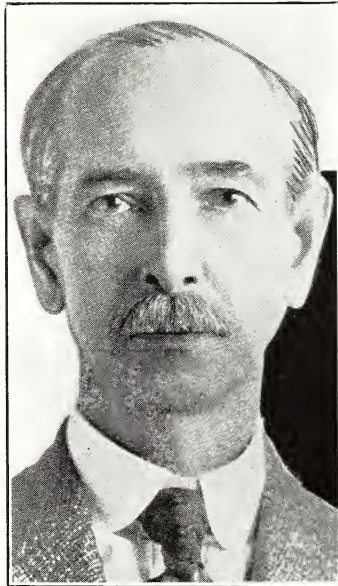


## STEPHEN FRANCIS BALCOM.

VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI.  
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The Academy is again called upon to lament the death of a useful and valuable member. Stephen Francis Balcom, who was born January 24, 1856, at Vicksburg, Mississippi, died April 2, 1924, at Indianapolis, Indiana. He was educated in the common schools of Illinois and in the University of Illinois, School of Civil Engineering, Class of 1875. He was thereafter employed as a civil engineer by the Illinois Central, the Big Four and the Lake Erie and Western railroads, in all of which positions he rendered valuable service. He removed his home to Indianapolis in 1897, and at the time of his death was with the Engineering Department of the Park Board of the city of Indianapolis.



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He was an active member of the following organizations: Indiana Academy of Science, National Society of Engineers, Indianapolis Scientific, Indianapolis Illini, Indiana Historical Society and the Nature Study Club of Indiana. He was also a member of the Tabernacle Presbyterian Church at Indianapolis.

He was especially interested in research into the pre-historic races of man, particularly the Mound Builders and the American Indian. He read several valuable papers on the subject of Archeology before

the Academy. In connection with the reading of each of these papers he exhibited a large number of interesting specimens of pre-historic handiwork from collections which he had himself made.

He was married June 10, 1880, to Eliza Hall, of Sullivan, Illinois, by whom he had four children, all born in Champaign, Illinois, two of whom are still living. He is survived by his widow, who now resides with her daughter, Miss Lucy Balcom, who is employed in the Industrial Board of Indiana, at the State House. A son, Henry C. Balcom, a landscape architect and gardener, also survives him and lives at Kokomo.

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