

Stokes, Leonard Aloysius Scott 1858 - 1925



Leonard Aloysius Scott Stokes was born in Southport, Lancashire in 1858 and was articled to Samuel Joseph Nicholl (1826-1905) from 1874 to 1877. In 1875 he became a member of the Architectural Association, and in 1878 entered the Royal Academy Schools. After leaving Nicholl, he worked in the office of James Gandy (1839?-1920) for a year, and was Clerk of Works at Christ Church Cathedral in Dublin under George Edmund Street (1824-1881) for about a year. He then spent a period of time in Street's office, and worked in the offices of James Piers St. Aubyn (1815-1895) and Thomas Edward Collcutt (1840-1924).

Stokes commenced independent practice in London in January 1880. That year he was awarded the Pugin Travelling Studentship and travelled in Germany in 1881 and Italy in 1882. Much of his work was for the Roman Catholic Church for whom he designed churches, schools and convents. He also designed country houses and some 20 telephone exchanges for the National Telephone Company.

In addition to his work as an architect, Stokes was also a painter. He exhibited nearly every year at the Royal Academy in London from 1882 to 1916. He also exhibited at the Royal Glasgow Institute of the Fine Arts; Walker Art Gallery in Liverpool; and at the Royal Scottish Academy in Edinburgh. A mantel register designed by Stokes and Henry Wilson for the Falkirk Iron Company was exhibited in the 7th exhibition of the Arts & Crafts Exhibition Society at the New Gallery in London in 1903.

He was elected an Associate of the Royal Institute of British Architects (ARIBA) in 1882 and a Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects (FRIBA) in 1890. Stokes was President of the Architectural Association from 1889 to 1892 and was President of the Royal Institute of British Architects from 1910 to 1912. He was awarded the Medaille D'Argent at the Paris Exposition in 1900 and the RIBA Royal Gold Medal in 1919.

Stokes's address was given as 13 Holland Street, Kensington, London in 1882; 31 Spring Gardens, London in 1884 and 1900; 2 Great Smith Street, Westminster, London in 1901 and 1916.

He died at his home, 3 Mulberry Walk, Chelsea, Middlesex [now London], on 25 December 1925.

Worked in

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Works

For the National Telephone Co., Exchanges In London (e.g. Gerrard Street, W.; Paddington, Dalston, etc.). Also In Southampton, Reading, and many other provincial centres; All Saints' Convent, Colney Chapel, near St. Albans; St. Clare's Church, Sefton Park, Liverpool; Roman Catholic churches at Maidenhead, Folkestone, Southampton, Exeter, and Sudbury; Nazareth House, Southsea; Nazareth House, Bexhill; Lincoln Grammar School; schools at Oxford; new quadrangle, Emmanuel Coll., Cambridge ; new schools, Downside Abbey, near Bath; Minterne House, Dorset (for Lord Digby); Chelsea Town Hall; Roman Catholic Cathedral, Georgetown, Demerara, etc. [Source: *Who's Who in Architecture 1923*]

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