

WILLIAM L. STEELE
ARCHITECT
400 UNITED BANK BUILDING
SIOUX CITY, IOWA.

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Iowa Chapter A. I. A.

Jan. 14th, 1913.

Mr. Glen Brown,
The Octagon,
Washington, D. C.

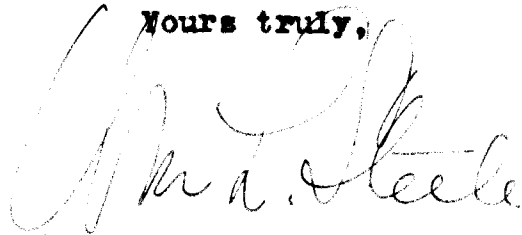
Dear Sir:-

Acknowledging your letter of December 24th enclosed find check with exchange for five dollars (\$5.00).

I am sending you under separate cover by mail three photographs of the C. Shenkberg Warehouse, the Commercial Block and the Diocesan Orphanage all in this city. The plans for these buildings will go forward by express charges prepaid.

If you do not file such exhibits please return the drawings and photos at my expense and oblige

Yours truly,



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Office of
Henry Fisher, F. A. I. A.
Architect

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Answered...

Sioux City, Iowa
Washington, Dec. 26th 1918.

To the Board of Directors, A. I. A.

Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Amongst the names of those whose names may come before your body for action on admission to the Institute is William L. Steele, Sioux City, Ia.

Mr. Steele is an honorable gentleman and worthy, in every respect, to become a member of the Institute, and I am glad of the opportunity of giving him my heartly indorsement.

Very truly yours,

Henry Fisher

Steele Wm L
2415

February 22 1913.

Mr. William L. Steele,
400 United Bank Bldg,
Sioux City, Iowa.

Dear Sir:-

I am pleased to inform you that you were elected
a member of the American Institute of Architects
at their meeting February 14th, 1913. I am enclosing
to you herewith an official announcement of
same, together with a notification of your indebted-
ness to the Institute.

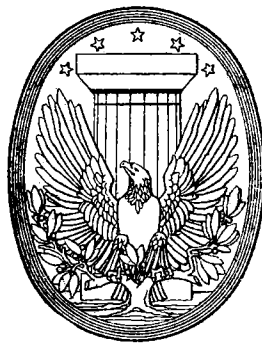
We are returning to you to-day by Express, collect
your exhibit of work submitted with your applica-
tion.

Yours very truly,

Secretary.

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THE IOWA CHAPTER
OF THE
AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF
ARCHITECTS



Steele, Wm L

Sioux City, Iowa, April 17, 1918.

RE: IOWA CHAPTER

Mr. Wm. Stanley Parker,
Secy. American Institute of Architects,
Bellevue-Stratford,
Washington, D. C.

Dear sir:

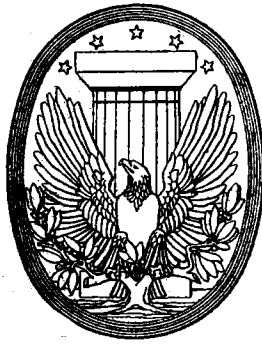
Replying to Mr. Kemper's very flattering announcement that my name is to be presented to the Institute Convention in Philadelphia on April 24th for election to Fellowship I am pleased to advise that I was born in Springfield, Illinois, May 2, 1875, graduated therefrom in June, 1898, as valedictorian, took the architectural course at the University of Illinois and graduated in 1896.

Was employed as draftsman by Louis H. Sullivan and S. S. Beaman, Chicago, until 1900, when I went to Pittsburg as draftsman in the private office of Thomas Rodd, chief engineer of Pennsylvania Lines West. While in this office the drawings for the Manchester plant of the British Westinghouse Co. were completed. I then went to Alden & Harlow's office in the same city where the principal work upon which I was engaged was the extension of the Carnegie Institute. I then became head draftsman for Sidney F. Heckert, Pittsburg; resigned that position to come to Sioux City in 1904 as head draftsman for W. W. Beach. After a year I formed a partnership with Mr. Beach under the firm name of Beach & Steele, which was terminated September 30, 1907, since which time I have been practicing independently under the firm name of Wm. L. Steele, Architect.

Aside from the regular routine of professional work I have served as president of the Iowa Chapter and president of the Iowa Society of Architects. Locally was appointed and served as Chairman of the committee that drafted the Building Ordinance of Sioux City.

*2-3
Steele*

*Studied
in
Springfield
High School*



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My architectural practice has been of a general character such as one might expect in a town of this size. The special work which might be cited as in any way distinctive is the Woodbury County Court House, just completed, on which I associated myself with Mr. George Elmslie of the firm of Purcell & Elmslie; the Court House at Lake Andes, South Dakota, now under construction; the Sacred Heart Church, Fort Dodge, Iowa, under construction; and the First Congregational Church, Sioux City, just completed. The best office building I have done is the Davidson Building at Sixth & Pierce Streets, Sioux City, and the best residence is the one for Mr. H. H. Everist at The Heights, Sioux City.

I am not sure that this is the information that you want, although doubtless some of it is, but I will be very happy to write you further if necessary.

Yours very truly,

Wm. Steele

P.S. Please pardon the untidy appearance of this letter. I am just going to catch a train and time is lacking in which to have it rewritten.

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D.C.

Steele, Wm L
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May 3rd-1918.

My dear Mr. Steele:-

We are transmitting under separate cover your certificate of Fellowship. This was received for you at the Convention dinner by Mr. Thomas H. Kimball. He asked that I transmit it to you for him.

sent May 3, 1918
[Signature]

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Wm. L. Steele,
502 United Bank Bldg.,
Sioux City, Iowa.

