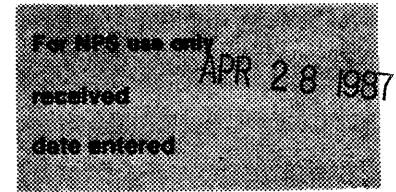


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The Library Board could not have afforded the fees of prestigious architect John C. Austin if the alumni of Los Angeles High School across the street had not donated funds for this picturesque building. Located in the midst of a park, the Memorial Branch was dedicated as a memorial to high school alumni who gave their lives during the First World War. The steep pitch of the slate roof on the gothic brick building is reminiscent of western Europe, where so many perished. Austin was the most successful architect in the city during the first quarter of the twentieth century. His other notable works included City Hall, First Methodist Church, Griffith Park Observatory, the State Office Building and Pico Gardens. Memorial Branch is the best remaining example of his small public buildings.

BRANCH LIBRARIES, LOS ANGELES, CA
#23 Memorial Branch, 4645 W.
Olympic Blvd.
1 inch=60 feet

Mullen Ave.

Muirfield Rd.

Los Angeles High School Memorial Park

4645

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