis., the Marquette Monument and the Grotto of Lourdes, on the premises of St. Mary's Academy grounds.

He was ever ready to lend a helping hand for the uplifting of all that was true and noble, he was kind and generous to a fault, and truly hospitable to all who crossed his threshold.

His was a life full of usefulness and unprecedented activity to the end, rare indeed for a man of seventy-six years. Mr. Heer died September 19, 1910.

Mr. Heer joined the Western Association in 1886, becoming an Institute member at the consolidation, and was a charter member of the Iowa Chapter.

It is a matter of regret that all have not shared in the personal influence of so conscientious a supporter of the professional ethics.

EUGENE H. TAYLOR, Secretary, Iowa Chapter, A. I. A.