K:B

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December 28, 1922

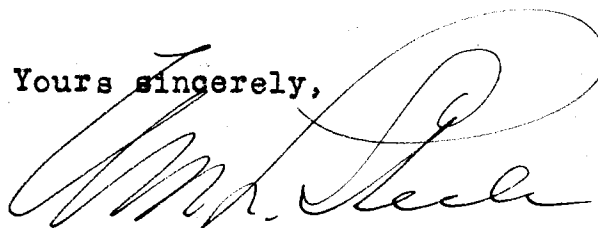
Mr. E. C. Kemper,
c/o The Octagon,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kemper:

Referring to your letter of November 29th, I am enclosing rough draft of substitute for the circular you sent. I am not submitting this in any sense as attempting to override the committee, but merely suggesting some possibly better ways of saying the same things. The fine print of the circular made it practically impossible to make legible notes thereon, so that the easiest way for me to comment on the circular was to practically re-write it. If the matter has gone too far to present this to Mr. Van Pelt, or if any other reason should suggest such procedure as inopportune, please be guided by your own judgment.

I hope that you enjoyed a pleasant Christmas with your little boy, and wishing you a very Happy New Year, beg to remain,

Yours sincerely,



WLS:WK
Encl.

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Mr. E. C. Kasper,
c/o The Octagon,
Washington, D. C.

January 3, 1923.

Dear Mr. Steele:-

I got back yesterday from my visit to Florida, where I had a great time with my small boy.

Have sent on to Mr. Van Pelt your suggestions concerning the Circular on the Functions of the Architect and I know that he will be glad to have them. I am to have a conference with him about the middle of the month and we hope by then to have the suggestions of other Directors and to release to the printer the first edition of this experimental document.

You will soon receive a Directors', or confidential copy, of the Minutes of the recent meetings. The Membership will receive the same Minutes in the next issue of the Journal, as a supplement, but we will delete certain privileged matters.

In thinking over the Kansas City meeting, it seems to me we did a great deal of good by going there, particularly the President and yourself, for I believe that within another year, or perhaps sooner, the seceding group can be brought back into the Institute through your good offices and those of Mr. Faville.

We are always at your service here in Washington and I hope you will find occasion to call upon us from time to time.

With best wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. William L. Steele,
United Bank Building,
Sioux City, Iowa.

COPY TO

FILES K:VB PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER

WILLIAM L. STEELE
ARCHITECT
UNITED BANK BUILDING
SIOUX CITY, IOWA

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January 9, 1923 JAN 12 1923

Re: Iowa Chapter

Mr. E. C. Kemper,
c/o The Octagon,
Washington, D. C.

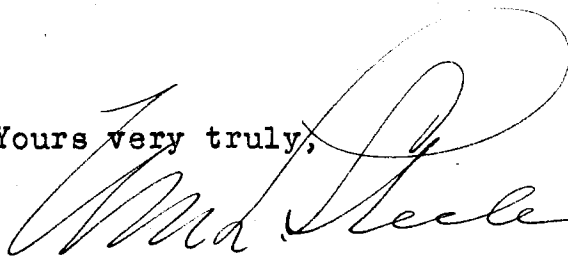
Dear Mr. Kemper:

Your good letter was duly received and I am very glad that you had a pleasant vacation.

I very greatly enjoyed my meeting with the Board of Directors and it was a particular pleasure to become better acquainted with yourself.

Thanking you for your good wishes, and assuring you that they are earnestly reciprocated, I am,

Yours very truly,



WLS:WK

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WILLIAM B. FAVILLE, PRESIDENT, SAN FRANCISCO
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ROBERT D. KOHN, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT, NEW YORK

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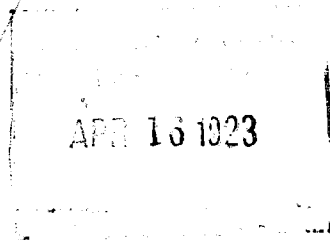
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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
THE OCTAGON HOUSE, WASHINGTON, D. C.

Sioux City, Iowa, April 13, 1923.

Re: American Institute of Architects

Mr. E. C. Kemper,
The Octagon,
Washington, D. C.



Dear Mr. Kemper:

Your note of April 9th was duly received and I thank you for your thoughtfulness in making reservation for me. I was just about ready to write you, asking you to do that, and am well pleased to have the thought anticipated.

With best wishes, I am,

Yours very truly,

WLS:WK

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American Institute of Architects

Inter-Office Communication

Subject

From E.C.K.

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To Mr. Steele -

Date 5-3-23

Dear Mr. Steele:

Your reservation at the Powhatan is made to begin on the evening of Sunday, May 13th. It is for a single room and bath. If there is any change please notify the Powhatan, mentioning the Institute Convention.

Very truly yours,

E.C.K.

K:B

WILLIAM B. FAVILLE, PRESIDENT, SAN FRANCISCO
ERNEST JOHN RUSSELL, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT, ST. LOUIS
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EDWARD C. KEMPER, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY WASHINGTON, D.C.



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
WASHINGTON, D. C.

May 21, 1923.

My dear Steele:

I am going to call upon your generosity to send to me a resignation from the Executive Committee of the Institute.

While I personally would prefer to have you on this Committee, it seems to me upon mature thought that the organization is going to be handicapped by not having Parker on this Committee. He knows the tradition and the past resolutions, and can coordinate and keep this Committee in a position where fewer mistakes might be made by my administration than if he were removed as a member, and

his presence on the Committee is only possible by a generosity on your part to step aside. I feel that I know the underlying impulse which controlled your actions and do not hesitate to call upon you for this sacrifice.

