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CHICAGO, May 14, 1897.

Mr. Alfred Stone,

Providence, Rhode Island.

Received, *May 17* 1897  
Answered, " *18* 1897

Dear Sir:-

I propose to go to Paris by steamer 16th of June.

As I propose to visit the French Architectural Societies or their officers, would you kindly give me an official letter introducing me as Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, sending it to Mr. Post for his signature as President, with request that he forward it to me.

Very respectfully yours,



CHICAGO, May 20, 1897.

Mr. Alfred Stone,

Received, *May 22, 1897.*  
Answered, *4 23 1897*

Dear Sir:-

Your kind favor of May 18th duly at hand.

Your draft of the letter with the slight change I have made, seems to me exactly what is most to be desired. My principal object is to gain access to what is going on in regard to the coming Exposition, therefore I am pleased that you mentioned the Horticultural Building.

In regard to the Steel Skeleton Construction. Mr. Gates, Pres. of the Bessemer Steamship Co., after soliciting correspondence, etc. for some ten months, wrote to me that it was proved beyond a question that I was the inventor of the Steel Skeleton Construction and that in consequence he had named one of their steamships after me. I do not care so much about the ship but it establishes the fact publicly that I was the inventor. During the World's Fair I furnished ten sets of blues of the steel skeleton construction of the N.Y. Life Building to interested foreigners therefore I think well of the last paragraph of your draft.

Very sincerely yours,

*W. L. B. Jenney*

(Enclosure)

W. L. B. JENNEY.

JENNEY & MUNDIE,  
ARCHITECTS,  
HOME INSURANCE BUILDING.  
TEL. M. 569.

W. B. MUNDIE.

CHICAGO,

May 24, 1897.

Mr. Alfred Stone,

Dear Sir:-

Sorry to trouble you but in Europe these letters to be of any use whatever must be official, therefore will you kindly add under your name- "Secretary".

Very respectfully yours,

(Enclosure)

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "W. B. Mundie". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left.

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Dated Chicago Ills 11

To Mr Alfred Stone

prov. R I

Will stop at the Kensington  
fifteenth st and fifth avenue  
arrive Sunday evg

Jenney & Mundie  
architects

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Received, June 16 1897

Answered, \_\_\_\_\_ 189

The Aldine Club  
75 Fifth Avenue

15 June

My dear Mr Stans -

My European Address  
will be - Care

Munroe & Cie  
Bankers

7 Rue de la Harpe  
Paris France

May thank you  
and to Presde Pol

Sweeney

W. S. Sweeney

CHICAGO, Sept. 22, 1897.

Mr. Alfred Stone,  
Providence, Rhode Island.

Received, *Sept 23* 1897  
Answered, \_\_\_\_\_ 189

My dear Mr. Stone:-

I returned after a delightful trip in Europe.

I find I have a paper to read on "Fireproof Construction" before the National Board of Underwriters in this city, September 29th. I will take the train that night and be in Detroit the morning of the 30th. Mundie will be there also.

As you propose I will send you at earliest opportunity the five copies of the report as required.

Very respectfully yours,

*W. L. B. Jenney*

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W. B. MUNDIE.

CHICAGO, Sept. 28, 1897.

My dear Mr. Stone:-

I send you my report. I shall be there myself early  
on the morning of the 30th.

Yours sincerely,

A large, fluid handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'W. L. B. Jenney'. The signature is written in a cursive style with long, sweeping strokes.

(enclosures - 2)



CHICAGO, December 30th, 1897

Mr. Alfred Stone,

Received, *Jan 1* 1898 ✓  
Answered, \_\_\_\_\_ 1898 ✓

Dear Sir:-

Referring to yours of the 27th. The name  
J. A. Pickton, Liverpool, comes to me in your letter for the first time.  
I can find no information whatsoever concerning him. I will answer the  
Spanish letter as you request.

Yours respectfully,

*W. L. B. Jenney*

P. S. I have divided the duties of Foreign Correspondence the same as  
last year, to wit:

- England----Jenney
- France--- Hastings-
- Germany-- Link-
- Greece & the Orient- Mc Kim-
- Italy and Spain- -- Peabody-

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CHICAGO, January 18, 1898.

Mr. Alfred Stone, sec'y,

Providence, R.I.

Dear Sir:-

Should you publish in Proceedings my Whistler story, would you kindly order 25 prints of that alone struck off at my expense and send to me. If it can be broken up into pages and sewed into small pamphlet I would like it. Would you kindly attend to this for me.

I note meeting in New York February 11th, which I intend to attend. Was there not at a last meeting some resolution in regard to directors paying their own expenses hereafter? Also kindly tell me who form the Executive Committee?

Very respectfully yours,



CHICAGO, February 15, 1898.

