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PIERRE L. LE BRUN
IN MEMORIAM

The New York Chapter of the American Institute of Architects records with sorrow the death of our fellow member, Pierre L. LeBrun. The following brief tribute to his memory prepared by Julian Clarence Levi in accordance with the wish of the Chapter will be forwarded to Mrs. LeBrun, and copies will be sent to the Octagon House in Washington, D.C. and to the architectural press:

Pierre L. LeBrun born December 27, 1846, died February 14, 1924.
Member of the American Institute of Architects since 1874.
Fellow of the American Institute of Architects since 1883.
Medal of Honor of the New York Chapter, A.I.A., 1910.
Founder of the LeBrun Traveling Scholarship 1910.

Such are the simple facts recorded in the archives of the New York Chapter, A.I.A. To his friends and associates they epitomize his sterling qualities. Son and brother of an architect his entire manhood was given to the practice of that profession and to its advancement as an art. In partnership with his father, Napoleon, and his brother Michel, he contributed many notable buildings to the growth of New York City. The completion of the Metropolitan Life Tower in 1910, marking the close of a long and honorable career, became the occasion of the award of the New York Chapter, A.I.A. Medal of Honor to the brothers Pierre and Michel.

Mr. LeBrun's interests, however, were not limited to his practice. He was alive to the necessity of enabling the American Architect to obtain a proper education. His extensive travels abroad aroused his sympathy for those, less fortunate than he, who were unable to see the monuments of European civilization. To mitigate this condition he formed the Willard Collection of Architectural Casts in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and later followed it by the gift of the Pierre L. LeBrun Library to that Museum. A similar gift to the Montclair Art Association established an Art Library in its Museum.

So did he labor to enable young America to learn of the beauties of the past, but still he remained unsatisfied for the inspiration of direct contact was lacking. After mature deliberation and careful study he achieved this end in the establishment of the Traveling Scholarship. The wisdom of his decision and its real value to the profession of architecture has been amply proved by the distinguished records of the LeBrun scholars.

His earthly labors are ended, but yet his work will go on. The kindly gentle spirit has flown, but its influence remains to help mould future generations. His fellows in the New York Chapter, A.I.A., wish to record their respect for him as an architect, their affection for him as a man and their gratitude to him for the honor he bestowed upon their profession.

HOBART B. UPJOHN,
Secretary.

D. EVERETT WAID,
President.

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