When I asked for your name to be placed upon the Executive Committee, there still lingered in my mind that Parker was still the Secretary; but with the advent of Mr. Brown, who necessarily has small memory for the past actions of the many members, it would leave the responsibility almost entirely up to Mr. Kemper's memory,

which although very capable, is occasionally misused. So graciously please send this document to me a so that Parker's appointment can be made before the Annuary goes to press, which will be about the first of June.

Sincerely yours,

President.

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Large handwritten signature or scribble on the right side of the page.

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Sincerely yours,

President.

Mr. William L. Steele,
United Bank Building,
Sioux City, Iowa.

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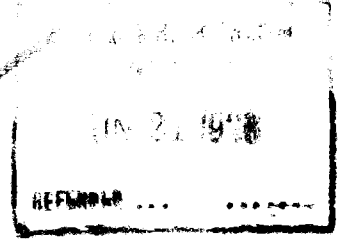
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EDWARD C. KEMPER, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
THE OCTAGON HOUSE, WASHINGTON, D. C.

Sioux City, Iowa, June 19, 1933.

Re: American Institute of Architects

Mr. E. C. Kemper,
c/o The Octagon,
Washington, D. C.



Dear Kemper:

Thank you for yours of June 16th and previous enclosure of the alleged poem. While your proof reading on the latter was not up to its usual standard, you did ample justice to the substance.

I note that you are sending the larger envelopes. Thank you.

With best wishes, I am,

Yours sincerely,

WLS:WX

C O P Y

23
April 23, 1934.

Washington Hotel,
Pennsylvania Ave. & 15th St.,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Kindly reserve for the undersigned single room with bath at not to exceed \$5.00 per day beginning Sunday night, May 13th. I am making this request as I wish to attend the meeting of the Board of Directors of the American Institute of Architects. Kindly advise me if this is satisfactory, and oblige,

Yours very truly,

WLS:WE

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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File
March 12, 1925

March 12, 1925.

Mr. Edwin H. Brown,
1200 Second Ave. So.,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Ned:-

Kemper has just returned to me the letter from which he was to copy extracts for your possible use in the Secretary's Page. I am grieved by his admission that he was unsuccessful in the attempt at reading the original. At the same time I am flattered because he has read my writing at various times without admitting any difficulty at all. The quotation follows:

"Does the Board of Directors of the Institute want something to think about? Here's a suggestion: No young doctor would think of proceeding on a major operation without a consultant, but the average young architect will butt ahead on anything he can get regardless of the fact that he knows nothing about the problem -- not to mention never having done a similar one.

"Why should not the Institute start propoganda for consulting on all new jobs? It would be much more honest on the part of the architect and unacubtedly save the owner much money spent unwisely or on poor plan or construction. It would be better for the architect also, and tend rapidly to put the average of service and so of reputation on a much higher plane. Butting ahead-'knowing that you don't know' - breaks the morale - and then health - and finally clientele.

"That is my first suggestion. A second -- and the one that I feel will eventually have to be faced and arranged for is -- a definite 'set-up' of what the architectural craftsman needs to know before starting in business. Not a book, but a list -- a scheaule."

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Mr. E. H. Brown -- #2

The second suggestion is not more fully developed because the writer is under the impression that he has written me along this line before, and breaks off rather abruptly. A great deal, however, might be said along this line.

Hoping that you are feeling rested up and in every way happy, I am,

Yours sincerely,

WLS-D

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American Institute of Architects

Inter-Office Communication

Subject

From

To

Date

R. C. K.

Mr. Steele

3-20-25

Dear Mr. Steele:-

We have a letter of March 17th from Mr. Walter Lindem, Assistant Manager of the Hotel Roosevelt, stating that he will save a room for the Judiciary meeting on the 17th.

Sincerely yours,

E:VB



WALD, PRESIDENT, NEW YORK
GARFIELD, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT, CLEVELAND
WILLIAM L. STEELE, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT, SIOUX CITY, IOWA

EDWIN H. BROWN, SECRETARY, MINNEAPOLIS
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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Sioux City, Iowa, June 23, 1925

Mr. E. C. Kemper, Executive Secy.,
American Institute of Architects,
c/o The Octagon,
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Kemper:

Your various communications, copies of letters of interest to the members of the Board, are arriving in due course and I am especially glad to see your letter to Mr. Lawrence. I shall be glad to be advised when Mr. Brown is back on the job and I hope that his vacation will put him in normal condition.

My old friend, Mr. Henry Fisher, who used to practice architecture here and who is a member of the A.I.A. retired, has been living in Washington, Florida and California for several years. The last letter I had from him was from Florida and he said that he thought that he and Mrs. Fisher would settle down in Washington early in May and stay there. He did not send me his Washington address, but in past years he used to stay at the Prince Karl Apartments. If it isn't too much trouble I wish you would have some member of the staff call telephone information and try and locate him. My idea is that when you do find him you can send me his address, and also call him on the phone and tell him you would appreciate a visit at the Octagon, and so on. Some little attention of this kind would make the old gentleman very happy and you, yourself, would enjoy meeting him as he is an unusually lovable character. I know how busy you are but I am sure that you will somehow find time to take care of this, my latest, whim.

Sincerely,

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American Institute of Architects

Inter-Office Communication

Subject

From

To

Date

E. C. K.

Mr. Steele

7-10-25

Dear Mr. Steele:-

During my absence Miss Von made a very careful follow-through on your letter of June 23.

She located a Henry W. Fisher at 3205 R. Street, Northwest. This Mr. Fisher was in Florida on business but he is not a member of the Institute. It was found that the only Henry Fisher in the American Institute is retired and resides in New Jersey at 97 Main Road, Vineland. This may be the man you have in mind.

