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Neal FitzSimons (at Benjamin Wright's dedication ceremony, October 1970)

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Neal was a devoted advocate for the American Society of Civil Engineers and a tireless proponent for the history of the profession. He was a prolific writer of both technical papers and history articles, as well as the recipient of numerous awards, and I considered him a mentor, close business associate, and friend. He always felt a biography of Benjamin Wright was an important undertaking for both ASCE and the profession in general. My desire is for this work to serve, in some small way, as a tribute to his memory.

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