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CONFERENCE ON THE CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES.

President Roosevelt inaugurated at the meeting beginning May 13, 1908, a movement of national interest and vital importance to the present generation of Americans and possibly of the actual existence of future generations in this country. With our supposed unbounded resources, we have recklessly allowed the forest to be destroyed, the soil to be pauperized, the rivers to be filled with rich soil by floods, causing incalculable damage, and our mineral wealth to be wastefully produced. Natural scenery, beautiful bits of Nature, have been ruthlessly marred and scarred. Our thoughtlessness and recklessness have become so manifest, it is evident that immediate steps must be taken to preserve and foster every natural resource for our future welfare. A little longer and the damage will become irreparable.

Some of the steps proposed by the Conference to be taken to secure results may be mentioned. The forests may become a constant source of revenue by reserving large areas and by regulation and culture. Such preservation will also be a means of protecting the sources of our water supply, preventing disastrous floods and the washing of soil from cultivated land into the river beds. A feasible and not expensive method, when we consider the enormous damage incident to a single flood of magnitude, of utilizing our water supply is by damming up and utilizing natural valleys as storage reservoirs to receive floodwaters. From these reservoirs the water, more or less free from sediment, may be let into the streams during seasons of drought and give a constant flow and depth to the rivers, making them navigable for vessels of a

CHAPTER NOTES.

BOSTON CHAPTER.

The Metropolitan Improvement League of the City of Boston held a meeting and dinner on March 24, at the Hotel Brunswick, which was attended by the Mayors of the neighboring towns and by members of the Boston Chapter and of the Boston Architectural Club. Mr. Frederick L. Ford, city engineer of Hartford, Conn., told about his work in connection with the improvement plans of the Connecticut Capital. Among other invited guests were Charles D. Norton of Chicago; Joseph B. Warner, representing the Massachusetts Commission of Commerce and Industry; Benjamin W. Johnson of the Metropolitan Improvement Commission; Gardiner M. Lane, President of the Museum of Fine Arts, and W. B. de Las Casas, Chairman of the Metropolitan Park Commission. The subject under consideration at this meeting was the relationship between the city of Boston and its suburbs.

Mr. Charles Moore recently delivered an address before the Boston Architectural Club, illustrated by lantern slides, on the beautification of Washington as adopted by the Park Commission. Mr. Ralph Adams Cram also spoke on the same subject. The Architectural Club by unanimous vote endorsed the recent resolutions of the Washington Chapter approving these plans, with special reference to the location of the Grant Memorial.

RHODE ISLAND CHAPTER.

At a meeting of the Rhode Island Chapter held at the University Club, on the evening of March 26, 1908, a memorial tribute to Edward I. Nickerson was adopted, which will be found under "Obituaries." At this meeting Mr. C. E. Carpenter was elected a delegate to the International Congress of Architects in Vienna. The meeting was preceded by a supper and was brought to a close by an interesting paper by Professor John T. Greene, of Brown University, on "The Country Life of the Roman Gentleman."

of architects and decorators, but of laymen, and the hope is to excite interest as well as develop worthy and original plans.

CINCINNATI CHAPTER.

The 313th monthly meeting of the Chapter was held on Tuesday evening, April 21. Previous to the meeting, many of the members visited the Art Museum to inspect the Architectural exhibit of our local architects. A large number of excellent drawings were exhibited, the exhibit occupying three galleries of the Museum.

At the regular meeting two new members were added to Chapter members making a total of five new members since the last report. The Executive Committee reported favorably upon the applications of two new members.

The Committee on "Legislation" reported that the City had appointed a Commission of three to revise the City Building Code. The Commission consists of an Architect, a Contractor, and a Lawyer. The Chapter has been striving to have a complete revision of the Code for several years, and is much pleased that its efforts have not been in vain.