If you have any clue that indicates more definite information let me know and I will gladly follow it up.

Sincerely yours,

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

October 29, 1925.

MRS WILLIAM L STEELE
 2512 JACKSON
 SIOUX CITY IOWA Telephone 78101

GOING NEW YORK VIA PHILADELPHIA WILL LEAVE FOR CHICAGO TOMORROW
 AFTERNOON stop SENDING LOVE
 WILL

Charge to the American Institute of Architects.

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October 29, 1925.

MR GEORGE G HELMSLIE
807 PEOPLES GAS BUILDING
CHICAGO ILLINOIS

YOUR TELEGRAM RECEIVED ~~will~~ WILL SEE YOU SATURDAY stop
WILL WIRE EXACT TIME FROM NEW YORK TOMORROW AFTERNOON

WILLIAM L STERIN.

Charge to the American Institute of Architects.

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October 29, 1925.

MISS MARGUERITE KIRK
307 WOODSIDE
HARRERTH PENNSYLVANIA. Telephone - HARRERTH 309 J.

ARRIVING BROAD STREET EIGHT FORTY NOT NECESSARY TO MEET TRAIN

COURIN WILL

Charge to the American Institute of Architects.

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Perman

November 10, 1925.

Dear Mr. Steele:-

Your letter of November 5 to me and the letter to the Board were received - with much regret. We are putting down on the schedule the matter of finding a Secretary Pro Tem.

I do hope you will continue on as Vice-President. Surely the position should not take much of your time except once or twice a year. We cannot have a Convention without you and in the future I am sure that things can be arranged so you can attend the fall meetings of the Board.

I still feel as I did about your going to the Pacific Coast, which is that you owe it to yourself to go if not to the Institute.

Faithfully yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. William L. Steele,
United Bank Building,
Sioux City, Iowa.

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...IDENT, CLEVELAND
...VICE PRESIDENT, SIOUX CITY, IOWA



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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Sioux City, Iowa,
December 31, 1925

Mr. E. C. Kemper, Executive Secretary,
American Institute of Architects,
c/o The Octagon,
Washington, D. C.

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OF ARCHITECTS
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Dear Kemper:

I do not want to make you a lot of trouble, but I wish you would let me know what happened to the board of the Press at the meeting of the Directors. I will appreciate an early reply.

Yours very truly,

WLS:WK

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D. EVERETT WAID, President

ABRAHAM GARFIELD, Vice President

WILLIAM L. STEELE, Secretary



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Personal.

January 11, 1926.

Dear Mr. Steele:-

Your letter of December 31st, about the Press, was received on January 4th, and I have been delayed in making a response until the Minutes came back from the President and Secretary.

The Minutes with regard to the Board of Directors of the Press contained a very brief record, which is -

Resolved, that President D. Everett Waid be and is hereby elected proxy to attend the next annual meeting of the stockholders of the Press of the American Institute of Architects and to cast the vote of the Institute for the election of members of the Board of Directors of the Press.

This is the same sort of resolution as was adopted a year ago and under which the President may cast a vote for whatever nominations he wishes to make, and as he is voting the stock which controls the election the nomination is equivalent to election.

At the Board meeting, and informally, various lists of Directors for the Press were proposed, ranging from the present personnel of the Press Board to almost a complete change. None of the proposed lists were adopted and the whole thing was left in the hands of the President.

Whitaker was here last week and I advised him as above. Apparently he had a somewhat different impression. I suggested to him that he go direct to Mr. Waid and frankly discuss with him the personnel of the Press Board for the coming year - for the sake of harmony and to the end that he would have men on the Board who would be sympathetic with his efforts.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. William L. Steele,
J. Bruce Smith Building,
St. Petersburg, Florida.

K-G

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EDWARD C. KEMPER, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, WASHINGTON, D. C.

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Sioux City, Iowa,
January 19, 1936

Mr. E. C. Kemper, Executive Secretary,
American Institute of Architects,
c/o The Octagon,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Kemper:

Several weeks ago I wrote you asking for immediate information as to what had been done about the Board of the Press. Did you receive the letter?

Yours sincerely,

WLS:WK

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January 21, 1926.

William L. Steele,
United Bank Building,
Sioux City, Iowa.

YOUR LETTER NINETEENTH SUCH INFORMATION ABOUT PRESS AS I HAD WAS
MAILED YOU JANUARY ELEVENTH AT FLORIDA ADDRESS. COPY NOW MAILED
YOU AT SIOUX CITY.

E. C. KEMPER

CHARGE AMERICAN INSTITUTE ARCHITECTS.

WLS:WK

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Mr. E.C. Kemper,
The Octagon,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Kemper:-

Yours of March 17th to Mr. Bonneville is at hand and I
note that you have made reservation for me at the Washington Hotel.

Thanking you for your thoughtfulness and hoping
that I may be able to make use of this reservation, I am,

Yours sincerely,

WLS/EF.

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June 30, 1923.

WILLIAM L. STUBBS,
United Bank Building,
Sioux City, Iowa.

UNDER JURY OF FELLOWS AND ELSEWHERE SHALL WE LIST YOU ST. PETERSBURG
OR SIOUX CITY. PLEASE TELEGRAPH. REGARDS.

RESPECT

CHARLES AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS.

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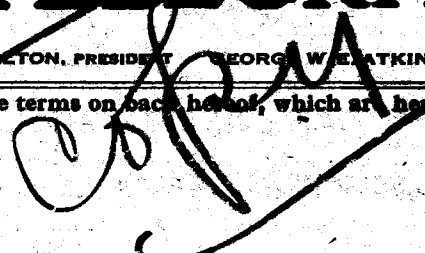
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November 27, 1936.

