

IN Memoriam

BANCROFT GHERARDI

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The death, on August 14, 1941, of Bancroft Gherardi removed from the membership of the Institute its fortieth president and a leading pioneer in the development of electrical communication, with a career of more than forty years in that field.

Mr. Gherardi received the degree of bachelor of science from the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn in 1891, the degree of mechanical engineer from Cornell University in 1893, and the master's degree in mechanical engineering from that university in 1894. He received the honorary degree of doctor of engineering from the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn, 1933, and from the Worcester Polytechnic Institute, 1936.

In 1895, he was employed by the Metropolitan Telephone and Telegraph Company. He was engineer of the traffic department 1900-01, and was transferred to the position of chief engineer of the New York and New Jersey Telephone Company in 1901. In 1906, he returned to New York as assistant chief engineer of the New York Telephone and Telegraph Company and the New Jersey Telephone Company. He was appointed engineer of plant of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company in 1907, became acting chief engineer in 1918, and chief engineer in 1919. From 1920 until his retirement in 1938, he was vice president and chief engineer.

He joined the Institute in 1895, and was transferred, in 1904, to the grade of Member and, in 1912, to the grade of Fellow. He served on many A. I. E. E. committees, and represented it on various joint organizations. He was a manager 1905-08, and 1914-17, vice president 1908-10, and president 1927-28.

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, upon behalf of the membership, hereby expresses sincere appreciation of Doctor Gherardi's numerous contributions, during his membership of forty-six years, to the development of Institute activities, and deepest regret at his death, and be it further

RESOLVED: That these resolutions be entered in the minutes and transmitted to the members of Doctor Gherardi's family.