The Chapter received a communication from The Smoke Abatement League of Hamilton County, Ohio, requesting the architects to work in harmony with the League; also offering the services of its engineers in regard to boilers, stokers and stacks, etc. The Secretary was instructed to notify the Smoke Abatement League that it would do all in its power to assist in its good work, and that the members of the Chapter would be pleased to work in harmony with the League.

The paper for the evening was a most interesting illustrated paper on "English Cathedrals," by Mr. Lawrence Mendenhall.

RUDOLPH TIETIG,
Secretary.

ATLANTA CHAPTER.

The officers of the Atlanta Chapter for the year 1908 are:

- President, A. C. BRUCE.
- Vice-President, W. T. DOWNING.
- Secretary and Treasurer, HARRY LESLIE WALKER.
- Members of the Executive Committee, THOS. H. MORGAN.
HARALSON BLECKLEY.

The Secretary of the Atlanta Chapter writes as follows:

The members of the Chapter are now engaged in working up some preliminary ideas for certain civic centers in the City of Atlanta.

This work is being done at the request of the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce who has asked the Atlanta Chapter of the A. I. A. to co-operate with it in its scheme for the beautification of Atlanta, along somewhat the same lines that have been followed in other cities.

The Atlanta Chapter has completed a final revision of its Constitution and By-Laws; and in accordance with the suggestion of the Institute, we are making a special effort to persuade the non-Institute members of our Chapter to become members of the National organization.

HARRY LESLIE WALKER,
Secretary.

LOUISVILLE CHAPTER.

Following is a list of officers of the Louisville Chapter for 1908:

- President, ARTHUR LOOMIS.
- Vice-President, FRED. ERHARDT.
- Secretary, MASON MAURY.
- Executive Committee, BRINTON B. DAVIS,
KENNETH McDONALD,
J. J. GAFFNEY,
HERMAN WISCHMEYER.

The Secretary of the Louisville Chapter writes that:

The Louisville Chapter is now fully organized and the foregoing officers have been elected for the ensuing year. Mr. Loomis takes the office of President through the death of Mr. C. J. Clarke, who was originally elected but did not live to assume its duties. Mr. Clarke was a very valuable member of the profession here, a man of sterling worth and his loss is very deeply felt.

At the last meeting of the Chapter action was taken towards stopping a very pernicious practice here among the building contractors of making drawings in competition with architects. A meeting of the Louisville builders exchange was called for April 16 which meeting was addressed by Messrs. McDonald, Erhardt and Maury, who stated the grievances of the architects and demanded that the practice be stopped. The architects' demands were received in good spirit and it is confidently believed that the practice of architecture (God save the mark) by the builders will be stopped. They are pretty well entrenched but the architects propose building a fence around their back yard to keep out those that persist. This Chapter has been needed so long that now we have one it will have plenty to do. We have had some typical competitions and we are doing some investigation along some lines that the Chapter has gotten hold of. Of course we are young and have not as yet

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architectural organizations. He did not believe in a consolidation, but believed in a working agreement. There are two architectural organizations in London. The Royal British Institute is the parent organization, while the London Architectural Association is a distinct institution, but work together, and architects are members of both societies.

Mr. Patton stated that the Architects' Business Association was organized for the purpose of treating and touching upon business matters which of recent years have become part of the practice of architecture. The Chapter stands for the artistic and professional side of the practice. The two organizations are practically doing the same work. They meet in the same room, and why should there be two? It would bring about a more active and more efficient organization and there is a waste of energy in keeping up two societies. The matter had never been discussed by the business association in so far as he knew, and he did not know how the members of that body would take it, but he felt that the invitation should come from the Chapter because it was the older.

Arthur Woltersdorf said that before anything in the nature of a consolidation could take place there would have to be a change of ideals. "I am a member of the American Institute and am also a member of the business association and I am proud of both," he said: "The American Institute has an ideal—the creation of architecture, and that comprises more than the business association attempts. The purpose of the Chapter is to foster architecture as an art, and if it is not, it is not living up to the ideals of the Institute. The work of the business association is to discuss the lien law, the building law, and such other matters of business importance. I think that in attempting to consolidate we are flying in the face of the American Institute."

