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MR. BRUNNER: It gives me sincere pleasure to present the name of George S. Mills for advancement to Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects. Mr. Mills was born in London, December 5, 1866, and came to America in 1870. He was educated in St. Louis, and he began his architectural career in that city in the office of George Barnett.

Mr. Mills is now the leading architect in Toledo, Ohio, where he has practised for many years.

Among the many buildings that he has designed may be mentioned the following: The Ohio Building; the Toledo Club; the Congregational Church; the Secor Hotel; some of the Buildings of the Ohio State University in Columbus, and he has collaborated with me in designing the Municipal Building in Toledo.

Mr. Mills was active in organizing the Toledo Chapter, of which he is Secretary. In my association with him, and I have known him for several years, I have always found him to be a man of the highest integrity, who believed that architecture was not a business but a profession. I feel that Mr. Mills especially deserves the honor of being a Fellow of this body because before the Toledo Chapter was created he anticipated our ideals and did his utmost to raise the standard of architecture in his community. He is not only an excellent architect, he is also a good citizen and deeply interested in his city, in his state, and in his country.

THE PRESIDENT: Charles H. Prindeville is nominated for advancement to Fellowship, and his name will be presented by Mr. Irving K. Pond.

MR. POND: If I could extract the choicest of the felicities and sincere expressions which have come forth in these previous presentations, and clothe them in the poetic diction of the President, you would have the speech that I would like to make in nomination of Charles H. Prindeville, of the Illinois Chapter.

His poise and judicial attitude, as manifested in his Chapter activities, in the committee work of the Institute, on the floor of the Convention, in the arduous duty of the Committee on Practice for a term of years, are carried over into the execution and the design of his work. With Mr. James J. Egan, his partner, now deceased, he designed the Cathedral at Pittsburgh.

For himself, he is carrying on such work as the Mercy Hospital in Chicago.

But buildings are mere trifles. The practice that the man has developed in the stress of Institute and professional activities, is what we are recognizing in presenting him for Fellowship to the American Institute of Architects. I take great honor and pleasure in presenting his name.

THE PRESIDENT: Frederick A. Russell is nominated for advancement to Fellowship and is to be presented by Mr. Edward Stotz.

MR. STOTZ: I have the honor and pleasure of presenting the name of Frederick A. Russell, President of the Pittsburgh Chapter, for advancement to Fellowship in the Institute.

Mr. Russell was peculiarly fortunate in receiving his first impressions and training in the office of the late H. H. Richardson, entering his office in 1883 and remaining until Richardson's death three years later.

Ten years of service with Longfellow, Aiden & Harlow followed; after which the firm of Rutan & Russell was established, and is still continued by Mr. Russell, Frank E. Rutan's untimely death occurring about ten years ago.

Mr. Russell's work has covered a wide and varied field, from country estate to municipal and commercial buildings of magnitude. Throughout, his work has been conceived according to the best architectural traditions and characterized by evidences of careful study in detail and dignity in composition.

His activities in his Chapter and State Association have inspired others to serve more faithfully, and he has most acceptably filled all the offices, as well as served on committees that have labored for the public good; notably the Municipal Improvement Committee, to which influence must largely be attributed the development of an Educational Center, already a reality and still growing, known as the Oakland District. One of the first buildings in this district, the Schenley Hotel, was the work of Rutan & Russell.

Perhaps the truest and best cause we may have to so honor a man lies fundamentally behind his actual expressed work, namely his personal character, his ideals, and the spirit of emulation which he evokes in others, and on this score those who should know best believe that Frederick A. Russell has inspired and directly aided others to forward the cause for which this Institute stands.

THE PRESIDENT: William H. Schuchardt is nominated for advancement to Fellowship and his name will be presented by Mr. Alexander C. Eschweiler.

