

## **Pite, Arthur Beresford 1861 - 1934**



Arthur Beresford Pite [also known as Beresford Pite] was born in Walworth, Surrey, England on 2 September 1861. After studying at the National Art Training School in South Kensington, London, he was articled to William Gilbee Habershon (1818?-1891), Alfred Robert Pite (1832-1911) and James Follet Fawckner (c.1828-1898) of Habershon, Pite & Fawckner in Cardiff, Wales from 1876 to 1881. Habershon left the practice in 1878, and he completed his articles with A. R. Pite. During these years he attended University College, London (where he received the Donaldson Medal in 1879), and the Architectural Association in London. In 1882 he won the Soane medallion of the Royal Institute of British Architects. In 1883 he went to John Belcher (1816?-1890) in London as an improver and subsequently became his managing clerk, a position he held until 1897 [Dictionary of National Biography. Note: some sources state that he was in partnership with Belcher]

In 1883 Pite was admitted as a student at the Royal Academy Schools in London. He qualified as an architect in 1887 and the following year was elected an Associate of the Royal Institute of British Architects (ARIBA). He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects (FRIBA) in 1896. He commenced independent practice in London 1897. From 1900 to 1923 he was Professor of Architecture at the Royal College of Art in London. He was also a Professor at Manchester School of Architecture and taught at the University School of Architecture, Cambridge. He was Architectural Director of London County Council School of Building in Brixton from 1905 to 1928. Pite was a founding member of the Art Workers Guild in 1884 and was President of the Architectural Association

in 1896.

Pite's address was given as 5 Bloomsbury Square, London in 1888; 20 Hanover Square, London in 1894; 21 Willow Road, Hampstead, London, and Earlywood, Frinton, Essex in 1914; 101 Great Russell Street, London in 1923 and 1933. He died at his home, 22 Manor Way, Beckenham, Kent on 27 November 1934.

A biographical file on Arthur Beresford Pite is available on request from the Enquiry Desk, Royal Institute of British Architects Library, London

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Works

House and shop, Paganini's Restaurant, Great Portland Street, London (c.1889); 82 Mortimer Street, London (1896); Church Home, 46-54, Great Titchfield Street, London (1896); Christ Church, Brixton Road, Oval London (1897-98); church hall for Christ Church, Mowll Street, Oval, London (1897-1903); house and shop, 32 Old Bond Street, London (1898); church school offices, 126 Great Portland Street, London (1898); 37 Harley Street, London (1898); Earlywood, near the church, Frinton-on-Sea, Essex (c.1901); chancel of Holy Trinity, Clapham Common, London (1902-03); Ames House, Great Titchfield Street, London (1904); warehouse, 21 Little Portland Street, London (1904); offices of Amalgamated Approved Societies, Euston Square, London (1905-08); Methodist Church and caretaker's cottage, Agincourt Road, Gospel Oak, London (1906-07); All Souls' School, Foley Street, Marylebone, London (1906-08); Carnegie Public Library, Thornhill Square, Islington, London (1906-08); the headquarters of the London, Edinburgh and Glasgow Assurance Company in London (1906-08); new entrance to the Burlington Arcade, Piccadilly , London (1911-30); Namirembe Anglican Cathedral, Kampala, Uganda (1913-18); Canterbury War Memorial (1921); and Cheadle Hulme War Memorial (1921).

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