Robert C. Berlin stated that when the business association was organized the members were carefully selected.

George Beaumont did not join the business association at first because he did not believe that there was room for two similar organizations in Chicago. It was a delicate question to suggest to consolidate and would have to be studied out carefully. "I cannot separate the artistic side of architecture from the business aspect of the practice as they are combined to-day. The aim to-day is to eliminate the architect. We well know that in New York City there are many big buildings for which the contractors prepare the plan, and the sentiment is spreading westerly. I know architects to-day who not only design the building but who buy the materials and superintend its construction. I do not know but that a consolidation might be a good thing for all of us.

President Perkins appointed the following committee to consider the subject of the relations of the Chapter and the business association: Normand S. Patton, George Beaumont, Arthur Woltersdorf, Samuel A. Treat and Robert C. Berlin.

The following committee was appointed by the chair to consider the matter of co-operation with the Architectural Club: P. J. Weber, George C. Nimmons, J. L. Hamilton, Howard Shaw and W. B. Mundie.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER.

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING.

FEBRUARY 4, 1908.

This Chapter convened at Richters at 6:30 P. M., and after the customary dinner, was called to order by the President.

The minutes of the annual meeting of January 7, 1908, were read and approved.

Mr. Donaldson, Chairman of the Committee on Education, asked for an expression of the sense of this Chapter as to the scope of the work of his committee. After an interesting and general discussion led by Mr. Baldwin, the concensus of opinion disclosed, was that the work of the committee should be in co-operation with the Department of Architecture of the Michigan State University, the Architectural Club and kindred organizations, and also with a view to the promotion and encouragement of atelier work, the framing and arrangement of judicious and instructive competitions for the benefit of junior members and draftsmen. It was also suggested that the committee should be interested in elementary architectural scholastic work, and be a bureau that would be free to advise and counsel the young who contemplate the pursuit of the profession of architecture as a life work.

Mr. Coquard, Chairman, reported for the Committee on Library, that an organization was being perfected, with a view to adopting a line of systematic work pertaining to the objects of the committee.

The committee appointed to express the sentiment of this Chapter in connection with the death of Julius Melchers, Honorary Member, reported, through Chairman Donaldson, the following Memorial:

"Full of years and honors; years of modest, earnest, unselfish labor as an artist and teacher; years which he gave with generous hand and heart, to the upbuilding of technical training, and a broad appreciation of the true and the beautiful in life, our friend, Julius Melchers, has been called to his last home.

"He has taken with him the sincere respect and love of all who were privileged to know him.

"He has left with us and the city which he loved, an influence and spirit which will live on, and broaden with the years.

"The artists and lovers of art, as well as all of the higher life of our city, owe to him a debt of gratitude; and we architects especially, with a deep sense of our obligation and our loss, do hereby record our grateful appreciation of his high artistic talents; his fine, earnest and helpful life, and his genuine, manly character."

"Resolved, That a copy of the above be placed upon our records, and a copy be sent to his widow and his son."

JOHN M. DONALDSON,
FRANK C. BALDWIN,
LOUIS KAMPER,
ARTHUR H. SCOTT,

Committee.

On motion of Mr. Baldwin, seconded by Mr. Van Leyen, the report was unanimously approved, ordered placed in the Chapter records, and the committee instructed to prepare an engrossed copy to be sent to the family of the deceased.

After an expression eulogistic of the character and attainments of the late honored member, a suggestion by Mr. Van Leyen that it would be fitting and proper that a portrait of Julius Melchers should be hung in the Museum of Art in this city, was favorably considered and the opinion expressed that this Chapter should, through the individual members or as a Chapter, co-operate with any public committee organized for this purpose.