Mr. Alfred Stone,

Received, Feb 17 18 8

Dear Sir:-

Answered, \_\_\_\_\_ 18 8

I enclose letter from Mr. Campbell. I have written to him that he can make his application direct to you as he resides more than 25 miles from the nearest chapter, and it not being necessary that he should enter the Institute through a chapter. As he persists in being a resident of the U.S. although residing apart I judge he has a right to membership.

Very respectfully yours,



(Enclosure)

P.S. I enclose my bill of traveling expenses after consultation with Mr. Treat. Kindly have it approved and return to me and then I will present it to Mr. Treat. \$60.00 was agreed upon in John Root's time as a reasonable charge for Chicago members to attend meetings in N.Y. It is less than the actual cost but nevertheless quite satisfactory.

W. L. B. JENNEY.

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W. B. MUNDIE.

Received, *Feb. 28* 1898  
Answered, *March 4* 1898

CHICAGO, February 25, 1898.

Mr. Alfred Stone,

Providence, Rhode Island.

Dear Sir:-

Unfortunately my copy of the Proceedings was stolen from my office almost as soon as received. I only had glanced at it when it was gone. The most diligent inquiry and detective research fails to throw any enlightenment as to where it has gone or the cause of its disappearance.

Is there any way by which I could obtain another, if so, I would much like to have one.

I assume that my letter in reference to the extra copies of my story reached you entirely too late to be of any use.

Very respectfully yours,



681 ..... Answered

681 ..... Received

CHICAGO,

March 1st, 1898.

Received, *March 3* 1898

Answered, ..... 1898

Mr. Alfred Stone,

Providence, Rhode Island.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of notice of the Committee on the Public Art League, of which I seem to be chairman and consequently must take the active part. Unfortunately the matter is entirely new to me- What the Public Art League is I have no idea, nor what is meant by the proposed bill. How is it possible that this committee can examine the bill. Where can I obtain a copy. Can you help us in this matter.

Very respectfully yours,



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AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

A.S./V.W.B.

PROVIDENCE, April 22nd, 1898

Mr. W. L. B. Jenney,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir;-

We have received from Mr. J. Edward Campbell, City of Mexico, the drawings which he has submitted to accompany his application for election as a Fellow of the Institute, but did not receive his application. In reply to our request for the same he writes us that he sent the application to you. Have you got it or have you forwarded it us, and if so, when?

Yours truly,

*Excused -  
This unfortunately  
mislaid -*

*Alfred Stone*

Secretary, A. I. A.

*W. L. B. Jenney*

CHICAGO, October 25th, 1898.

Mr. Alfred Stone, Secretary,

Providence, Rhode Island.

Received, *Oct 27* 1898  
Answered, \_\_\_\_\_ 1898

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of yours of the 21st. I will look for you at the Arlington, Tuesday morning, Nov. 1st, at breakfast.

Yours sincerely,

*W. L. B. Jenney*



CHICAGO, October 26th, 1898.

Mr. Alfred Stone,

Providence, Rhode Island.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to your letter of October 24th in regard to communication from Mr. Glenn Brown on proposed bill advocated by Public Art League-

This is the first and only information I have on the subject, therefore I shall not be able to make any report.

I shall leave here Sunday and reach Washington Monday afternoon, 3.45. If you have a meeting before that time leave a note for me at the Arlington that I may know where to go.

Yours sincerely,



(Dic. by W. L. B. J.)

CHICAGO, October 27th, 1898.

Mr? Alfred Stone

Providence, Rhode Island.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your notice of the 25th that there will be a meeting of the Board of Directors at the Arlington on Monday next. I shall be there. That I may be on hand I will leave Chicago Saturday noon instead of Sunday as I wrote you yesterday, so I will be at the Arlington about five o'clock Sunday P.M.

Yours respectfully,



CHICAGO, November 10, 1898

Mr. Alfred Stone,

No 12 8  
" " 8

Dear Sir:-

I enclose Van Brunt's letter. I agree with him that the meetings of the Board had best be at the Octagon House in Washington. The rooms are ample for that purpose.

Would you kindly send Van Brunt one of the printed copies of the old By-laws and of the new as soon as it comes from the press, and I would suggest that you have a typewritten copy of the Minutes of the two <sup>at the</sup> meetings of the Board of Directors sent to our new President as it would be interesting and useful for him to be familiar with some of the matters that obtained at those meetings.

Van Brunt will make a very good President though he seems to enter upon the office with fear and trembling. I offered to help him all I was able and shall certainly do so.

Very sincerely yours,



(Enclosure)

CHICAGO, December 12, 1898.

