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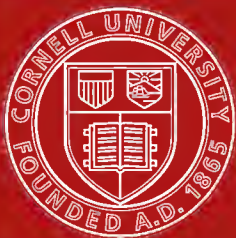
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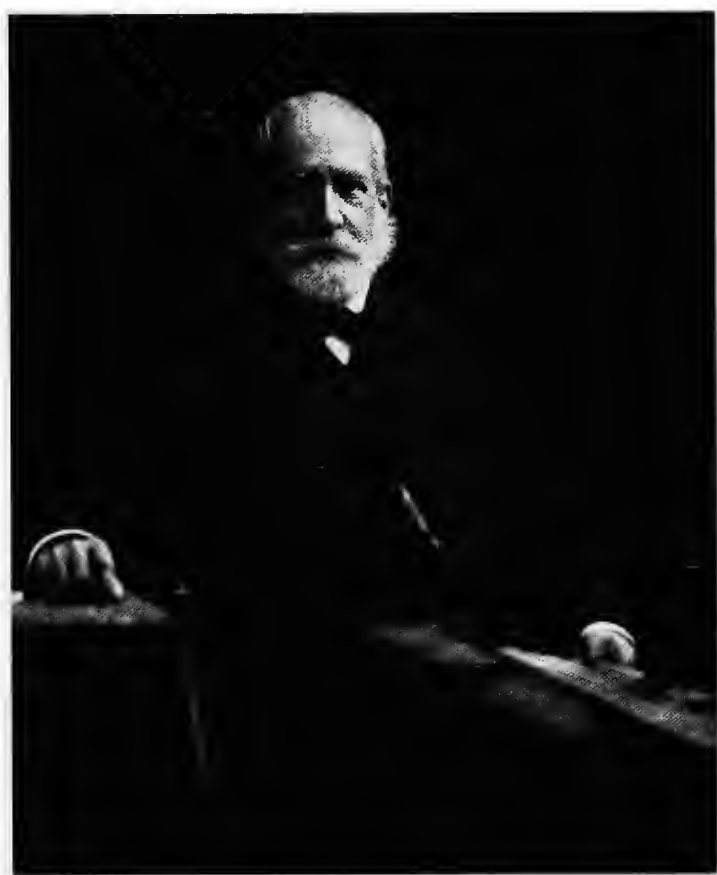




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Died, June 9th, 1915, at Milton, Mass.

WILLIAM ROBERT WARE was born in Cambridge, Mass., in 1832. He was graduated at Harvard in 1852, and in 1859 entered the office of the late Richard M. Hunt. Five years later he formed a partnership with the late Henry Van Brunt. This partnership lasted fifteen years, during which the firm designed the first Unitarian Church in Boston, Memorial Hall at Harvard University, the former Union Station at Worcester, and the Universalist Church at North Cambridge. After spending thirteen months in Europe, 1866-67, he established and for fourteen years directed the course in architecture at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

In 1881 the Trustees of Columbia University voted to establish a department of architecture and called Prof. Ware to the task of its organization and direction. His services in this position continued until 1903, when, owing to failing health, he was retired as Emeritus Professor of Architecture.

His literary labors included works on architectural shades and shadows, modern perspective and the American Vignola, all of which are in wide use as text-books.

During the closing years of his life, spent at his home in Milton, Mass., he was universally recognized as the Dean of architectural educators in this country.

Resolution

Entered upon the Minutes of the Alumni Association
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WILLIAM ROBERT WARE began his professional and educational activities at a period when architectural efficiency in this country was at its lowest ebb. During the last thirty years architecture has won its present position among the learned professions, and the public has awakened to the dignity and importance of the American architect's contribution to the development of American civilization.

In this awakening and development, Professor Ware's influence has constantly been a compelling force. The subordination of mere technical proficiency to broad knowledge and imaginative vision was the predominant characteristic of his educational message. The students who through successive years have looked to him for inspiration and guidance have borne this message throughout the length and breadth of our country, and thus his influence is and will be apparent in ever widening circles.

The members of the Alumni Association of the School of Architecture, Columbia University, hereby record their reverence for the achievements which have caused his name to be honored here and abroad; their gratitude for all his years of devoted service to the profession; their love, inspired in so high a degree by his personality, and their deep sympathy for his bereaved family.

[Signed]

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