Mr. Baldwin, Chairman of the Committee on Contracts, Specifications and the Standardization of Documents, gave a lucid and instructive résumé of the first printed copy of the preliminary report of the Committee of the American Institute of Architects, on Contracts, Specifications and Standardization of Documents. Mr. Baldwin was requested to distribute copies of this report to groups of Chapter members for criticisms and suggestions, said criticisms and suggestions to be collated by the committee, and the findings prepared for the consideration of this Chapter. The co-operation of every member was solicited and strongly urged.

A communication was received from Mr. Carl Melchers, expressing the appreciation of the family for the sympathy of this Chapter extended on the event of the death of his father.

A communication from Mr. Grosvenor Atterbury, F. A. I. A., forwarding the first printed copies of the preliminary report of the Committee, A. I. A., on Contracts, Specifications and Standardization of Documents, was referred to the similar committee of this Chapter. The Secretary was instructed to express the thanks and appreciation of this Chapter to Mr. Atterbury and his fellow committee men, for the valuable and able report.

A communication from Mr. Glenn Brown, Secretary A. I. A., requesting this Chapter to appoint a delegate to the International Congress of Architects to convene in Vienna in May proximo, was referred to the Committee on Education.

The President requested members to prepare papers of professional interest for the edification of this Chapter, and urged that invitations be extended to others to talk to the Chapter on subjects pertaining to the profession.

Mr. Stratton volunteered to procure, if possible, and read the paper of Dr. Cushman of the Department of Agriculture on the "Corrosion of Steel," read by him at the annual 1907 meeting of the Institute held in Chicago.

The president, on behalf of this Chapter, extended a hearty welcome to the new members, Messrs. Van Leyen and Burrows.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 P. M.

ARTHUR H. SCOTT,
Secretary.

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING.

March 10, 1908.

This Chapter convened at Richter's at 6:30 P. M., and after the customary dinner, was called to order by the President.

The minutes of the regular monthly meeting held February 4, 1908, were read and approved.

Mr. Rogers, Chairman of the Committee on Legislation, reported that this committee had held several meetings, and was engaged in formulating a building code for the City of Detroit.

Mr. Baldwin, for the Committee on Contracts, Specifications and Standardization of Documents, reported that the committee was prepared to report on the preliminary contract form sent by the Committee of the Institute and requested that a special meeting of the Chapter be called for the consideration thereof.

The Committee on Lectures announced that Mr. Irvin Butterworth would demonstrate and talk on the subject of "Gas as an Illuminant."

The Committee on Library reported as follows:

Your committee begs to report that it has under consideration a plan for the establishment and development of an Architectural Library as a branch or part of the Public Library system of Detroit, and requests the authority and support of the Michigan Chapter in placing the matter before the Public Library Commission of Detroit for their consideration.

It is the hope of your committee that the Commissioners will assign a suitable room or a separate space in the Library or in one of its branches, especially for works, drawings and photographs pertaining to architecture, to be properly arranged, classified and separately catalogued.

This scheme is carried out in several of the Public Libraries of this country, notably so in Boston, and there in a very complete and thorough manner.

Your committee believes that it will not be an unreasonable request to make, and expects no difficulty in securing the establishment of such department by the Public Library Commission, in view of the great educational benefit to the public, to students and to the profession.

There is now in the Public Library a number of valuable architectural works, so the start is partly made towards the achievement of a library that could quickly be developed to one of real value and efficiency.

It is the intention of your committee to formulate a plan for this work, and with the consent and support of the Chapter members and others in sympathy with such a scheme, to present it with the proper arguments to the Library Board.

Your committee has examined the files of the minutes of this Chapter and in consideration of the fact that it now is twenty-one years since the date of the Chapter organization, and in view of the interest and value of the records, your committee respectfully suggest that the said records should be put in more permanent form

a successful Exhibition is assured, as many of the coast cities will be represented by exhibits, and some of the Eastern Colleges and Cities have sent drawings.