Mr. Alfred Stone,

*sleep 8*  
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Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please letter to Mr. Barr Ferree,  
which I desire he should get, but do not know his address; am not even  
sure of the city in which he lives. Would you kindly add his address,  
and gratly oblige

Yours sincerely,



(Enclosure)

W. L. B. JENNEY.

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HOME INSURANCE BUILDING.  
TEL. M. 569.

W. B. MUNDIE.

CHICAGO, December 23, 1898.

Mr. Alfred Stone,

Received, Dec 26 1898

Answered, " " 1898

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of the By-Laws of '98.

Note page 27- Board of Directors to hold meeting within ten days after the beginning of its term of office. When does the term of office begin? If I remember correctly it is January 1st. If I am correct President Van Brunt should be informed or he would probably not call the meeting.

Very respectfully,



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*Ans'd. File - no ans.*

Resolved by the Executive Committee <sup>Ans'd. File - no ans.</sup> that the House Committee be empowered to purchase from the credit fund remaining to the credit of the repair and furnishing of the Octagon House or out of current funds if there is not sufficient in hand from repair funds to purchase a typewriter , a safe, and a letter press, and other necessary things to place the office on a working basis, and that the treasurer shall pay for such material on the approval of the members of the House Committee and the president is authorized to approve accounts thus rendered.

Resolved further that the House Committee be authorized to purchase and pay for coal, janitor, paper, printing, stamps and other necessary office and house expenses and that the treasurer shall be authorized to pay for such purchases upon the endorsement of the House Committee--and that the president is authorized to approve accounts thus endorsed.

Signatures-

Member of Executive Com.

Approve-

Disapprove-

Please vote by erasing one of words above.

*Sent by Mr Fenney work*

\* *Be sure you select - a pretty one. 1/18/99*

*For approval or comment of  
Executive Committee.*

The American Institute of Architects was organized in New York in the year 1857, by a band of enthusiastic young men, the majority of whom have become famous in their profession. The Association just before the Civil War was in reality a local organization. In the early part of the seventies chapters were organized in other cities and it commenced its career as a National Association. The hopes and accomplishments of the Institute have at times given bright prospects of a complete fulfillment of its aims; often they have been clouded and disappointing; the results have never reached the highest aim of its enthusiastic founders or of its zealous supporters. Through trial and through success with truth and unity as their motto, the officers and members of the American Institute of Architects have been enthusiastic and disinterested workers. Studious in the improvement and construction, zealous for artistic advancement, and jealous of the honorable practice of the profession. The Institute even with its present membership of about 400 has accomplished much for the benefit of architecture, the fine arts, and architects whether within or without the Institute. The comparatively good fellowship which exists between the architects of this country today, the improvement in the form and manner of competition over the methods of a few years ago, the opportunities which architects have had to design some of the federal buildings and the good results of such designs and the establishment of the minimum rate of five per cent on a firm basis, the standing which the profession has taken before the country as one of the artistic and scientific professions are among the more important things which may be attributed to the American Institute of Architects and its work during the last twenty years. To make the Institute more powerful, to work for the advancement of Architecture and to establish still more firmly its dignity and importance before the world, it should number among its members every architect honest in his purpose, and capable in his practice to advance the interest of our profession. We desire to combine all such architects in the friendly and cordial cooperation of our organization. We need this aid in order to enable us to perfect and strengthen our organization. Without it individual effort works to great disadvantage. With a membership enlarged and strengthened the American Institute can accomplish infinitely more than it has already done.

We therefore earnestly urge that every one who desires the advancement of the profession will join with us in carrying into execution the aims advanced by the founders of the Institute. On the opposite page I give extracts from the Constitution and By-laws of the American Institute of Architects, giving the requirements for Associate membership, the grade through which all must pass before they can become Fellows.

The American Institute has established its headquarters in Washington, D. C., at the Octagon House, an interesting Colonial Building, built in 1800, one of the best examples of its time. The Institute has put the building in repair and now has its secretary's and treasurer's office established in the building, the Washington Chapter has rooms here also the Washington Architectural Club.



This building in itself is an interesting place to visit. The American Institute deserves the credit of preserving it from destruction.

It is the intention to make this house an interesting and instructive place for the profession, with this end in view a collection will be made here of ~~all~~ American architectural literature, histories of individual architects and models, with the idea of making the house a still more interesting and instructive place for architects to visit while in the city. This collection will give material from which the secretary can answer questions which may be submitted to him on various topics and subjects relating to American architecture, construction, building laws or other matter which may be of interest or value to the profession. This may become an important branch of the Institute's work.

Very truly yours,

Secretary, A. I. A.

By direction of the Board of Directors.

*Extracts from Constitution & By-Laws  
will be printed here*

*Approved.  
W. S. B. January 2nd 1888*

for approval  
ex Comm

January 24th, 1899.

