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## OBITUARY

**BOARD AND EXECUTIVE MEETINGS.** In connection with the publication of the Annuary the President referred to the schedule of Board and Executive Committee meetings published in the edition of 1924-1925. This schedule was found to be of great convenience to members of the Board and to Chapters. He said that if feasible a similar schedule should appear in the new Annuary Supplement.

*Resolved,* That the schedule of these meetings be as follows:

Executive Committee—Kansas City, Mo., 17-19 September, 1925.

Board of Directors—California, 3-5 December, 1925.

Executive Committee—Chicago, 5-6 March, 1926.

Board of Directors—Washington, D. C., 3, 4 May, 1926.

Board of Directors—Washington, D. C., 8 May, 1926.

**THE ALLIED ARCHITECTS ASSOCIATION—CRITICISMS.** A number of letters, with various enclosures consisting of newspaper clippings and pamphlets were read from Institute members of the SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER. These letters commented upon the activity of the Allied Architects Association of Los Angeles and expressed in general the opinion that the Association is disrupting the SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER, and that the theory of its organization is wrong in principle.

*Resolved,* That Mr. Schnaittacher be appointed Chairman of a special committee of five, to be selected by the President, to make an investigation of the situation in Los Angeles and to report to the Board of Directors well in advance of the December meeting. The special committee is instructed to study the fundamental principles underlying the Allied Architects Association, its functions, and other relevant features thereof, and to report the facts to the Board of Directors in writing without recommendations. Both groups in the Los Angeles controversy should be invited to state their positions.

The Secretary was requested to acknowledge all of the communications above listed and to say that they are under consideration by the Board. The desirability of sending a questionnaire to each member of the SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER was suggested. The question of holding a Regional Conference at the time of the Board meeting in December in California was left in abeyance.

**AMERICAN CENTER OF STUDIES FOR FRENCH WORKERS.** A letter of 24 April, addressed by Mr. Julian C. Levi to the Board of Directors was read. He suggested prompt action on the Convention resolution which directed a study of the proposed plan for establishing in America a center of studies for French intellectual workers on the lines of the Villa Medici in Rome.

*Resolved,* That the matter be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations for prompt action.

**ADVERTISING BY CONTRACTORS.** A letter of 17 April, 1925, from Mr. F. L. Cranford, Chairman of a special committee of the Associated General Contractors, with regard to the publicity campaign of the Hartford Chapter of the A. G. C., was read.

*Resolved,* That the entire matter be referred to the Committee on Industrial Relations for report.

**ADVERTISING IN THE BULLETIN OF THE WASHINGTON STATE CHAPTER.** The Secretary read a letter of 15 April from Charles H. Alden, former Director, with regard to advertising in the *Bulletin* of the WASHINGTON STATE CHAPTER.

*Resolved,* That the letter be referred to the Executive Committee with power.

**WREN MEMORIAL WINDOW.** The Secretary read a letter of 24 March, 1925, from T. MacLaren, in reference to the collection of funds for a Memorial Window to Sir Christopher Wren.

*Resolved,* That the letter be left with the Secretary, for use in *The Secretary's Page* of the JOURNAL.

## Obituary

George Hyde Washburn

Elected to the Institute in 1916

Died at Burlington, Iowa, 19 April, 1925

George Hyde Washburn died at his Burlington home after an illness of some months. He had been in practice for many years in Burlington, the town in which he was born 14 June, 1862, son of Robert M. and Mary Field Washburn. He was educated in his native city, and it is reported that his desire to become an architect manifested itself at an early age. On the first of March, 1881, he entered the office of C. A. Dunham, a Burlington architect, with whom he remained many years. In August, 1898, he opened his own office for the practice of architecture, and became a prominent member of the profession in that city. He was well known and well liked among his townspeople, and was a member of many organizations, one of them the State Association of Architects. One of his acquaintances said of him: "Had nature designed his body in keeping with his heart, he would have been a physical giant."

The avocation which seemed to afford him his greatest delight was playing in the Burlington High School orchestra. Boating on the river and long excursions into the country were among his favorite diversions.

In his forty-four years of practice he designed many homes and business buildings in Burlington and a large surrounding circle. Among his most important commissions were the *Gazette Building*, part of the Burlington hospital, and the county farm buildings—regarded as models at the time they were built. He had a hand in the plans for the new city hall.

Mr. Washburn leaves a widow, Mary Washburn, and two sons.

C. E. Schermerhorn

Elected to the Institute in 1902

Died at Philadelphia, Pa., 16 May, 1925

Mr. Schermerhorn, born in Philadelphia, was a lineal descendant of James Jacob Schermerhorn, who settled in New York in 1636. After leaving the Central High School he spent a year traveling in Europe and then entered the office of Stephen Decatur Button, one of Philadelphia's well known architects of two score years ago. Upon the death of Mr. Button he succeeded to the

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practice. He formed a partnership with Harry L. Reinhold, which, after a few years, was dissolved.