The Chapter has been active in all matters of civic interest, and while acting in co-operation with the Civic Improvement League, took up the matter of the creating of an Art Commission by Charter Amendment this movement, however, was unsuccessful at this election.

The Architects of the Chapter were consulted by the management of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition Company as to the selection of an Architect-in-Chief, and as a result Mr. John Galen Howard and his associates in the firm of Howard and Galloway have been retained, thus assuring the architectural success of the Exposition; and Mr. Olmsted has designed the landscape work. The local architects associated with Messrs. Howard and Galloway on the Exposition work are Messrs. Graham & Myers, Somerville & Cote, Schack & Huntington, and Bebb & Mendel.

The Chapter is taking active steps to secure the 1909 Convention of the Institute and an enthusiastic campaign has begun.

DANIEL RIGGS HUNTINGTON,
Secretary.

The following is taken from the Spokane *Chronicle* of April 1, 1908.

The Washington State Chapter has decided to offer a competition to the draftsmen of the state under thirty years of age, the subject to be the designing of a country inn, to be built in the coast country and suitable for coast climate conditions.

Six weeks will be allowed for the preparation of the drawings and full information as to the terms of the competition can be had from David J. Meyers, Lowman Building, Seattle. Two prizes, one of \$50 and the second of \$25, will be offered. The drawings are to be simply rendered and the members of the Chapter hope that all the draftsmen in the State eligible for the prizes will compete.

SAN FRANCISCO CHAPTER.

The Secretary of the San Francisco Chapter writes as follows:

The Chapter has held three meetings thus far this year, each of which was preceded by a dinner, and the average attendance at which was fifteen. Two new members have been elected to membership, and business in connection with the Local Building Ordinances, the Grant Memorial at Washington, and the exhibit for the International Congress of Architects at Vienna, has been transacted. At the March meeting a very interesting paper on "Our Interest in and Duty toward Architecture," by Mr. L. C. Mullgardt, a member of the Chapter, was read and discussed.

SYLVAIN SCHNAITACHER,
Secretary.

OBITUARIES.

LEOPOLD EIDLITZ, F. A. I. A.

The Secretary of the Institute has received the following letter containing a brief account of the life of Mr. Leopold Eidlitz, from his son:

GLENN BROWN, Esq.,
Secretary, American Institute of Architects,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

DEAR SIR: Your kind favor of March 28, asking for a brief history of my father, was duly received.

Leopold Eidlitz was born in the City of Prague, Austria, March 29, 1823, and died in New York City, March 22, 1908. He was educated at the Polytechnic in Vienna and came to America when he was twenty years of age.

At about the age of twenty-five his designs were accepted and he was appointed the Architect for St. George's Church in Stuyvesant Square, New York. He later erected Christ's Church in St. Louis, which has since been made the Cathedral, and in New York, the Tabernacle at 34th Street and 6th Avenue and the Church of the Holy Trinity at 42d Street and Madison Avenue, both of which have recently been torn down to make room for commercial buildings, and the Synagogue at 43d Street and 5th Avenue.

Among other Churches which he designed in his early practice was one at New London (the name of which I do not remember), another at Greenwich, Conn., which stands on a prominent hill overlooking the Sound, St. Peter's Church in Westchester, and a number of other smaller churches throughout New England.

He designed the old Produce Exchange, the American Exchange National Bank, the original Continental Bank, which has been superseded by a more modern structure, the Dry Docks Savings Bank, the old Academy of Music in Brooklyn, and numerous commercial buildings in this city.

He was the author of the work "The Nature and Function of Art," and of various papers of architectural and professional interest both here and abroad.

He was made honorary corresponding member of the Royal Institute of British Architects in 1898.

Yours very truly,

(Signed.) CYRUS L. W. EIDLITZ.

