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GANO DUNN (A'91, F'12, president 1911-12) M. I. Pupin's letter of resignation was accepted and Gano Dunn succeeded him as the new secretary of the Institute.

W. S. LEE (A'34, F'3, president 1930-1) I have just received the sad news of the death of Mr. Gano Dunn, who was one of the most respected and well-liked members of our Institute.

C. W. RICE (A'97, F'19, secretary A.S.M.E.) Mr. Hutchinson's contribution to every situation was constructive, broad-minded and progressive. With an intimate, almost daily, association since 1904 when he took up the work of the Institute, I cannot remember a single instance where he took a position with respect to any subject that was not favorable to the accomplishment of the highest purpose of the project in hand. He was particularly able in clearing up a situation and had the invaluable habit of putting the matter under discussion in such a way that the group could act. In this process he gave his opinion with such courtesy that one could differ and the discussion be absolutely impersonal. Then, with absolute mental honesty and unfailing tact, he was a great help in the promotion of the group's work and in the development of the Institute.
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Mr. Hutchinson became an Associate of the Institute in 1894 and was transferred to the grade of Member in 1913. He was thoroughly familiar with the history and policies of the Institute, the scope and duties of its numerous committees and representatives, and the relations of the Institute to other engineering and similar organizations, both in this country and abroad. He was one of the delegates of the Institute to the
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Other Affiliations

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Besides his widow, Grace Duryee Hutchinson, Mr. Hutchinson is survived by a sister, Miss Annie G. Hutchinson of Elizabeth, N.J., a brother, William, of Newark, N.J., and two stepsons, G. W. Duryee of Glendale, Calif., and Lawrence M. Duryee of Norwalk, Conn. Funeral services were held at his late residence, 18 Douglas Road, Glen Ridge, N.J., at 2:30 p.m. Monday, February 29, 1932. Interment was private.