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The President's Message

The New Hampshire Chapter, AIA, has for many years published the works of its chapter members in our magazine, New Hampshire Architect.

Starting with the August issue, an effort to improve the magazine is being made. The tremendous interest shown in past years with our School issue has led the publishers to believe that a similar method of showing the work of New Hampshire Architects in specific categories will improve our magazine.

We all know that the pressure of office work makes it difficult to prepare material for presentation, and many times our publisher has found it difficult to find proper material for publication.

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New joint committees have been named by New Hampshire Chapter, AIA and New Hampshire-Vermont Chapter, AGC. These committees will work jointly in connection with mutual problems of the architects and contractors.

Before relinquishing his office as president of the Chapter, Nicholas Isaak named the following architects to serve on the committee: John D. Betley, Manchester; W. Brooke Fleck, Hanover; Stephen Tracy, Nashua; Nicholas Isaak, Manchester; Walter T. Williams, Rochester.

Representing the AGC on the committee are Robert C. Davison, Manchester; Guy MacMillan, Keene; Robert Foster, Concord; Dale Nelson, Hanover; W. M. Adams, Burlington, Vt.

Members of the committee will be notified of the dates of future meetings.

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For some unknown reason, we omitted this bit of pertinent information in their advertisement concerning masonry finishes, published on Page 25 of the June issue.

WHO WAS IT?

Al] of which reminds us of the architect who went to Washington last winter on one of those flights that serves free cocktails to passengers. He landed during a snowstorm and took a taxi to the Hotel Mayflower.

Snow drifts had trapped the caretaker inside the Washington Monument and the resourceful soul had built a fire to keep from freezing to death. As a result, smoke was billowing out around the base of the Monument as the taxi passed by.

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