Mr. Eidlitz was also associated with H. H. Richardson in his work on the Capitol at Albany, and was made Commissioner to overlook the work done on that building prior to 1875.

Mr. Eidlitz was one of the founders of the American Institute, in which he retained an active membership up to the time of his death.

Following is the resolution of the New York Chapter on the death of Mr. Eidlitz, passed at a recent meeting of the Chapter:

"Whereas, we have learned of the death of Mr. Leopold Eidlitz who has been a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects since 1857 and who has during his long career rendered valuable service to the profession as one of the founders of the Institute and as an upright and distinguished practitioner,

"Resolved, that we, members of the New York Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, express our sense of the loss to the profession in the death of Mr. Eidlitz, and

"Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to his family and to the Secretary of the Institute."

D. E. WAID,
Secretary.

J. L. SMITHMEYER, F. A. I. A.

Mr. Smithmeyer was born in Vienna, Austria, in 1832. In 1848 he came to this country and settled in Chicago, where he studied architecture. Later he removed to Indianapolis, and engaged in the practice of the profession. In 1860 he enlisted in the United States Army and was placed in charge of the Artillery Depot Indiana District. Just after the civil war he was appointed superintendent of the construction of Government buildings in the South, under the Supervising Architect. He came to Washington to live in 1872 and became manager of the Terra Cotta Works at Terra Cotta, D. C. In 1873 Mr. J. L. Smithmeyer, associated with Mr. Paul J. Pelz, submitted designs in competition for the proposed Congressional Library. They were awarded the first prize in 1873. Not until 1886, after continuous competitions, was an appropriation made and the work started, Mr. Smithmeyer having in the meantime made a trip to Europe in order to study the more important libraries in the European capitals. After the work had proceeded a couple of years, a contention on the part of the architects to enforce the terms of the cement contract, caused Mr. Smithmeyer to be discharged, and General Casey, chief of engineers, was put in charge.

Smithmeyer & Pelz made every effort to secure justice from the Government to remunerate them for the plans submitted, and were awarded \$48,000 by the Court of Claims, based upon the salaries which they had accepted. But this did not remunerate them for the actual expenses incurred during thirteen years in which they received no salary. The case was brought before the Court of Claims again and in June, 1906, the Court allowed the total sum demanded in accordance with the schedule of the American Institute of Architects as just and proper. Congress at the time of Mr. Smithmeyer's death had made no appropriation to pay the amount awarded by the Court of Claims.

Soon after Mr. Smithmeyer ceased to be connected with the Library of Congress he removed to Fort Monroe, Va., where he built the Hotel Chamberlain, returning to Washington in 1892. Among the buildings erected by Smithmeyer & Pelz are Georgetown College, Washington, D. C.; Carnegie Library, Allegheny, Pa.; Army & Navy Hospital, Hot Springs, Ark.

Mr. Smithmeyer was elected an Associate in 1875 and a Fellow in 1886 of the American Institute of Architects. He served three terms as President of the Washington Chapter of the Institute.

EDWARD I. NICKERSON, F. A. I. A.

Edward Irving Nickerson was born in Pawtucket, in that part of the town which was then in Massachusetts, on September 13, 1845. He died at his home in Providence on the evening of Sunday, March 15, 1908.

Mr. Nickerson's education was begun in the public schools of Pawtucket and continued in those of Providence until, about 1862, he entered the office of Clifton A. Hall as a student of architecture.

After several years passed here as a student and as an assistant, he opened in 1871 an office of his own.

Among Mr. Nickerson's early commissions were the Chapel of the Beneficent Congregational Church, in Providence, and the Miller Building in Pawtucket.

Among Mr. Nickerson's residences may be mentioned the Starkweather house at Nayatt, R. I., the Brownell house on Broadway, the Dr. Carr

house, the Wilkinson house, the house for William H. Thurber, and many others in the city and vicinity of Providence.