Dear Sir:

You will find enclosed blank applications for Associate membership in the American Institute of Architects. These are sent to every member of the Institute with the request that he will obtain at least one Associate member. There are several thousand architects in the country eligible to this grade of membership, and if everyone in the Institute will show his interest it will not be difficult to obtain the greater part of these as members of our association.

With our present small membership we have accomplished much for the benefit of architects within and without our association. The comparative good fellowship which exists between the architects of this country today, the improvement in the form and manner of competitions over methods of a few years ago, the opportunities which architects have had to design some of the federal buildings, and, the good result of such designs, the establishment of the minimum rate of five per cent on a firm basis, the standing which the profession has taken before the country as one of the artistic and scientific professions are among the more important things which may be attributed to the American Institute of Architects and its work during the last 15 or 20 years. To make the Institute still more powerful to work to the advancement of architects and to establish still more firmly its dignity and importance before the world it should number among its members every architect in the country honest in his purpose, and capable in his practice to advance the interest of our profession. We desire to combine all such architects in friendly and cordial cooperation, which our organization is intended to promote. We need this aid to enable us to perfect and strengthen the organization. Without it individual effort must work to great disadvantage. With a membership enlarged and strengthened the American Institute can accomplish infinitely more than it has already done. We therefore earnestly urge that every member bring these important facts to the notice of all his professional friends outside of the Institute, explaining to them that Associate membership is necessary step to Fellowship, and that every man affiliated with us may according to his ability become a factor, making the Institute more effective for its elevating and good work. The executive committee urge individual members to use all their effort to the advancement of the Institute in this line, and hope that they will send many new members to the secretary for presentation to the Board of Directors.

Very truly yours,

By

Sec., A. I. A.

by direction of the executive committee.

Be kind enough to approve or improve the enclosed - so I can print and mail.

*Sam Brown*

To

Mr. W. L. B. Jenney,  
Chicago, Ill.

*Samuel Brown*  
*W. L. B. Jenney*  
*14th Pres.*

*for approval  
of Ex. Com.*

January 24th, 1899.

Dear Sir:

The repairs for the Octagon House 18th St., and New York Ave., have been finally completed, and the offices of the Institute have been established in the building. All the documents, books, and other matter which the Institute has in its possession, have been received and placed in the Octagon House.

To make the Octagon House the actual headquarters of the Institute, and an interesting place for the profession it is intended here to collect matter which will in the end form material for a history of Architecture in America. It is hoped to make a collection of all American literature on architecture whether they are books, pamphlets periodicals or detached articles which relate to design structure or history, either of buildings or architects, in the United States. In such a collection would be included all building laws, whether city, county or state, all pamphlets and circulars in reference to competitions which have taken place in the United States. All articles on architects, clippings, from newspapers, and other data which will be in the line suggested. We would be further pleased to have complimentary copies of all books, and pamphlets written by members of the Institute, as it is desirable to have a complete collection of works published by Institute members. When this matter is received at the Octagon House the secretary will classify, arrange and catalogue it so that it will be available for use at any time by architects visiting the city, or for use by correspondence with the Secretary. At present there is no place where architects can be supplied with information which we hope, and, if we are aided by members, will be available in the Octagon House before the end of the year.

Each member of the Institute is requested by the Board of Directors to take an active interest, and send any books, pamphlets, article of other matter in the line suggested above, that they may feel able or inclined to present to the Institute. The board reserves the right to dispose of any matter received in the way they think most advantageous. All gifts received will be properly credited to the donor on the books of the Institute, enumerated the year ~~and~~ received in the "Proceedings", as well as marked clearly on the gift itself.

The Octagon House, corner of New York Ave., and 18th St., Washington, D. C. the permanent headquarters of the Institute will be open to members from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M. The secretary of his assistant will be on hand and will be pleased to aid visiting members in making their stay pleasant. It is hoped that all members will look upon the Octagon House as headquarters while visiting this city.

Very truly yours,

By

Sec., A. I. A.

by direction of the executive committee.

Be kind enough to approve or improve the enclosed so I can print and mail.

*Gene Brown*

To

Mr. W. L. B. Jenney,  
Chicago, Ill.

*Amund*  
*W. L. B. Jenney*  
*Chicago, Ill.*

Received,

JAN 27 1899

Ans'd     "    "    "    

CHICAGO, January 25, 1899.

Mr. Glenn Brown,  
Secretary A.I.A.

