In 2002 the CIBSE Heritage Group produced a biography *Wilson Weatherley Phipson, Victorian Engineer Extraordinary 1838-91*, written and edited by Brian Roberts, Chairman of the Group. It was updated in 2006 and a limited number of copies printed. It ran to 142 pages with 63 illustrations and featured many of the Victorian hand-written Phipson documents in the Heritage Collection. An electronic book version was subsequently added to the Heritage web site. In addition, further updates have been posted under *Victorian Heating Engineers* by Heritage Group Webmaster, Frank Ferris.

Wilson Phipson worked with many of the leading Victorian architects, men who became RIBA Presidents and who won RIBA Gold Medals, who were Competition Judges and whose works are still admired today. He had repeat commissions from some which indicates Phipson worked well with them and it appears that they recommended him to fellow architects.

Phipson also worked with a number of less well-known architects: Bedborough, Matthew Hadfield, Edward Holmes, Horsfall & Williams, Edward I’Anson Jr, Marsh Nelson, Tarring & Wilkinson, R Stark Wilkinson and Christopher George Wray. Information on these collaborations is given in the Phipson Biography.

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Robert Rowand Anderson 1834-1921. Served with the Royal Engineers, worked for Sir G G Scott, 1st President Scottish Institute of Architects 1916. Phipson was working on Mount Stuart, Rothesay on the Isle of Bute at the time of his death.


William Burges 1827-81. Worked for Sir Matthew Digby Wyatt who was a close friend of Phipson who advised Burges on the restoration work at Cardiff Castle 1865-81 and on Mount Stuart (See R R Anderson).


Henry Currey 1820-1900. Architect for St Thomas’s Hospital in London but Phipson’s 1865 proposals for the heating and ventilation were ignored.
Captain Francis Fowke RE 1832-65 (2nd from left) who produced the winning design for the Natural History Museum and did the original work for the Albert Hall, both executed after his death, being two of Phipson’s most celebrated projects.
John Gibson 1817-92, pupil of J A Hansom (it has not been confirmed that this portrait is of the architect) who worked with Phipson on the National Provincial Banks of England in Bishopsgate, London 1863-65, Newcastle-upon-Tyne 1872 and Piccadilly 1877, as well as the Town Hall at Todmorden in Yorkshire 1860-75.
Joseph Aloysius Hansom 1803-82 designed Birmingham Town Hall (with Edward Welch) a building where Phipson successfully improved the ventilation, his last work.

Enoch Basset Keeling 1837-86, architect for the Strand Music Hall in London in 1864 one of Phipson’s first works.
Sir George Gilbert Scott 1811-78, President RIBA 1872, said to have been involved in some 750 commissions including the University of Glasgow 1866-70 where Phipson was responsible for the heating and ventilation.

Thomas Verity 1837-91, notable theatre architect who early in his career assisted Fowke and H Y D Scott. Phipson provided heating and ventilation for the Criterion Theatre in Piccadilly 1870-74 and the Empire Theatre in Leicester Square 1884.
Alfred Waterhouse 1830-1905 RIBA Gold Medal, President RIBA 1889-91.
Phipson worked with him more than with any other architect, their work being the Natural History Museum 1877-80, the National Liberal Club in London 1885-87, the Royal Infirmary in Liverpool 1866 and sections of the Prudential Assurance in High Holborn from around 1878.