Mr. Nickerson joined the Institute in 1875, and was one of the founders of the Rhode Island Chapter, organized on November 10 of that year. He took the warmest interest in the work of the Chapter and, unless abroad, was almost never absent from its meetings. Elected Secretary, October 4, 1882, his official service was unbroken till September 25, 1903. Four times during this period he was elected President of the Chapter. Again in 1905 he consented to accept an election as Secretary and served for a year. His interest in the Institute, too, was unflinching, and he seldom missed a Convention.

Mr. Nickerson was fond of books and pictures and possessed a truly remarkable architectural library, the result of years of fastidious selection, in which he kept in view not only his working needs but the literary and, we may say, the luxurious side of architectural book-buying. It was his wish that this collection, on which he had lavished so much thought and care, should go to the Providence Public Library, and there his daughter, Miss Lyra Brown Nickerson, has placed it. It is a fitting memorial of a courteous and refined practitioner whose influence in the community will not soon pass away.

(Contributed by Mr. Norman W. Isham, Secretary, R. I. Chapter.)

IN MEMORIAM.

EDWARD IRVING NICKERSON, F. A. I. A.

In the death of Edward Irving Nickerson the Rhode Island Chapter of the American Institute of Architects has lost one of its founders, a loyal member who has taken a prominent part in all its activities. Serving as Secretary for eighteen years and as President for four years, Mr. Nickerson rounded out twenty-two years of official duty, maintaining and upholding a high standard of professional ethics in harmony with that of the national parent body, The American Institute of Architects.

A student of architecture in the office of Clifton A. Hall, the oldest practitioner now living in Rhode Island, Mr. Nickerson practiced independently for thirty-seven years. His clientèle was large and his work somewhat varied, dwelling houses enlisting much the larger share of his attention, as is shown by the number that remain to testify to his skill.

Possessed of ample means, he was able to indulge his taste for travel. Going abroad many times, visiting Great Britain, all of Continental Europe and Northern Africa, he acquired an intimate knowledge of the characteristics of many lands,

and by his genial sociability made himself familiar with people of varied nationalities. The results of these observations he enjoyed imparting to interested listeners.

The members of the Rhode Island Chapter profited by his frequent and graphic descriptions of notable buildings and works of art, and by the opportunity to examine his rare and unique collection of articles of *vertu*, a collection equalled by few and surpassed by none in this vicinity.

Sociable, companionable and interesting, his genial presence and valuable counsel were appreciated and enjoyed by us who were so closely drawn to him by professional interests and familiar intercourse. His absence from our circle creates a vacancy which cannot be filled, but the memory of his life will abide.

ALFRED STONE,
PRESCOTT O. CLARKE,
Committee.

It was voted, that the Memorial to our late companion, Edward Irving Nickerson, Fellow of the American Institute of Architects, who deceased on Sunday, March 15, 1908, be entered upon the records and a copy be sent to his daughter, as an expression of our sympathy for the great loss which has befallen her.

NORMAN M. ISHAM,
Secretary.

C. J. CLARKE, F. A. I. A.

Charles Julian Clarke was born at Locust Grove, in Franklin County, Kentucky, on December the Sixteenth, Eighteen hundred and Thirty-six.

His grandfather, Matthew Clarke, fought in the Revolutionary War, and moved to Franklin County, Kentucky, in 1796. Dr. John Julian, a maternal ancestor, was likewise a soldier in the Revolutionary War. Mr. Clarke's father, Joseph Clarke, was a soldier in the War of 1812.

C. J. Clarke, in his early childhood, attended a school conducted by Dr. Stuart Robinson, and later continued his studies under the instruction of Professor B. B. Sayre. His technical education was pursued under the guidance of Dr. E. A. Grant, for many years one of Louisville's most prominent educators.