E. C. Kemper, Executive Secretary,
American Institute of Architects,
c/o Octagon House,
Washington, D. C.

Expect arrive 9:00 A.M., December second.

Please reserve room Powhatan.

WM. L. STEELE

(SEND PAID)
Chg. Steele & Hilgers,
502 U.B. Bldg., City

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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY AMN INST OF ARCHITECTS DARR OCTAGON
HOUSE
November 27, 1926.

EXPECT ARRIVE 900 AM DECEMBER SECOND PLEASE RESERVE ROOM POWHATAN

The Powhatan Hotel,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:- 128P

Please reserve a single room and bath - beginning on
the morning of December 2nd - for Mr. William L. Steele of
Sioux City, Iowa, and oblige

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

K:VB

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Living City 2/21/27

Dear Ed:-

Thanks for the clipping. Looks like
some skullduggery had been worked to get
the NY Times to print something that was
2 months old & that had already been
hanked about the country. I had a note
from the Christian Science Monitor a month
ago asking me why I thought City Planning
wasnt art & telling me that my answer
would remain widely published though them -
which struck me as "dumb" & I didn't answer.

I got a smart little girl who is moving
to Washington a note to you. Hope she
will deliver it and that you can help
her find something. She is a talented child
worth helping.

Best regards -

Bill

P.S. Oh yes. How is it that the papers do not
seem to bother about giving the A. I. A.
Journal credit when they use its stuff?

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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March 4, 1927.

Dear Bill:

This is the first chance since getting back from the New York meetings of the Executive Committee to answer your note of the 21st.

Was glad to hear from you and you can be sure that I will watch out for the young lady to whom you have given a letter of introduction. Perhaps I can help her here with some letters of introduction and I will not fail to do so.

Do not be concerned about inconsistent or illogical publicity procedure. It is one of the most uncontrollable things I know of. We have to take it as we get it or not at all.

Grady, who is the publicity man for the Public Information Committee, always gives credit to the Journal when he lists something from its pages, but sometimes the credit line does not stick. However, he has been fairly successful in that direction.

Am looking forward to seeing you at the Convention. This year there will be a four-day meeting of the Board, in the hope of saving time for the Convention.

Hope that you will be coming on ahead of time, and that you and A. G. and I can meet together. You must be at the Convention so reconcile yourself to the trip and don't cook up any alibis.

Yours as ever,

Mr. Wm. L. Steele,
United Bank Building,
Sioux City, Iowa.

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NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

GEORGE W. E. ATKINS, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

April 24, 1927

**William L. Steele,
United Bank Building,
Sioux City, Iowa.**

CONVENTION PROGRAM TO BE PRINTED TUESDAY FOR MAILING TO ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP.
HAVE APPOINTED YOU CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS AND PROGRAM NO STATES.
PLEASE TELEGRAPH YOUR ACCEPTANCE AS I AM COUNTING UPON YOUR ATTENDING AT ALL
THREE DAYS OF CONVENTION.

MILTON B. MERRAY

CHIEF AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS.

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WILLIAM L. STEELE
SIOUX CITY, IOWA

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Wednesday Oct 19

Dear Ed: -

Thanks for your note of Sept 26. I shall be interested in the result of the meetings of the Ex Com & the Press. Sorry I can't have a hand in the proceedings, but perhaps its just as well.

Everything is very dull here. I find myself reviewing Laffier times at frequent intervals.

Who is Mr Brady, a Grady? Sounds like a good drinker.

Glad that young Mr Kemper was able to be with you. How does the Florida situation look by this time?

St Louis seems to be all upset over having the convention. Hope I can be there.

Regards to yourself and the charming girls + Laurence.
Bill

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October 27, 1927.

Dear Bill:

I am taking a spare moment to say that it was fine to have your hand done note of the 19th.

It looks as if a final settlement had been reached with Whitaker, and I hope that when the smoke has cleared away he, and those who have stood by him in spite of all, will say and believe that the Institute was fair. My understanding is that the settlement agreed upon meets with the full approval of T. R. K.

Grady is carrying on with the Journal until a permanent appointment is made, and that appointment, I presume, will be considered at the December meeting.

After the first of January I presume that the Journal will be at The Octagon, so far as the administrative side of it is concerned, and we will do our best towards building up a real circulation and in helping the new Editor, whoever he may be, towards getting out a magazine as good as the Journal has always been.

We all send you affectionate regards,

Mr. William L. Steele,
United Bank Building,
Sioux City, Iowa.

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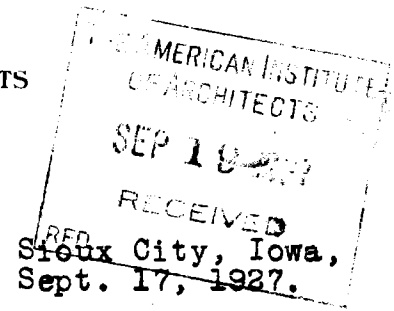
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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
THE OCTAGON, 1741 NEW YORK AVENUE
WASHINGTON, D. C.



Mr. E. C. Kemper, Executive Secy.,
American Institute of Architects,
c/o The Octagon,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kemper:

I have sent to the Secretary of the Iowa Chapter, Vernon F. Tinsley, the application of my partner, Mr. George B. Hilgers, for membership in the A. I. A. Mr. Hilgers was posted in the spring and we received notification from the Secretary in April that no privileged communications had been received and that Mr. Hilgers had the unanimous endorsement of the Chapter. The matter has been delayed for various causes, but I hope that it may now be put through.

