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Mr. Dankmar Adler, Sec'y A.I.A.,

1000 Auditorium Tower,

Chicago, Ill.

January 24, 1898.

Dear Sir:

A short time ago part of the drawings which I sent you as examples of my work, to be submitted to your committee and membership, have been returned, but the majority of them have not. The ones returned were mailed from Washington, D. C.; the ones not returned are - elevations, Design for Corning City Hall, exterior and interior sketch of house for Mr. John Brand, this city, perspective sketch of the Geneva Y. M. C. A. building and perspective sketch of the City club house at Elmira, N. Y.

Thinking perhaps that there had been some mistake in sending them, I write you to inquire.

Enclosed find stamped envelopes for reply.

Yours very respectfully,

(Dictated by H. H. B.)

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January 28, 1903.

Dear Sir:

Drawings came all right today, prepaid by express.

Please accept thanks for your promptness and courtesy.

Yours very respectfully,

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To Mr. Alfred Stone,

Providence, R. I.

Elmira, N. Y., April 12, 1893.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of April 4th was received by Mr. Pierce, the former Secretary of our Chapter, and turned over to me, the present Secretary, together with circulars for distribution.

I have already made use of some of them, and shall endeavor to get the names of all men in good standing in the profession throughout this section, who would be eligible as candidates for admission to our Chapter ^{and} the American Institute, and see if it is not possible to double our membership.

Our Chapter is peculiarly situated in regard to the number of organizations, which at present exist in our territory, there being many members of the Western New York Chapter who belong also to the Buffalo Chapter and different architectural societies and sketch clubs, which makes the dues paid by members who belong to several of these different organizations seem to be to great an item of expense. The question then arises among the members what association or society they can best dispense with, and being loath to give up their home society, they naturally feel like withdrawing from the Western New York Chapters.

We shall make a big fight to keep the association together, and prevent breaking up ^{into} smaller organizations which would represent only the architects in one city or those within a radius of perhaps a hundred miles.

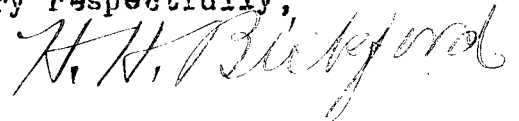
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I think your method of bringing the attention of architects to the American Institute, and the desirability of becoming members is a good one, and you may be assured that it will receive ^{the} hearty co-operation of our Chapter.

I give you below the names of the officers of our Chapter as elected at our last meeting, which was held in Buffalo. President, Mr. F. H. Gouge, Utica, N. Y.; Secretary, Mr. H. H. Bickford, Elmira, N. Y.; Treasurer, Mr. Otto Block, Wilder Bldg., Rochester, N. Y.; First Vice President, Mr. W. S. Wicks, Buffalo, N. Y.; Second Vice President, Orlando K. Foote, Rochester; members of executive committee, Mr. F. H. Gouge, Utica, H. H. Bickford, Elmira, N. Y., Mr. Otto Block, Rochester, Mr. J. H. Pierce, Elmira, Mr. W. W. Carlin, Buffalo.

Thanking you for your interest in our Society, I am

Yours very respectfully,



Sec'y W. N. Y. C. A. I. A.

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To Mr. Alfred Stone, Secretary

A. I. A.,

Providence, R. I.

Elmira, N. Y., May 2, 1893.

Dear Sir:

Your favor of April 29th, enclosing copy of the Constitution and By-laws, received. I had previously received notification of my election as a Fellow of the American Institute, and have sent initiation fee and dues to Mr. Treat, Treasurer of the Institute.

Thanking you for your kindness, and wishing you the greatest measure of success, I am,

Yours very respectfully,



Sec'y W.N.Y.C. A.I.A.

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To A. J. Bloor, Sec'y A.I.A.,
H. H. Bickford, Sec'y of
18 Broadway,
Change to Chapter
New York, N. Y. *Officers*

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Elmira, N. Y., May 26, 1893. *May 26/93*

Dear Sir:

The article on the International Congress of Architects, taken from "Architecture & Building" of May 13th, 1893 received, and I am glad to know this matter is being thoroughly agitated, and hope that we shall be able to find out who, if any one, is responsible for what has and has not been done.

As your circular was directed to Mr. J. H. Pierce, the former Secretary, I assume that you have not seen the official notice of the last meeting of our Chapter published in "Architecture & Building", and below I give you the names of the officers for the ensuing year:

President, Mr. F. H. Gouge, Utica, N. Y., Secretary, Mr. H. H. Bickford, Elmira, N. Y., Treasurer, Mr. Otto Block, Rochester, N. Y., First Vice President, Mr. Wm. S. Wicks, Buffalo, N. Y., Second Vice President, Orlando K. Foote, Rochester. Members of Executive Committee, F. H. Gouge, H. H. Bickford, Otto Block, J. H. Pierce and W. W. Carlin.

Thanking you for the past favors which your Chapter has received at your hands, and wishing you the largest measure of success in the future as you have had in the past, I am,

Yours very respectfully,

H. H. Bickford
Sec'y W.N.Y.C. A.I.A.

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To Mr. Alfred Stone,

Secretary A. I. A.,

Providence, R. I.

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Elmira, N. Y., June 27, 1893.

Dear Sir:

Acting in accordance with your request of June 7th, 1893, I send you today a list of the members of our Chapter arranged so that you can readily get all the facts and statistics necessary for your report to the Institute.

If any further information is necessary, I shall be glad to furnish it.

(Dictated by H. H. B.)