Dear Sir:-

There are two men here who should be members of the Institute. I have seen them and they have promised to make application as soon as they feel in good condition financially. I do not think it worth while to wait but would turn them over to your tender mercies at once. I would suggest that you write to each separately and send them an application blank. The firm is Pond & Pond, 17 Van Buren St. Chicago. (Irving K. Pond and Allen B. Pond)

Also write to D. H. Perkins, who is Secretary of the Illinois Chapter, though I believe not a member of the Institute. You can say that Jenney & Mundie, will endorse them. I would suggest both the Ponds and Perkins, particularly Perkins, as the "energetic young man" to solicit membership.

Very respectfully, *W. L. B. Jenney*

*Also send - R. T. Newbery, New York Life Chicago  
Alfred Granger - Marcus Temple  
A. H. 184 - La Salle*

Received,

JAN 28 1899

Ans'd \_\_\_\_\_

CHICAGO,

January 26, 1899.

Mr. Glenn Brown,  
Secretary.

Dear Sir:-

Yours received. Enclosures returned most cordially approved.

They are exactly what is wanted. I pay you my compliments. I would not change a word nor a line.

I wish to add to the names I sent you yesterday, Howard V D. Shaw, 115 Monroe St., Chicago.

In your letter of transmittal you mentioned you enclosed blank applications for associate members. These were omitted. When I receive them and the circulars you propose to send out, which I suggest you lose no time in doing, I will endeavor to induce four or five very worthy men *including the names I sent you* here to join, and I think I shall succeed.

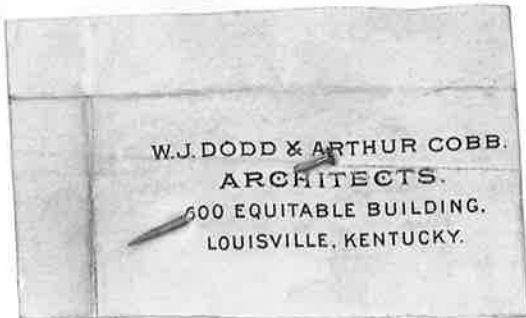
Very truly yours



W. L. B. JENNEY.

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W. B. MUNDIE.



Received,

FEB 20 1899

Feb. 21 1899

CHICAGO,

Feb. 8, 1899.

Glenn Brown, Sec'y,

Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

Please send blanks for application for membership to

Mr. W. J. Dodd and Mr. Arthur Cobb, Architects, 600 Equitable Bldg.

Louisville, Ky.

*my men to make application  
I have some - good men -*

Very respectfully,

*W. B. Mundie*

## OFFICERS.

HENRY VAN BRUNT, *President.*  
 W. L. B. JENNEY, *1st Vice-President.*  
 J. W. McLAUGHLIN, *2d Vice-President.*  
 GLENN BROWN, *Secretary and Treasurer.*

## THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, THE OCTAGON HOUSE,

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 8th, 1899.

Dear Sir:

I intend to write publishers and individuals for the following material, and desire to obtain the opinion of the Executive Committee relative to the matter before sending out the letter.

I should write to the publishers of periodicals in this country asking them if they would be willing to send us a complete set of their periodicals as possible, and also to continue to send such periodicals to the American Institute of Architects, and in return we will send them our "Proceedings" each year, also the secretary will be particular to send them matter which from time to time may be of interest to their readers, considering that this will be in return for sending us their periodicals. Secondly to a number of prominent architects, such as McKim, Mead & White, Carrere & Hastings, D. H. Burnham, George E. Post, asking them for photographs of their principal buildings, ground plans, and also some typical drawings to be kept at the Octagon House. Third to all or each of the traveling scholars from Boston, Philadelphia and New York, requesting of them examples of their work, which I expect to keep in the Octagon House as a record of the work done by *the schools.*

I also wish to get from the different colleges examples of their best work ~~from there~~ to put on exhibition. Fourth to the firms of deceased architects, such as Shepley Rutan & Coolidge, asking them for examples of Mr. Richardson's work, photographs of some of his buildings and plans of one of his best buildings, also requesting them if possible to have an oil painting made of Mr. Richardson, as I hope to have portraits of the most prominent architects the country has produced, at the Octagon House. To Mr. D. H. Burnham and request him to send me some examples of Mr. John W. Root's work and also an oil painting of Mr. Root, if it can be obtained, as well as one of himself as a former president of the Institute. I expected also to write to all the families of the deceased presidents, and to living ex-presidents of the Institute, getting all the information I can in relation to their histories, and either oil paintings or busts of the ex-presidents themselves, as well as some examples of their work. I have already had promised me paintings of Thornton & Latrobe, and Mr. R. H. Hunt has promised me much of interest in connection with his father, although I have not been able to get him to promise an oil painting. I send this letter to each member of the "Executive Committee" to find out if they see any objection to making these requests. The only possible objection I see would be that it might put us in the light of begging, but it seems to me we would give more than we receive in the case of the publishers, and the families of deceased presidents of the Institute, and prominent men in the profession would be willing to aid us without reference to the compliment paid them. I enclose herewith a circular letter which I intend to have printed for circulation among non-members of the Institute.

