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We hardly mourn his inevitable going so much as we rejoice in pleasant memory at having been associated with him in a great work for all peoples under a great man.

EDWARD DEAN ADAMS ✓

at his home, 920 Fifth Avenue, New York City

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Mr. Adams was born at Boston, Massachusetts, April 9, 1846, the son of Adoniram Judson and Harriet Lincoln Norton Adams, a descendant of Henry Adams of Somersetshire, England, who settled in Braintree, Massachusetts, in 1638.

Following an early elementary education, he attended the Chauncey Hall School at Boston from which he graduated in 1861. In the autumn of that year he became a student at Norwich University, Northfield, Vermont, from which institution he graduated in 1864 with the Degree of Bachelor of Science, receiving later from the same institution the Degrees of Master of Science in 1897, Doctor of Laws in 1906, Master of Arts in 1908 and Doctor of Science in 1927. After his graduation from the Norwich University, Mr. Adams spent twelve months in European travel, and in the autumn of 1865 he became a member of the Class of 1869 at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology as a student, other pursuits calling him from that institution before graduation.

In 1872 he was married to Miss Frances Amelia Gutterson, of Boston, and to them were born two sons and a daughter, Ernest Kempton Adams and Ralph Lanier Adams, the former an Electrical Engineer, deceased in his thirtieth year, the latter deceased in childhood.

The latter part of 1866 Mr. Adams became associated with the firm of T. J. Lee & Hill, Stock Brokers of Boston, as a bookkeeper, with whom he remained until 1870 when he joined the firm of Richardson, Hill & Company, Bankers, of Boston, as a partner. Here he remained until 1878 when he removed to New York City and became a partner in the banking house of Winslow, Lanier & Company, an association he continued until 1893.

It was shortly after his coming to New York in 1878 that Mr. Adams became interested in electric lighting, and the marvellous reports then filling the columns of both the daily and technical press as to what Mr. Edison had accomplished in this connection. Representing Messrs. Winslow, Lanier & Company, he sought and obtained an audience with Mr. Edison, and after the latter's historic discovery of October 21, 1879, together with the subsequent demonstrations of the commercial practicability of his electric lighting system at Menlo Park, New Jersey, in 1879 and 1880, and again in the Pearl Street Station in 1882, gave his own and later his firm's financial support to Mr. Edison's proposals.

On October 24, 1882, at the Fourth Annual meeting of the parent Edison Electric Light Company, Mr. Adams was elected a Director of this Company, and re-elected in 1883, 1884, 1885 and 1886, and was Director of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of New York City from 1884 to 1889. Having seen the incandescent electric light industry placed upon a sound basis, Mr. Adams then devoted his activities to the reorganization of several of the large American railroad systems and industrial enterprises. In 1890, Mr. Adams' firm, Messrs. Winslow, Lanier & Company, were requested to aid in financing the development of hydro-electric power at Niagara Falls. An exhaustive study of this project was made by Mr. Adams, who prepared a group of plans and organized the International Niagara Commission of Scientists, headed by Lord Kelvin, to discuss its practicability.

When electricity had been decided upon as the transmitting power, the Cataract Construction Company was formed with Mr. Adams as its President, and the project completed by 1895. This position he continued to hold until 1909 when the company's charter was surrendered.

In 1893 Mr. Adams severed his connection with Winslow, Lanier & Company to become the American representative of the Deutsche Bank of Berlin, Germany, a position he held until the outbreak of the World War in 1914.

In addition to his activities in financial, engineering and industrial enterprises, he devoted a great deal of his time to charitable and artistic pursuits, his name being frequently found amongst those managing, or contributing to the affairs of institutions devoted to the relief or educational advantages of those less fortunate than himself.

During the World War he was Director of the American Committee for devastated France, and was in charge of the reception to honor Marshal Foch when he visited the United States. He was one of those chiefly responsible for the restoration of the Louvain (Belgium) Library destroyed during war activities, and one of a committee entrusted with the preparation and presentation of a marble bust of Mr. Edison to the Deutsches Museum at Munich, Germany, by the Edison Pioneers and American Institute of Electrical Engineers on May 7 1931.

Mr. Adams had been invested with the Royal Order of the Crown of Prussia in 1909; Medaille de Reconnaissance (with silver star) of the French Republic in 1921; the John Fritz Gold Medal in 1926; Commander of the Order of the Crown of Belgium in 1928; Chevalier de l'ordre National de la Legion d'Honneur in 1929. His achievements and associations were so numerous and varied that their detailed description is here impossible owing to limited space, although a summary of them is given herewith on a separate sheet.

Although in his 83rd year, Mr. Adams was one of those present at Menlo Park, N. J., the night of October 21, 1929, to honor Mr. Edison at the celebration of Lights' Golden Jubilee on that historic site.

His demise was indirectly due to an unfortunate automobile accident in Florida on March 29th last while on his way to visit Mr. Edison, the resultant shock materially lessening his ability to combat the effects of pneumonia contracted after his return to New York.

Mr. Adams is survived by his daughter Mrs. Leighton Adams Lobdell, his grandsons Pierpont and Kempton, his sister Mrs. Henry J. Williams and his brother William K. Adams.

Funeral services were held in St. Thomas' Episcopal Church, New York City, at 10:30 A. M. Friday, May 22, 1931, and he was laid to rest the same day in the family mausoleum in Kensico Cemetery.

Mr. Adams was a full member and an esteemed Past President of the

EDISON PIONEERS.

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