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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

School of Architecture of Cornell University in the fall of 1893 and received his baccalaureate degree in 1895.

Following his graduation he served for a number of years as a draughtsman in different Milwaukee offices, but spent the greater part of his time in the employ of Elmer Grey. Further training was later obtained in the offices of Richard E. Schmidt, William G. Rantoul, Cope & Stewardson, and Cass Gilbert.

After eight years of such practical training he visited Europe in 1903-04, studying in Paris under Ernest Hebrard, a winner of the Grand Prix de Rome, and in sketching in Italy, England, Belgium and Spain.

On two other occasions he has been abroad and returned with sketches of a broad range of subjects done in pencil and water-color, with a skill and charm that suggest the training of a painter rather than that of the architect.

He began the independent practice of his profession in Milwaukee in 1905, and since then his work has covered a wide range, always bearing the stamp of careful study and refined taste directed by a thoroughly trained hand. The many residences he has designed show a great degree of refinement and individuality, and his commercial work possesses distinctive character and strength.

Through his enthusiasm for his art he has produced a stimulating effect upon others which is being reflected in the general improvement of the local architecture.

He has taken an active interest in the welfare of the draughtsmen of Milwaukee, and for a number of years conducted an atelier for their benefit, giving also lectures on City Planning and Housing before various associations and clubs. His contact with Institute men in the East, and his recognition of the value of their labors, led him to form the Wisconsin Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, of which he was chosen its first president.

Mr. Schuchardt has written a series of articles for the *American Architect* on "Housing in Europe," and has contributed many articles on Architecture to Milwaukee daily papers. His purpose in these articles has been to acquaint his readers with what is good in architecture and to present to the public the idea that the American Institute of Architects is organized largely for service to the community.

Besides his professional interests, he has generously given of his time to his native city as a member of the Municipal Art Commission and is closely allied with other activities. He is secretary of the Milwaukee Art Society, a director of the Columbia Hospital and a former director of the City Club, Vice-President of the University Club, and a member of the City Housing Commission.

The Wisconsin Chapter appreciates the dis-

inction bestowed on one of its members by the Board of Directors and begs to present Mr. Schuchardt for advancement to Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

THE PRESIDENT: This completes the list of Fellows. Mr. Howard Crosby Butler is nominated for honorary membership. Mr. Butler and the claims for his advance have been fully set forth in the report of the board. Mr. Butler will not be balloted upon, as will the Fellows, but his name is before you for the vote of the Convention.

*By a rising vote Mr. Butler was elected.*

MR. NEWHALL, Chairman of the Committee on Schedule of Charges, then presented the report of that Committee. (See Appendix 17.) The report contained the endorsement of the present schedule and a suggestion for its application to the "cost-plus-fee" system.

MR. CRANE, Chairman of the Committee appointed to consider the foregoing report, then presented the report of his Committee (See Appendix 17a), and offered the following resolution, which was voted:

*Resolved*, That the Schedule of Charges and the proposed alternative method of charging, as outlined in the Report of the Committee on Schedule of Charges, be referred to the Standing Committee on Contracts and Specifications, and that it be requested to prepare a draft which, when in such form and content as to be acceptable to the Board of Directors, shall, if the Board considers such action advisable, be printed as an Institute Document, or as two separate documents as the Board may think best.

THE PRESIDENT: The next matter in order appears to be a report by myself on the Pacific Coast Trip.

I might as well confess to you now that in the stress of perfectly definite affairs I have paid no attention whatsoever to this particular item that has been put down to me, but as long as it was here I had understood I was going to give a little outline of the business trip, and that some one else was going to exhibit the pictures of the two Fairs at San Francisco and at San Diego, and that that would be the end of the whole thing. Apparently we cannot now darken this room for the use of the lantern, and we found that we could not get any lantern-slides to present. We found out also that we could not use the reflectoscope with photographs under the conditions that exist here, so that as near as I can make out the real show is to be omitted. I apologize, and can only say that I will do my best and do my part of the entertainment, if it is an entertainment.

Mr. Kemper, always efficient, has brought down from the Octagon files, which contain every imaginable sort of information in regard to the Institute, some outlines and notes which I sent back from 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