

Rolla Clinton Carpenter

Professor of Mechanical Engineering

June 16, 1852 — January 19, 1919

The members of the Board of Trustees and the Faculty of Cornell University wish to express themselves for record upon the death of Professor Rolla Clinton Carpenter.

Professor Carpenter came to Cornell in 1890 to take charge of the Mechanical Laboratory of Sibley College and continued to direct this work until his retirement in June 1917. During this time the laboratory grew from very small beginnings to its present size, with its large material equipment and its efficient courses of instruction. In all this development Professor Carpenter showed wisdom and sound judgment in the selection of his teachers, in the building up of material equipment and in the planning and conducting of the courses of instruction.

Outside the University his counsel was widely sought by the government, in large engineering undertakings, and in patent legislation. Thus his influence has been far-reaching both in engineering education and practice.

He was active as member and committeeman in several of the national engineering societies, and was honored by election to their highest offices.

In all personal relations Professor Carpenter was always kindly and helpful; he was a pleasant companion and a loyal friend.

This loss falls heavily upon all who worked with him or who had the privilege of his friendship, but especially upon his family to whom it is desired here to express profound sympathy.

Source: Faculty Records, p. 912, 1036 Joint Resolutions Adopted by The Trustees and Faculty of Cornell University January, Nineteen Hundred and Nineteen.

Cornell University 1890—1917; Professor Emeritus 1917—1919