

Claude Marc Pendleton

July 20, 1894 — August 22, 1943

Claude Marc Pendleton Assistant Professor of Structural Engineering, died suddenly at his home in Forest Home, on Sunday morning, August 22, 1943; he had just come home after giving, as was so characteristic of him, kindly assistance to some one in trouble.

Professor Pendleton was born on July 20, 1894, at McDondonough, Chenango County, New York. He received his primary and secondary school education in the city of Binghamton, and entered the College of Civil Engineering at Cornell on September 21, 1914, and received the degree of C.E. in January 1919.

Professor Pendleton was appointed Instructor in Civil Engineering on July 1, 1919, and held the Marc Eidlitz Instructorship from September 1925 until he was promoted to the position of Assistant Professor of Structural Engineering. In the fall and early winter of 1924-25, he gave valuable help to the Astronomy Department in the preparations for observations of the total eclipse of the sun on January 24, 1925.

Very few, if any, men in recent years have taught as great a number of different courses in Civil Engineering as has Professor Pendleton. He was justly regarded by his colleagues and by the student body as one of the best teachers in the School of Civil Engineering. He was always ready to help any student needing aid in any subject, and, because of his patience and versatility and the clarity of his explanations, his aid was eagerly sought. Perhaps if some good angel had protected him from such an incessant drain on his time and energy, he would still be with us.

It is difficult to measure the contribution of Professor Pendleton to the profession of civil engineering, but if one could look into the hearts of the many people whom he has helped, one might get a glimpse of the value of his service to engineering education through his assistance, so freely given, to engineering students.

Both faculty and students, who were associated with him, have lost a loyal, noble, unselfish friend and the civil engineering profession has lost an able and devoted teacher.