MR. ESCHWEILER: I deem it a privilege and a pleasure to present to this Convention the name of a close personal friend for advancement to Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

William Herbert Schuchardt was born in Milwaukee, in 1874. In his earliest years, when still in the grammar school, he had determined on the choice of his profession, and directed all his efforts along architectural lines so that, before entering the University, he was already proficient in free-hand drawing and the elementary sciences.

At the age of seventeen he became a student at the University of Wisconsin, completed there his sophomore year and gained during his college vacations his first office experience. He entered the

Third Day—Morning Session

The Convention met at 9.30 o'clock A.M., President Sturgis presiding.

Mr. Trowbridge, for the tellers, reported the result of the election, as follows:

Total number of ballots cast	129
Majority vote is	65

Officers.—

Kimball	58
Mauran	71
La Farge	129
Medary	124
Fenner	128
Waid	128

Directors.—

Brockway	69
Brown	99
Faville	70
Lubschez	70
Sellers	74

All the Fellows were elected—no one receiving less than 119 votes, and only one negative vote being cast.

THE PRESIDENT: I declare Mr. John Lawrence Mauran elected President of the Institute. Mr. C. Grant La Farge has been elected First Vice-President of the Institute. Mr. Milton B. Medary has been elected Second Vice-President. Mr. Burt L. Fenner has been elected Secretary. Mr. D. Everett Waid has been elected Treasurer. Mr. Edwin H. Brown and Mr. Horace Wells Sellers have been elected Directors for the term of three years.

As has been announced, two gentlemen have made an absolutely even break for the third place. Your President, at all events, has never been faced with this particular situation before, and I shall be very glad to be guided by the sentiment of those present as to what is the proper course under the circumstance. It would seem as if it would be necessary to take another ballot.

It was so voted.

The President requested the Secretary to prepare the ballots, and then announced the order of business for the session to be as follows:

Presentation of Certificates to Fellows.

Report of the Committee on Town Planning.

Report of the Committee to consider the same.

Report of the Committee on Chapters: Matters in the proposed Constitution and By-Laws requiring the attention of the Convention.

Report of the Committee to consider the same.

Matters in the report of the Board, not yet covered:

Expenses of delegates.

Advertising.

Code of ethics.

New Business.

The next Convention.

Obituary notices.

Resolutions.

Notices.

The delinquent list.

Under this order, the first matter was the presentation of the certificates to the newly elected Fellows.

The President read the list of newly elected Fellows of the Institute, and the following gentlemen appeared and received certificates: Mr. George F. A. Brueggeman, Professor Warren P. Laird, Mr. Charles H. Prindeville, Mr. Frederick A. Russell.

THE PRESIDENT: We will now take up the unfinished business, the first of which is the report of the Committee on Town Planning. Mr. Ford does not appear to be present, and I will ask Mr. Crane to present the report of the Committee on Reports of Special Committees. (*See Appendix 18a.*)

Mr. Crane read the report of his Committee, which was then adopted.

THE PRESIDENT: The next matter is the report of the Committee on Chapters, by Mr. Kohn. Mr. Kohn is temporarily absent from the room, so perhaps, as the Convention is fairly familiar with Mr. Kohn's report, we might very well call on Mr. Crane for his report on the report of the Committee on Chapters. (*See Appendix 7a.*)

Mr. Crane read the report of his Committee, and it was then adopted.

MR. KOHN: The President very properly reproved the Chairman of the Committee on Chapters yesterday for not following the usual procedure when presenting his report the day before. I will, therefore, now present the report of the Committee on Chapters, and bring it up to date.

The first report of the Committee was in the form of a preliminary draft of the Constitution and By-Laws, sent out to all the members on August 25. A supplementary report of the Committee was sent out from the Octagon at the end of the month of October. The Committee further presented a new and somewhat modified form of Constitution and By-Laws the day of the opening of this Convention, and this document, with a few words that I shall add now, will constitute the report of the Committee on Chapters.

The final draft of the Constitution and By-Laws was presented on the first day of this Convention and there was a lengthy consideration at that session on at least one point in connection with that draft. At the end of that discussion, it was decided