Mr. Hilgers does not make much of a showing on paper as regards technical education, but he is in every way worthy of membership. His training has been of the practical kind secured by hard knocks and experience, and I believe you know me well enough to be able to say to the Board that Mr. Hilgers is highly qualified or he would not be my partner.

With best wishes, I am,

Yours very truly,

WLS:WK

P.S. We are in need of some large size A.I.A. stamped envelopes. W.L.S.

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HILTON B. MEDARY, JR. President

WILLIAM EMERSON, Secretary

E. BERRICK HAMMING, Treasurer

September 22, 1927.

Dear Mr. Steele:-

In response to yours of the 17th, we are pleased to note that Mr. Hilgers is applying for Institute Membership and we shall look forward to receiving his application in due course. You can depend upon us to put it forward as promptly as possible.

As requested, we are sending a supply of A. I. A. two-cent stamped envelopes.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. William L. Steele,
United Bank Building,
Sioux City, Iowa.

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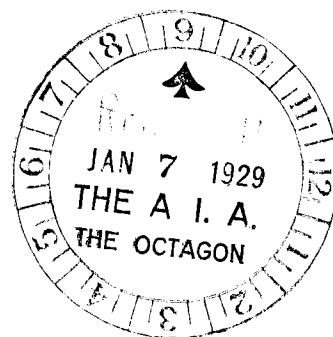
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THE IOWA CHAPTER
OF THE
AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF
ARCHITECTS



OFFICE OF
Secretary

January 3, 1929



Mr. E. C. Kemper
The Octagon
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kemper:

William L. Steele has requested that he be transferred from the Iowa Chapter to the Nebraska Chapter.

He is in good standing with the Iowa Chapter, his dues being paid to December 31, 1928.

Will you please take care of this matter at your earliest convenience.

Yours very truly,

Vernon F. Tinsley

Vernon F. Tinsley, Secy.
Iowa Chapter, A. I. A.

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Mr. W.
Please reply -
noted

January 7, 1929

Dear Mr. Steele:-

In accordance with a letter of January 3 from Mr. Tinsley, Secretary of the Iowa Chapter, we beg to advise that you have been formally transferred, as an Institute member in good standing, from the Iowa to the Nebraska Chapter, effective January 7, 1929.

The Secretaries of the two Chapters concerned have been so notified.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. William L. Steele,
World Herald Building,
Omaha, Nebraska.

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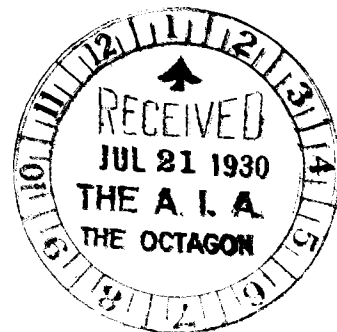
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836 WORLD-HERALD BLDG., OMAHA

Omaha, Nebr. July 19, 1930.

Mr. A. C. Kemper,
Care The Octagon,
Washington, D. C.



Dear Kemper:-

The enclosed clipping may suggest to you a train of thought which might be followed at odd moments when you are not too busy.

We would much appreciate any hint or suggestion which would enable us to make the necessary contacts which will have to be made if we get in on Uncle Samuel's proposed didoes in Omaha. The firm of K.S & S shall hope for a line from you at your convenience.

Yours sincerely,

WLS G

Enc: clipping

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

NIMBARD, CREEVE & SANDHAM

ARCHITECTS

819 WORLD-HERALD BUILDING, OMAHA

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July 23, 1930

Dear Bill:

Yours of July 19th came to hand promptly and I made an appointment with Mr. Louis A. Simon, Head of the Architectural Division of the Supervising Architect's Office.

He tells me that the Omaha project is in the long-time program of the Department, but as yet no appropriation, or authorization of an appropriation, has been made for it.

His suggestion is that your firm address a letter now, to the Secretary of the Treasury, and along certain lines.

The letter should ask for appointment as architects of the building if and when an appropriation is made.

It should outline the scope of your organization; its facilities for giving the Government a first-class job in every respect; and should request the privilege of an interview with the proper officials of the Department at the right time.

In addition two or three photographs of the firm's best work of a relevant type might be enclosed.

All of this seems a bit previous because the project is not imminent, but it is believed to be good procedure and might be very helpful in the future.

If there are any details or information that I can get for you about this or any related matters, please command.

Sincerely yours,

W.S.

~~Executive Secretary.~~

Mr. William L. Steele,
836 World-Herald Building,
Omaha, Nebraska.

P.S. - Newspaper clipping returned.

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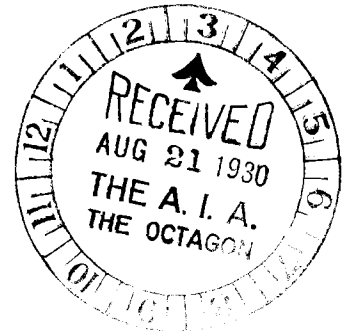
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Omaha, Nebr. Aug. 19, 1930.

Mr. E. C. Kemper,
Executive Sec'y A. I. A.
The Octagon, 1741 N. Y. Ave. N. W.
Washington, D.C.



My dear Kemper:-

It seems that some of our post cards got mislaid and I am asking you to check up and see if an Annuary has been ordered for Mr. Kimball. If not, and it is not too late, kindly enter his name as having filled out the request and send him a copy when as and if issued, you will greatly oblige,

Yours sincerely,

WLS G

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely of Louis W. Smetana, written in dark ink.

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Omaha, Nebr. Aug. 22, 1930.

Mr. E. C. Kemper,
Executive Sec'y A. I. A.
The Octagon, 1741 N. Y. Ave. N. W.
Washington, D. C.