Mr. W. L. B. Jenney,  
 Chicago, Ill.

Very truly yours,

*Glenn Brown*  
 Secretary, A. I. A.

*Just what I desired  
 W. L. B. Jenney 1st Vice Pres.*

Received,

~~FEB 8 1899~~

Received,

FEB 6 1899

No Ans

CHICAGO, February 13, 1899

Mr. Glenn Brown,  
Secretary.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith Campbell's application from Mexico which I think is in accord with action of the Board at last meeting. As he requested I have signed his application as it is necessary that he should have three signatures of members. Will you kindly have some one in Washington complete the trio.

We are personally familiar with his professional work from drawings and photographs in possession of the Board of Directors, and as the endorsement is simply for the purpose of enabling him to make his application, <sup>en regle</sup> I see no objections to our signing it although we have no personal acquaintance with Mr. Campbell.

As a member of the Executive Committee I endorse ~~the~~ the circular you propose to issue. It is just such things that we need in the Octagan House to make it interesting and make it truly the home of the Institute. I enclose the History Ms. duly approved. I pay you my compliments- you are doing good work. (1) Respectfully,



Glenn Brown - - 2.

2/13/99.

In regard to the History which I approved, there is only one thing that occurs to me that might possibly be added, to wit: That the small membership of 400 as compared to the total number of architects in America has often been quoted <sup>as a single one</sup> by members of Congress and others when we had a demand to make in behalf of the Institute. <sup>is</sup> "You represent but a very small proportion of the architects of America", hence the necessity of increasing our membership to the largest extent practicable. <sup>that we may have more influence.</sup> Every member of the Institute should exert himself to obtain others. I have spoken to several myself; in each instance they have expressed a desire to become members and have promised to do so at early date. It only needs that the matter should be brought to their attention by the request of some member that they should join.

Very respectfully yours,



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(Enclosures)

Received,

FEB 24 1899

Answered " " \_\_\_\_\_

CHICAGO,

February 23, 1899

Glenn Brown, Secretary,

A. I. A.

Dear Sir:-

Will you kindly send me a list of the architects in Chicago not members of the Institute to whom you have sent application blanks for membership. I will see what I can do with them.

These applications should be accompanied by a copy of the

Bylaws- see second line. *of application Blank - which suppresses said*

*By laws to have been examined by the applicant.*

Very respectfully yours,

*W. L. B. Jenney*

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Received,

MAR 27 1899

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Answered.....

CHICAGO,

March 24, 1899.

Glenn Brown, Secretary,

Dear Sir:-

I enclose the St. Louis Constitution  
duly approved.

In regard to the separation of Chapters I think you are doing  
good work which I heartily endorse.

Very respectfully,

*W. L. B. Jenney*  
*per W. B. Mundie*

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

The corporate name of this Society shall be the ST. LOUIS CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS.

ARTICLE II.

The objects of this Chapter are: To organize and unite in Fellowship the Architects of the ~~State of Missouri~~ <sup>City of St. Louis</sup>, and to combine their efforts so as to promote the artistic, scientific and practical efficiency of the profession.

ARTICLE III.

SECTION I. This Chapter shall consist of Regular, Junior, Associate, Honorary and Corresponding Members.

SECTION 2. The general condition of membership for Regular, and Junior members shall be the honorable practice of the profession of Architecture in conformity with the Constitution and By-Laws of the American Institute of Architects; and for Associate, Honorary and Corresponding members, the condition of membership shall be as prescribed in the By-Laws of the St. Louis Chapter.

ARTICLE IV.

The Officers of the Chapter shall be as follows: A President, a vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Board of Directors, consisting of the above mentioned Officers, and one other who may be an Associate Member.

The President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be Fellows or Associates of the Institute.

ARTICLE V.

The Chapter shall hold an annual meeting and such other meetings as shall be ordered.

ARTICLE 6.

This Constitution may be altered only upon a two-thirds affirmative vote of all the Regular and Junior Members, by ballot on the proposition of the Board of Directors.

*Approved*  
*W. S. B. J. J. J.*  
*14th. Pres -*

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*E. Comte*

Answered.....

CHICAGO,

March 25, 1899.

Mr. Glenn Brown,

Dear Sir:-

Referring to yours of the 23rd. Unless there is something stated to the contrary in some of the legal papers I agree with you entirely. I have no other cognizance of the matter than what is contained in your letter. It is difficult to see why the rent of the house should be charged to the repair fund, that <sup>through</sup> is ordinary running expenses, and to these running expenses should be credited the rents received. As far as I know these two accounts <sup>Repair and Current Expenses</sup> are entirely separate.

