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MR. LAFARGE: The duty of presenting one's friend to such an assemblage as this, for the conferring upon him of an honor, is agreeable; it is also a privilege to be chosen for such performance.

I present Donn Barber for advancement to the Fellowship which, by his talents, his usefulness and the quality of his work, he fully deserves.

Born in the city of Washington, forty-four years ago; member of a family which dates from the early times of this country and which has served it well; graduate of Yale University with the degree of Ph. B., and of the Ecole des Beaux-Arts with the diploma of the French Government, his professional career has been brilliantly conducted in New York.

He has served in turn in the offices of our most eminent architects, and from his own there has issued much work of preëminent character.

The National Park Bank Building, the Mutual Bank, the Lotos Club, the Institute of Musical Art of the City of New York, a Building for the National Board of the Young Women's Christian Association, all in New York City; the Travelers' Insurance Building, the Connecticut State Library and Supreme Court Building and the Hartford National Bank Building, at Hartford, Connecticut; the Chattanooga Union Station Buildings at Chattanooga, Tennessee, the Capital City Club at Atlanta, Georgia, the White Plains Hospital and the estate of E. S. Reynal at White Plains, New York, the Central Presbyterian Church of Summit, New Jersey, "Conyers Manor," the estate of E. C. Converse at Greenwich, Connecticut, the model farm of Richard Delafield, and the residence of W. B. Dinsmore at Tuxedo Park, stand to his credit. In the Government competition for the Department of Justice Building for Washington, D. C., which was recently held, Mr. Barber won from twenty of the foremost architects in the country.

In his buildings he manifests a strong and original personality which has also found other outlets. His services in the educational field have been prolonged and conspicuous, contributing to the establishment of the atelier system in the United States and to the higher training of draughtsmen. He is Vice-President of the American group of the Société des Architectes Diplômés; Past President of the Society of Beaux-Arts Architects, and Vice-President of the National Sculpture Society. A useful member of the Institute and an ornament of our profession, I offer his name to you.

THE PRESIDENT: Owen Brainard is nominated for advancement to Fellowship, and will be presented by Mr. Egerton Swartwout.

MR. SWARTWOUT: It is my distinguished privilege and a great personal pleasure to present for advancement to Fellowship Owen Brainard, for eight years a member of the Institute, and

for the last three years a member of the Executive Committee of the New York Chapter.

Becoming associated with Carrère & Hastings in 1893, as their chief engineer in charge of all structural design, specifications and materials, he was made a member of the firm in 1901, and contributed by his care and structural skill in great measure to the success that has so generally followed the execution of their work. The partnership thus formed was dissolved in 1905, in order that Mr. Brainard, although retaining his connection with the firm of Carrère & Hastings, might be free to undertake personal work as a consulting architectural engineer, his services having been employed in that capacity on the office buildings for the Senate and House of Representatives, the alterations to the Capitol at Washington, the Cuyahoga County Court-House in Cleveland, and important work for the United States Steel Corporation in the town planning and housing of their industrial villages.

Mr. Brainard is widely known to the profession as a man of the highest ideals. In his relation to his associates, he has been a sympathetic co-worker, realizing the necessity for absolute coöperation between the designer and the engineer, believing that the division of work is merely incidental, and that the objective of the designer and the engineer are the same, appreciating at the same time that the requirements of design in architecture are generally superior to the requirements of construction. In his relation to clients, he has always lived up to his belief that the architect is a commissioned agent to obtain the client's desires in the most direct and economical manner, with adherence to the principles of sound design and construction, and durable material and method. In his relation to the contractor, realizing that the trained artisan and mechanic can always contribute essential information, he has shown a willingness to accept suggestions and assistance, and in any conflict of interest between the contractor and owner, he has always been willing to act as a just and impartial umpire. In his relation to the profession, holding a very definite view as to the high functions, duties, and responsibilities of the architect to his client and to the community, and hoping for a more definite and authoritative position for the profession, he has been jealous of its repute and standing; and, while believing that the architect has not heretofore lived up to the full requirements and opportunities of his calling, he has appreciated that the full realization of these high possibilities can only be based on thorough training, accurate information, large capacity, and a high sense of duty, and he is, therefore, wholly unsympathetic with any assumption of authority or position not justified by character and knowledge.

For his willingness always to give the best measure of his time and effort for his profession; for

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