About the time he attained his majority, Mr. Clarke went to Mississippi and engaged in engineering work on the levees, in which he was employed for several years, returning home to accept a position in the office of the Adjutant-General at Frankfort. He removed with that

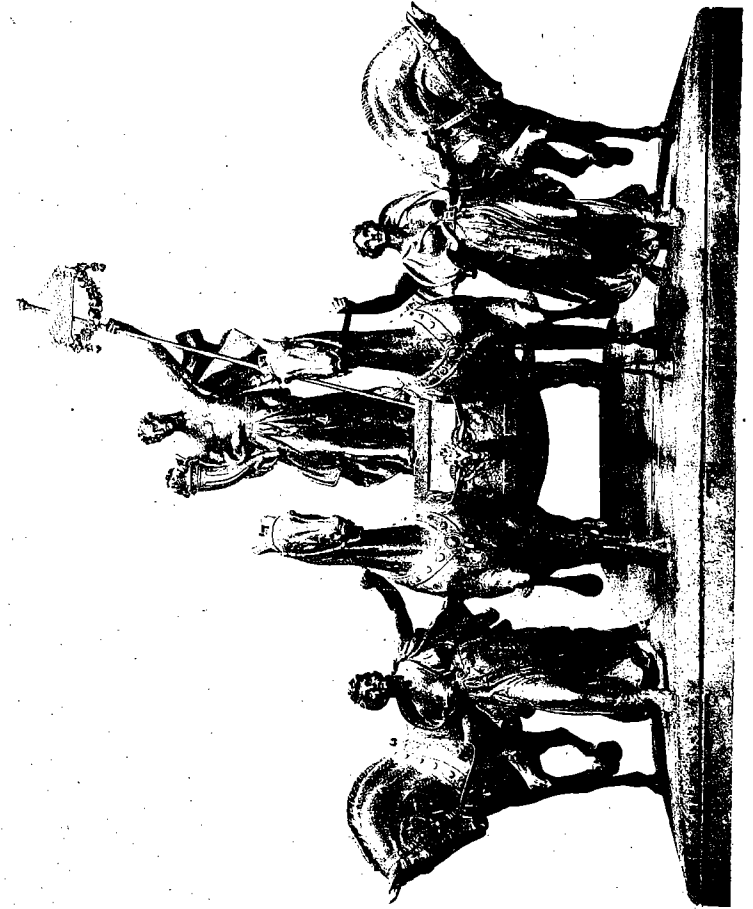
office from Frankfort to Louisville when the transfer was made during the war. Subsequently he became connected with the office of Bradshaw & Bro., architects, where he remained for about three years, during one year of which he was a member of the firm. He afterwards engaged in business for himself as a practicing architect, and in 1891, with Mr. Arthur Loomis, formed the partnership of Clarke & Loomis, which continued to exist during the remainder of his life.

His tastes and conceptions were in the direction of the classical, and he believed that an edifice should be typical of the purpose for which it was erected. He understood the quality and character of the work he desired, and gently, but firmly and insistently, strove for the achievement of his high ideals and developed them in brick and stone.

For a man of his long experience, broad knowledge and high attainments, Mr. Clarke was exceptionally modest and retiring in his intercourse with his professional friends; yet his character was of the strongest; his principles of the firmest; his ideals of the loftiest. His mind well stored with knowledge, his opinions carried with them the weight of more than half a century of successful professional work—a work in which he was actively engaged until within a few hours of his life's end. Mr. Clarke died March 10, 1908.

Mr. Clarke was elected a member of the Western Association of Architects in 1884, and by act of consolidation of the Western Association with the American Institute of Architects in 1889 became a Fellow of this latter organization, taking an active part in its reorganization. He was a charter member of the Engineers and Architects Club, becoming its fifth President in 1896, and he was the first President of the Louisville Chapter American Institute of Architects, which was formed March, 1908, but he did not live to assume its duties.

(Collected and forwarded by Mr. Mason Maury, Secretary, Louisville Chapter.)



BRONZE QUADRIGA FOR MINNESOTA STATE CAPITOL.