Very respectfully,

*W. L. B. Jenney*  
*per E. Comte*

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*E. Com -*

Answered ~~-----~~

CHICAGO, April 21, 1899.

Glenn Brown, Secretary,

Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

I have examined the drawings and vote favorably to the admission of the following applicants as associate members to the American Institute of Architects.

- Ewald Schmitt- - - F. B. Pyle- - - E. A. Crane - - F. B. Wheaton- -
- T. F. Laist - - Thomas Francis - - G. O. Totten- - - C. L. Harding- -
- Thos. C. Kennedy- - Willis F. Denny- - - Geo. M. Siemens- - W. C. Root--
- F. M. Howe- - - George Matthews- - - Joseph E. Keirn- - - Jas. E. Allison-- -
- Charles Bickel- - - Wm. K. East- - - W. F. Hackney- -

I find on the list you sent me three names, - Arthur N. Gibb, Edward Stotz, -- S. F. Heckert- -, for which I find no drawings or any other mention than in your circular letter giving names of applicants, etc.

I also find a printed book of designs of buildings by Robt. S. Roeschlant, Denver, whose name does not appear elsewhere.

I have forwarded the drawings and the papers you sent me to Henry Van Brunt, Kansas City as you requested. Should the drawings of the three applicants for whom I have not voted appear elsewhere, I vote

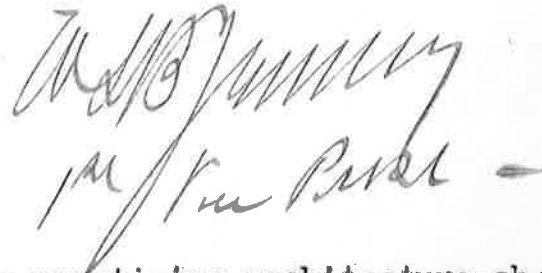
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for them yes, as I find all the others have so done, and have no doubt  
but what they are eligible, and you may so record my vote.

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Glenn Brown".

P.S. I agree with you that any one who is practicing architecture should  
be admitted as associate member of the Institute reserving fellowship  
for careful selection.

W. L. B. JENNEY.

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April 25, 1899.

171 La Salle St.

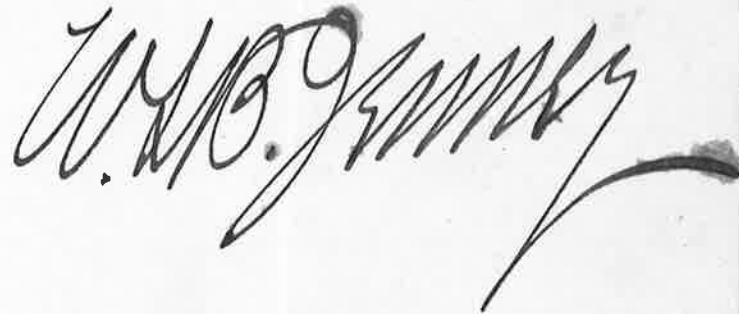
CHICAGO,

Mr. Glenn Brown, Secretary,

Dear Sir:-

Will you please send to H.W.Buemming  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Pabst Bldg., blank application for associate member-  
ship and any other information that you have printed. I know him very well.  
He has applied to me to assist him to enter the Institute which I shall  
cheerfully do.

Very respectfully,





W. L. B. JENNEY.

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*Ex. Comm -*

~~Answered~~

CHICAGO,

April 27th, 1899.

Glenn Brown, Secretary,

Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to yours of the 24th. I vote favorably on Mr. Robt.S.

Roeschlaub's application.

Very respectfully,

*W. L. B. Jenney*  
*164 St. N. E. A.*

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MAY 3 1899

CHICAGO,

May 1st, 1899.

Answered -----

Mr. Glenn Brown,

Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

I sent forward the box of drawings to President Henry Van Brunt Kansas City. for which I paid \$1.00 as per receipt enclosed. It seems that it requires a second express in K.C. for the delivery as he is some distance from the business center.

I decidedly approve of this method of obtaining votes of the Executive Committee as it saves large traveling expenses to the Institute.

Very respectfully,



(Enclosure)

W. L. B. JENNEY.

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CHICAGO.

Received,

JUL 14 1899

Chicago, July 10th, 1899.

Mr. Glenn Brown,

Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to yours of the 27th of June, I shall be at the Octagon House at 10 A.M. July 17th as requested. I shall stop at the Hotel Raleigh opposite the Post Office.

Very respectfully,



Received,

SEP 16 1899

Answered " " " " " "

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Chicago, Sept. 13, 1899

Glenn Brown, Secy.,

Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of yours of the 9th asking me to participate in the discussion on, Steel Skeleton Construction- I am quite willing to do so if you will as you propose send me copies of the papers.

