

On the death of Dr. Samuel Sheldon

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the Board of Directors, ^{Oct. 15, 1920} Mainwright Hall

"IN THE BERKSHIRES"

Great Barrington, Mass.

The Bd of Dir in its capacity as
the supreme governing body by the
A. E. E., ever desirous of representing
the best interests & wishes of the
membership, deems it most fitting
to express its recognition of the
eminent services of Dr. Samuel Sheldon
Past pres of the Inst, who died at
Middletown, Ct. - September 4th 1920.

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career, he recognized the importance of
affiliating with the active & spirits then
engaged in the rapidly expanding
Electrical field, and was elected an
Associate ^{Dec 16, 1890} His unusually thorough
preparation for his life work, both at
home and abroad, already supplemented by
continued study & experience as an
instructor, led to his transfer to the
grade of Member upon recommendation
of the Board of Examiners in 1891 ^{and Fellow in 1913.}
His enthusiastic devotion to the advancement
of the electrical engineering profession, his
unbounded faith in the future importance
of the Institute, his unflinching support of
every movement looking to its logical
position as the exponent of the highest standards
of the electrical art, marked his development
as a leader, not only with confidence in
himself, but thoroughly appreciative of

the work of his associates. Active in mind and body, endowed with a natural gift of courtesy and geniality, he soon received recognition as an important factor in Institute affairs. Always ready to serve, he willingly accepted appointment on various permanent and temporary committees, notably the Board of Ex^{co}, the Editing, the Meetings and Papers Committees, either as Chairman or Member, and up to the time of his death, as Chairman of the Library Committee.

In whatever capacity he was called upon to officiate, his advice and experience were always available for the advancement of the welfare of the Institute. It was indeed fitting that this continued devotion should be recognized, as it was by his election first as Manager ^{in 1898}? then as V.P. ^{in 1904}?, and finally as Pres in 1906?. It was during his brilliant administration that the Inst attained the joint ownership and occupancy of its present home.

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desires was indeed a blessing. While
realizing our great loss, we extend to
son & sister, relatives and intimate
personal friends our profound sympathy
in the passing away of a loved one.
We may look upon our organization as
perpetual, each generation doing its
part in turn for its successful
continuation. Those nearer and dearer
to the loved and lost ^{however,} must look forward
to that final reunion upon which
our faith in the hereafter is based,
as the ultimate design of that
Supreme Engineer and Architect, our
Creator; who doeth all things well.

MEMORIAL TO DR. SAMUEL SHELDON

MINUTE ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS
PHILADELPHIA, OCTOBER 8th, 1920.

The Board of Directors of the A.I.E.E. deems it most fitting to express its recognition of the eminent services of Dr. Samuel Sheldon, Past President of the Institute, who died at Middlebury, Vt., September 4, 1920.

Nearly at the beginning of his professional career he recognized the importance of affiliating with the active spirits then engaged in the rapidly expanding electrical field, and was elected an Associate December 16, 1890. His unusually thorough preparation for his life work, both at home and abroad, already supplemented by continued study and experience as an instructor, led to his transfer, upon recommendation of the Board of Examiners, to the grade of Member in 1891, and to the grade of Fellow in 1913.

His enthusiastic devotion to the advancement of the electrical engineering profession, his unbounded faith in the future importance of the Institute, his unfailing support of every movement looking to its logical position as the exponent of the highest standards of the electrical art, marked his development as a leader, not only with confidence in himself, but thoroughly appreciative of the work of his associates. Active in mind and body, endowed with a natural gift of courtesy and geniality, he soon received recognition as an important

factor in Institute affairs. Always ready to serve, he willingly accepted appointment on various permanent and temporary committees, notably the Board of Examiners, the Editing and the Meetings and Papers Committees, either as Chairman or Member, and he served from 1910 up to the time of his death, as Chairman of the Library Committee.

In whatever capacity he was called upon to officiate, his advice and experience were always available for the advancement of the welfare of the Institute. It was indeed fitting that this continued devotion should be recognized, as it was by his election first as Manager in 1898, then as Vice President in 1901, and finally as President in 1906. It was during his brilliant administration that the Institute attained the joint ownership and occupancy of its present home.

Dr. Sheldon was ever in the forefront of those who visualized the importance of a permanent home, and the upbuilding of a great engineering library. No project seemed too gigantic for accomplishment if it were only worthy of success. That he lived to realize so large a proportion of his desires was indeed a blessing. While realizing our great loss, we extend to relatives and intimate personal friends our profound sympathy in the passing away of a loved one.

We may look upon our organization as perpetual, each generation doing its part in turn for its successful continuation. Those nearer and dearer to the loved and lost, however, must look forward to that final reunion upon which our faith in the hereafter is based, as the ultimate design of that Supreme Engineer and Architect, our Creator; who doeth all things well.

October 19, 1920.

Secretary.