My dear Kemper:-

Referring to my note of August 19th, if possible
please make the order include a copy of the Proceedings as well
as the Annuary for Mr. Kimball.

Best regards.

Yours truly,

WLS G

American Institute of Architects

Inter-Office Communication

Subject

From

E. C. K.

file

To

Wm. L. Steele

Date

Aug. 23, 1930

Dear Bill:

Yours of August 19th:

We will not fail to see that Annularies and Proceedings come to both you and T. R. K.

The two books are now being printed and should be ready in about two weeks. The Annuary was held up because of the many new committee appointments - more than five hundred in all.

Yours sincerely,

K-D.

Wm. L. Steele

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836 WORLD-HERALD BLDG., OMAHA

Omaha, Nebr. May 2, 1931.

Mr. E. C. Kemper,
Executive Sec'y A. I. A.
The Octagon, 1741 New York Ave. N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ed:-

Thanks for your prompt reply to our telegram. As you may suspect we have been unofficially notified and published that we are to be the architects for the new Federal Building here along with Mr. George Prinz. The glory is a bit frayed at the edges because of the political slant which the hook-up implies, but we prefer Mr. Prinz to any others of the local fraternity, so are reconciled and happy.

Now comes an appeal from our former associate in Sioux City, George B. Hilgers, who would like us to be still further "associated" to help him get the Sioux City Federal job. How can our willingness to be so placed best be imparted to the mysterious Powers? "Anything you say will not be used against you".

Would feel less like a flock of has-beens if we might have a letter from you giving us your slant on the Convention and Institute affairs in general.

Best regards to Mrs. Kemper, to the "Porce" and to yourself.

Sincerely,

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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COPY

May 7, 1931.

Dear Bill:

This is the first moment to respond to yours of May 2d, with special reference to the Federal job at Sioux City.

I am not entirely sure of the procedure which makes the best impression with the Office of the Supervising Architect, but I do know that in several instances the local architect, in this case Mr. Hilgers, has filed a carefully prepared application, with supporting photographs and letters of endorsement, and at the same time has indicated his desire to have associated with him, in case he is commissioned, a firm, equipped with special experience and ability to aid in producing a splendid modern building in short order. In this case, the firm should be named as Kimball, Steele & Sandham.

Thereafter, the firm of Kimball, Steele & Sandham might apply for appointment as associate architect with the principal architect, at the same time setting out their general qualifications, exhibits of executed work and letters of endorsement.

Perhaps a better way than this is for those interested to come to Washington and confer with the powers that be in the Treasury Department. I hesitate to make the latter suggestion because the architects are spending a large total which they can ill afford in railroad fare to Washington. Many are trying for appointment and, of course, but a few are selected.

The Institute right now, under the new Chairman of the Committee on Public Works, Louis La Beausse of St. Louis, is endeavoring to bring about a much wider employment of private architects by the Federal bureaus in Washington. The immediate prospects of success are not encouraging, but I believe they will be better when Congress meets.

With affectionate regards from all of the staff to you and to our Past President, and also to J. D. S., I am

Sincerely yours,

Mr. William L. Steele,
Kimball, Steele & Sandham,
826 World-Herald Bldg.,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Executive Secretary.

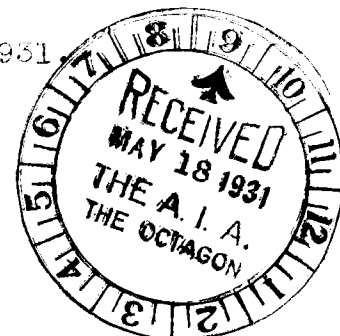
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Omaha, Nebr. May 14, 1931



Mr. E. C. Kemper,
Executive Sec'y A. I. A.
1741 N. Y. Ave. N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ed:-

It was very exciting to get an air-mail letter from you, and made me feel almost as though I were again Acting Secretary, with a bunch of Certificates of Membership to sign. It is a thrilling memory to realize how many architects there must be who have enshrined upon their walls a piece of elegant engraving bearing at least Dan Waid's signature along with mine.

Your suggestions are always good, and what you said in answer to my query concerning the Sioux City prospect covers the case very nicely.

The way you elided the other part of my letter was masterly. The reason I wanted to get some points on the Convention was primarily because I am editor pro tem of the Chapter Bulletin, and wanted, for the next issue, to tell something about what happened at San Antonio.

I have failed to find anything which by the wildest stretch of imagination could be attributed to the eminent Mr. Grady. I will say for him that he uses up a huge quantity of very cheap paper with Helpful Hints to Chairmen of Publicity, - none of which is worth any more than the paper itself.

The partners appreciate your message, and send their very best to you along with my own good wishes, in all of which please include Mrs. Kemper.

Yours sincerely,

WLS:G

Bill

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ARCHITECTS

THOS. R. ...
WM. L. ...
J. D. ...

...

May 19, 1931.

Dear Bill:

We have been going full speed ever since the Convention - on account of the public buildings' situation, the appointment of Committee (some five hundred members) and all the other things that have to be done quickly.

So, it was almost a physical impossibility for me to attempt a real discussion of the Convention. That is the reason I slid over it in my letter to you.

The April Octagon is late. We held it to get a last minute report from Mr. LaBeaume, the new Chairman of the Committee on Public Works. In the meantime, as of possible value for the Chapter bulletin, I send herewith a page proof of LaBeaume's story of the Convention, which gives a much better discussion than I could.

Please use it as freely as you like.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Mr. William L. Stearns,
636 World-Herald Building,
Omaha, Nebraska.

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Omaha, Nebr. May 23, 1931.