Some of his more notable structures were the St. Andrew M. E. Church and Sunday School, Fleishmann Memorial Baptist Church, Davison office building, Children's Ward and Nurses' Home for the Women's Hospital, farm buildings for the Campbell Soup Co., and Mr. Coleman Du Pont, Truck House for the Philadelphia Fire Department, and the Pennsylvania Barge Club. With Mr. Reinhold he rebuilt the Montgomery County Court House at Norristown.

He designed numerous private residences, many of them for well-known clients, among whom were Eugene G. Grace, "Rosebank," Aiken, S. C.; James E. Mathews, F. A. Shick and A. Newton Roberts, Bethlehem, Pa.; Dr. Eugene G. Kistler and John F. Saeger of Allentown, Pa.; James Stuart Lowry, Atlantic City; C. Howard Schermerhorn, Philadelphia; Clarence Illingworth, Fox Chase, Pa.; Dr. H. Bailey Chalfant, Pitman, N. J.; Abram T. Eastwick, Norristown; Harry W. Hand, J. Scott Fowler, Reuben Windisch and Harry T. Obern of Oak Lane; G. C. Kuemmerle, Fort Washington, Pa.; Edwin B. Malone, Taylorsville, Pa.; H. A. Romberger, Germantown; J. H. Yocum, Bryn Mawr, and others.

Some years ago Mr. Schermerhorn formed an association with Watson K. Phillips under the firm name of Schermerhorn & Phillips, Associate Architects. Together they designed a number of public school buildings, churches and private residences. He wrote many articles for magazines and newspapers which were of particular interest to home builders. He was one of the first architects to broadcast talks on architectural and building subjects. His brochure, *Services of an Architect*, was sent from over thirty radio stations throughout the country and was published in many architectural, trade and home magazines. During the World War he was attached to the Military Intelligence Section, Plant Protection Division of the General Staff.

WATSON K. PHILLIPS.

## William Cresson Pritchett, F.A.I.A.

Elected to Fellowship in the Institute in 1892  
Died at Philadelphia, Pa., 14 March, 1925

Mr. Pritchett was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania, Class of 1880, and was the first student of that institution to receive the degree in Architecture from the Towne Scientific School. He was President of his class continuously from the time of his graduation until his death—an exceptional compliment, expressing the esteem in which he was held by his fellow-classmen. For many years he was Treasurer of the PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER, and was long active in directing its affairs. He was a man of highest standards and loved the work in which he so long labored. His practice was of a varied nature, but probably his closest devotion was to residential work, and he has designed many homes of importance throughout the eastern section of this state. He was an architect of good taste and refinement which, combined with his personal qualities, makes his death a great loss to his friends and the profession.

GEORGE I. LOVATT.

## TO WM. C. P., JR., IN MEMORIAM

What care I for the shimmer of renown,  
A brilliant wit, the soldier's feat,  
The swagger of the academic gown!  
How small they seem, beyond compare,  
Beside the man of simple cheer,  
The friend who never wore a frown!

Strangest of human mysteries;  
Who lived unconscious of his kindly ways.  
Unheeded as the sun on pleasant days,  
In death takes on a sudden godlike guise.  
Beyond our outer deeds and words,  
Designs of beauty that we plan,  
There lies—they call it 'spirit,' 'soul,'  
The precious essence of us all!  
The measure of the God in man.  
Thy spirit, Will, was big and sound,  
Within an artless nature bound.  
Unwittingly the highest didst achieve,  
A life forever giving, ne'er thinking to receive.

PHILIP H. GOEPP, in Philadelphia *Public Ledger*.

## Allen Evans

Elected to the Institute in 1911  
Died at Philadelphia, Pa., 28 February, 1925

In the death of Allen Evans the Philadelphia Chapter has lost one of its oldest members, and the profession in Philadelphia a man who was for many years a leading figure.

Born at Paoli, 8 December, 1849, Mr. Evans attended school at West Chester, and later studied for two years at the Polytechnic College in Philadelphia, entering the office of Samuel Shaw, in 1869. In 1871 he entered the office of Furness & Hewitt, which later became Furness, Evans & Company. This firm, in the period from 1875 on, was instrumental in the development of our modern civic architecture and was responsible for many Philadelphia buildings. Among others, Broad Street Station, The Commercial Trust Building, Morris Building, Drown Hall at Lehigh University, The West End Trust Building, and in collaboration with McKim, Mead and White, the Girard Trust Company Building and the Franklin National Bank.

Mr. Evans was a man of great energy and administrative ability, kindly and generous in his dealings with his office force, and courteous and fair in his relations to all with whom he came in contact. His loss will be deeply mourned by his many friends.

CHARLES WILLING.  
JOSEPH P. SIMS.

## Donn Barber, F.A.I.A.

Elected to Associate Membership in the Institute in 1907  
Elected to Fellowship in 1915

Died at New York City, 29 May, 1925  
(Further notice later)