

# F. A. SCHERMERHORN DROPS DEAD IN CLUB

**Philanthropist Is Stricken with  
Apoplexy While Speaking  
at Dinner.**

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**SERVED IN THE CIVIL WAR**

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**Assisted Many Educational Institu-  
tions and Was Formerly a  
Trustee of Columbia.**

Frederick Augustus Schermerhorn, capitalist, philanthropist, and educator, dropped dead in the Union Club last night as he was addressing the guests at a dinner given to the Governors of the Club by its President, Charles Frederick Hoffman. Mr. Schermerhorn, who was 75 years old, faltered in the midst of his speech, then fell into the arms of the old friends who hurried to him. He died in a few minutes. Dr. James F. Nagle of 16 West Fifty-fourth Street, who was summoned hurriedly, found that he had had a stroke of apoplexy, and that he was beyond help. The Coroner then was notified.

Mr. Schermerhorn, whose home was at 101 University Place and whose office was at 25 Liberty Street, had not been active in business in the last few years. He had devoted himself largely to the interests of the New York Trade School, of which he was a Director and Treasurer.

Mr. Schermerhorn was born in New York, Nov. 1, 1844. He graduated from the Columbia School of Mines in 1868 after having interrupted his studies to serve in the civil war. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the 185th New York Infantry on Dec. 27, 1864, and became a First Lieutenant Jan. 25, 1865. He served in the army of the Potomac and was mustered out in 1865 after having been breveted a Captain for gallant conduct at the battle of Five Forks. After resuming his studies and later while pursuing his business career, Mr. Schermerhorn served seven years in the National Guard of his native State.

Beside his business interests Mr. Schermerhorn devoted much time to the cause of education, having served many years as a Trustee of Columbia University, and having been largely instrumental in the upbuilding of the New York Trade School, of which he was Treasurer and Trustee at the time of his death. He was a member of the American Geological Society, the St. Nicholas Society, the Loyal Legion, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and the American Museum of Natural History. Among the clubs of which he had been a member were the Metropolitan, Century, City, Knickerbocker, Tuxedo, Coaching, Westchester Country, New York Yacht, Seawanhaka-Corinthian Yacht, Mendelssohn Glee, and Riding.

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