

Kenneth Bertrand Turner

Assistant Professor of Hydraulics

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The death of Assistant Professor Kenneth Bertrand Turner on October 21, 1918, has deprived the instructing staff of Cornell University of one of its most able and conscientious teachers.

Entering the University in September 1899 as a student in Civil Engineering he pursued that course with credit and enthusiasm, receiving the degree of Civil Engineer in 1903 and the degree of M.C.C. in 1905. For a year, following the completion of his work for the Master's degree, he served as Recorder with the United States Lake Survey. In the autumn of 1906, he returned to the University as an instructor in Civil Engineering and two years later was made Assistant Professor of Hydraulics.

From the autumn of 1906 until his death he literally devoted his entire time and energy, with the exception of a sabbatic leave during the first term of 1915–16, to the work of his chosen college. Endowed with a physique which refused to recognize fatigue, thoroughly conversant with the many details of his work, ever actuated by the spirit of the investigator, and possessed of a genial and cheerful personality, he combined in an enviable manner those qualities which mark the progressive, virile teacher, and which gained for him the respect and the confidence of his associates and of the students who passed under his influence. Though he had published but little, he spent many hours in research both of a commercial and of a theoretical character, and a mass of as yet unpublished data on the flow of water over weirs secured by the Department of Hydraulic Engineering bears mute testimony of his cooperation and ceaseless activity.

Be it resolved—that this faculty deeply deplores the early cessation of his labors; that it enter upon its records this appreciation of his faithful and zealous application to his University duties; and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the bereaved family.

Source: Fac. Rec, p. 1013 Resolution Adopted By The Faculty of Cornell University on The Eleventh Day of December, 1918.