Very respectfully,





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HENRY VAN BRUNT, *President.*  
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J. W. McLAUGHLIN, *2d Vice-President.*  
GLENN BROWN, *Secretary and Treasurer.*

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, THE OCTAGON,

WASHINGTON, D. C.,

Received,

OCT 9 1899

Answered

October 4, 1899.

Mr. W. L. B. Jenney,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

The coupons of interest on the bonds for the Repair Fund of The Octagon are due on the first of October. I wish authority from the Executive Committee to pay these coupons upon presentation by the bond holders. Therefore I would like you to signify your approval of this step and return it to me.

Yours very truly,

*Glenn Brown*

Secretary, A.I.A.

Approved:

*W. L. B. Jenney*  
*1st Vice Pres*

Member, Executive Committee, A.I.A.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.,

Received,

OCT 18 1899

October 9, 1899.

~~Answered~~

Mr. W. L. B. Jenney,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

I wish to enter into a contract with a printer in Washington to publish the Proceedings. He agrees to set up the papers and give me proofs to distribute to the parties who will enter the discussions, and hold the matter for the final printing at the same rate which has been paid for former Proceedings. I would like the approval of the Executive Committee in this matter.

Yours very truly,



Secretary, A.I.A.

Approved:

*and earnestly recommended*  
*W. L. B. Jenney*  
Member, Executive Committee, A.I.A.

*was readily overlooked*  
*kindly examined by*  
*oct 10/99*

W. L. B. JENNEY.

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Received,

OCT 18 1899

Answered u u u

Chicago, Oct. 16, 1899.

Glenn Brown, secretary,

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of copy of your programme for the November meeting in Pittsburgh. It seems to be excellent in every particular. I was pleased to see that I was left out of the discussion of the papers relating to steel skeleton structures for which many thanks. I think I have written and said quite enough on that subject.

Sorry for the delay in sending the approval enclosed. It was slipped under other papers and only came to light this morning.

Very respectfully,





Received,

OCT 26 1899

Answered *llm*

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Chicago, October 24, 1899.

Mr. Glenn Brown, Secretary,

Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of proofs of the papers by Blackall and Marshall.

In Blackall's paper I desire to make a correction. In the 2nd line of the 2nd paragraph he speaks of the Home Life Bldg. Chicago. This is a mistake. It is the property of the Home Fire Ins. Co. of New York, and is called the Home Insurance Building. The word "Life" should be changed to "Insurance". Blackall goes on to say that the building was built of cast iron columns extending only through a single story. I am not quite sure what he intends to infer. Cast iron columns were used but they extended from the 1st story to the roof continuously, that is one on the other in a vertical line. Perhaps Mr. Blackall means that the present method of continuing columns through two stories, making each column two stories high, breaking joints, half in each story, was not used, but that each column was a single story, which is correct.

Would you kindly send this to Mr. Blackall as possibly he might desire to change the phraseology. He should certainly make a little

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clearer what he intends to say.

The Home Insurance Bldg. Chicago, was the first skeleton construction and it satisfies the definition, that each story, exterior walls, floors, partitions, etc. are carried story by story, independently on the columns, so that the masonry work of any story can be built and the story finished, without waiting for the stories below.

The Home Insurance Bldg. is 12 stories high; there are <sup>six</sup>~~four~~ projecting horizontal string courses other than the cornice.

Very respectfully,



CHICAGO, November 14, 1898.

Mr. Alfred Stone,

Providence, Rhode Island.

Dear Sir:-

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of November 6th, notifying me of my election as First Vice President of the Institute, and would hereby testify my acceptance for which I would express my thanks.

Very respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'W. L. B. Jenney'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

W. L. B. JENNEY.

W. B. MUNDIE.

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CHICAGO.

Received,

DEC 1 1899

November 29th, 1899.

Answered -----

Mr. Glenn Brown,

Dear Sir:-

If you have a proof of the papers of Mr. Peacock on sculpture and the other man on painted decoration, one or both, that you can spare, would you kindly send them to me, or if you could strike off a copy of each expressly, please send to me with the expense therefor.

Very respectfully ,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "W. L. B. Jenney". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping loop at the bottom.

W. L. B. JENNEY.

W. B. MUNDIE.

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Received,

DEC 28 1899

Answered \_\_\_\_\_

December 26th, 1899.

Mr. Glenn Brown,

Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to yours of the 21st. It would seem as if you thought I was a member of the Executive Committee of which I certainly was not aware, or perhaps it is January 1st that the change takes place, in any case I am decidedly of the opinion that the Institute should be remunerated for all schedule of charges beyond a sample copy.

Very respectfully,