Yours very respectfully,

H. H. Bickford.
Sec'y W. N. Y. C. A. I. A.
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To Mr Alfred G Stone
Secretary A.S.A
Chicago
July 31st / 93

Dear Sir:—

It had been my intention to be present at the Convention; calculations were all made and tickets ready for myself and wife and rooms engaged. But this morning a telegram came announcing the serious illness of Mrs Bickford's brother where he is spending the summer and until we know particulars I shall not know whether we will visit the White City at present or not. I have never attended a meeting of the Institute and it will be quite a disappointment to me to be unable at this time to visit those who are doing so much to elevate the profession of architecture in this country by bringing American Architects together in good fellowship.

Regretting the unfortunate circumstances which detain me and wishing the Institute a profitable and pleasurable meeting. I am

Yours truly
H. H. Bickford
Sec. N. W. P. A. S. A.

PRESIDENT, F. H. GOUGE, UTICA.

SECRETARY, H. H. BICKFORD, ELMIRA.

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Office of the Secretary, City Elmira, N. Y.,

Date Jan. 15, 1894.

Mr. Alfred Stone,

Secretary A. I. A.,

Providence, R. I.

Dear Sir:

Your favor of January 11th is received.

Our Executive Committee will hold a meeting in Rochester in the course of a few days, and I shall take pleasure in bringing the subject of this proposed architectural abomination, which has received the sanction of our Honorable Secretary of the Treasury, to their attention, and you may rely upon a vigorous protest from the Western New York Chapter against this premediated architectural misdemeanor, if it may be termed as such.

Mrs. Bickford and myself were in New York City attending the Architectural League Exhibit, at the time the directors of the American Institute held their meeting, and I caught a glimpse of Mr. Clay and Mr. Treat in the dining-room of the Bartholdi, but as we left on the Sunday train for home, I did not see any of the other officers of the Institute.

Yours very respectfully,

H. H. Bickford

Secretary W.N.Y. Chapter A.I.A.

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Office of the Secretary, City Elmira, N. Y.,

Date February 19, 1894.

Mr. Alfred Stone,

Secretary A. I. A.,

Providence, R. I.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find copy of protest sent to Hon. John G. Carlisle, Secretary of the Treasury, in reference to the proposed Federal Building in Buffalo.

Yours very respectfully,

Secretary W.N.Y. Chapter A.I.A.

(Dictated by H.H.B.)

(Enclosure)

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Office of the *Secretary* City *Elmira N.Y.*
Date *March 6th 1894*

To Mr Alfred Stone

Secretary A. I. A. Providence R. I.
Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find

a copy of resolutions adopted at the last Executive
Committee meeting of our Chapter held at
Rochester last month. I sincerely hope they
may be of some service in adjusting the relation-
ship between Chapter and the A. I. A. more to
the mutual advantage of each.

Our Chapter covers a large territory in which
there are comparatively few architects but we
have some very excellent men who take a great
interest in the growth and development of
our Chapter. Four new names were presented
at our last meeting.

Yours very respectfully
H. H. Bickford Sec.

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SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT, O. K. FOOTE, ROCHESTER.

Office of the Secretary, City Elmira, N. Y.,

Date May 26, 1894.

Mr. Alfred G. Stone,

Sec'y American Institute,

Providence, R. I.

Dear Sir:

I have just received a volume of the proceedings of the 27th annual convention, and have had time enough to examine the contents sufficiently to know that it contains a vast amount of information that is of the deepest interest to all architects, and especially to those connected with the Institute. The work reflects great credit upon its editor and the Board of Managers.

Please accept thanks for the copy sent me.

Very sincerely yours,

(Dictated)

H. H. Bickford
Sec'y W.N.Y. Chapter A.I.A.

PRESIDENT, F. H. GOUGE, UTICA.

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Office of the

Secretary

City

Chicago Ill
Date *Sept 29th 1894*

*Mr Alfred Stone
Sec A.S.A*

Dear Sir:-

*Enclosed find report of
Western New York Chapter for 1894, which I
hope will reach you in time.*

*Here is a very complete biographical sketch
of the life of William North Carlin in the April
Number of the Inland Architect.*

*Yours truly,
H. H. Bickford.*

PIERCE & BICKFORD,

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118 AND 120 LAKE STREET.

TELEPHONE No. 366.

ADDRESS ALL BUSINESS COMMUNICATIONS TO FIRM.

Elmira, N. Y., Oct. 3, 1894.

Mr. Alfred Stone,

Secretary A. I. A.,

Providence, R. I.

Dear Sir:

In answer to yours of October 1st I send you copy of Constitution and By-laws of the Western New York Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. These By-laws have been amended, and the amendments have been written in between the lines as you will see. The list of officers in this book is not correct as it gives the names of officers who served in 1891. The list of members also is not complete.

Yours very respectfully,

(Dictated)

(Enclosure)

H. H. Bickford

P.S.
The new Secretary of our chapter is Mr. John R. Church of Rochester. I shall forward all papers and records to him this week. New officers throughout were elected at our last meeting here over a week ago.

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TELEPHONE NO. 366.

ADDRESS ALL BUSINESS COMMUNICATIONS TO FIRM.

Elmira, N. Y., Nov. 8, 1894.

Mr. Alfred Stone,

Secretary American Institute of Architects,

Providence, R. I.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of November 6th received.

There were quite a number of copies of the proposed bill printed by the State, and I am quite positive that all of the copies were sent to John R. Church, who was elected Secretary of our Chapter at the last convention. I have written him a letter asking him to send to you as many copies as he can spare, and one copy to Mr. Bertrand. The text of this proposed bill was published in "Architecture & Building" April 23, 1892. The bill as published in "Architecture & Building" is not as amended and finally passed. The only important change was substituting the Regents of the State of New York for the American Institute of Architects, in the second line of section first.

Yours very respectfully,

(Dictated)

H. H. Bickford