Mr. E. C. Kemper,
Executive Sec'y A. I. A.
The Octagon, 1741 N. Y. Ave. N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ed:-

Thanks a whole lot for your note of May 19th,
together with the very interesting advance sheets.

As it happened the Bulletin had to go without
anything but a word of acknowledgment of your kindness.
However, I have greatly enjoyed reading what LaBeaume and
Saariⁿ have to say, and have passed the material on so
that others also may profit by it.

Yours with appreciation,

W. L. Steele

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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July 9, 1931

Dear Bill:

We are endeavoring to build up a duplicate set of Minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee of the Institute. We have one set properly bound and on file at The Octagon. There ought to be another set kept up-to-date and placed in a storage vault outside of The Octagon.

We have had good luck in getting these old Minutes together, except in one or two instances. During your term on the Board we have all Minutes except the following:

September 8-9, 1922 - Executive Committee
March 27-30, 1925 - Executive Committee

Can you help us out by looking in your old files to see if you have copies of the desired Minutes?

If so, and if you will contribute them to the Institute, your action would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. William L. Steele,
World-Herald Building,
Omaha, Nebraska.

K/mg

MEMORANDUM

The A. I. A.
The Octagon

Sept. 21, 1931

KIMBALL, STEELE & SANDHAM
ARCHITECTS

836 WORLD-HERALD BLDG., OMAHA

ASSOCIATE
LOUIS W. SMETANA, A. I. A.

Mr. Kemper -

Have reserved two rooms (single) with adjoining bath at the Powhatan for Wednesday morning for Mr. Steele.

Have been promised two outside rooms, on 10th floor, at a rate of \$6.00 @ day - \$2.00 per person.

FHY

Mr. Kemper,
City A. I. A.
1741 N. Y. Ave. N.W.
Washington, D.C.

File

Omaha, Nebr. Sept. 17, 1931.



Dear Ed:-

Our associate, Mr. Geo. B. Prinz, and I expect to arrive in Washington for a series of conferences with the Treasury next Wednesday morning, September 23rd.

Is it asking too much to request you to make a reservation, perhaps at the Powhatan, for two rooms with a bath between?

I am bothering you because it is long enough since my last visit to Washington for the hotel situation to have materially changed, and the present thought is to pick out one which is decent, convenient, and not high priced! Will leave here Monday evening, so feel free to use the wire at our expense if you have anything urgent either to ask about or to impart.

\$6.00

Hoping to see you, and with best regards,
Sincerely,

WLS:G

cc G. B. Prinz

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Omaha, Nebr. Sept. 7, 1932.

Mr. E. C. Kemper,
The Octagon,
1741 New York Ave. N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Eddie:-

It was very pleasant indeed to have your post card from the land of Romance. I hope you and Mrs. Kemper had a wonderful time abroad. You may be there still but I am assuming that you have returned with your baggage all decorated with "stickers" and that you have succeeded in getting past the Customs, etc.

In line with the well-remembered Routine, have had an inquiry about some "small-house" outfit which operates from Washington, D. C. The inquirer says he is sure it is not a branch of the w.k.s.h.s.b.

Can you enlighten him through me?

And if so, will you, please?

Thank you very much.

Best regards to both Kempers.

Yours,

WLS:G

Bill



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September 21, 1932.

Dear Bill:

I have been back from the "big trip" for about ten days but this is the first opportunity to answer yours of September 7th.

We surely had a wonderful time, but it is good to be back home again.

I am puzzled by your reference to a "small-house" outfit which operates from Washington. Perhaps your inquiry has in mind "Better Homes in America", which has headquarters here and operates under the sponsorship of Secretary Wilbur of the Interior Department, and also with the encouragement of President Hoover.

I do not believe they furnish plans, however, or that they really compete with the architect.

Can you give me a little more information on which I might find out some definite data?

With best regards,

Fraternally yours,

~~Executive Secretary.~~

Mr. Wm. L. Steele, F. A. I. A.,
836 World-Herald Building,
Omaha, Nebraska.

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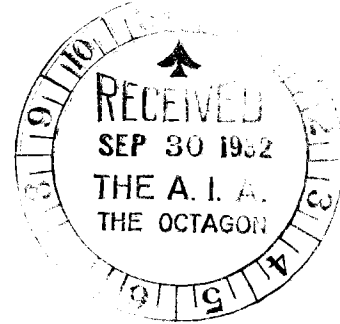
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Omaha, Nebr. Sept. 28, 1932.



Mr. E. C. Kemper,
The Octagon, 1741 N. Y. Ave. N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Eddie:-

Thanks for your letter of September 21. I wish you had expanded it to give us an account of your wanderings. If I should ever happen to be on a Program Committee at a Convention, I shall certainly put you down for a travel talk.

The "small-house" inquiry was from a lumber man who said he had received a circular from an outfit in Washington which had a very attractive house design in it. In fact, it was so attractive that he gave it to a contractor who never returned it, and now he wishes he had it. With my usual good nature I told him I had a friend in Washington who knew everything, and that I could get it by writing to said friend.

Now that that is off my chest, I do not think it worth worrying about it.

Yours fraternally,

WLS:G

Bill

P. S. Miss Gleason says she sent you a card notifying the Octagon of our change of address. On and after Oct. 1 our studio-office will be at #2236 St. Mary's Ave. where we hope to see you and Mrs. Kemper at an early date for archery, chicken matches, dog races, and the complete gamut of architectural sports.

S.

*Noted
JWH*

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Steele

October 6, 1932

Dear Bill:

In yours of September 28th you state that "our studio-office will be at #2236 St. Mary's Ave." Does this mean just your office, or that of the firm?

Please let me know so that we can have the correct address for the three members of the firm on the various records here.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

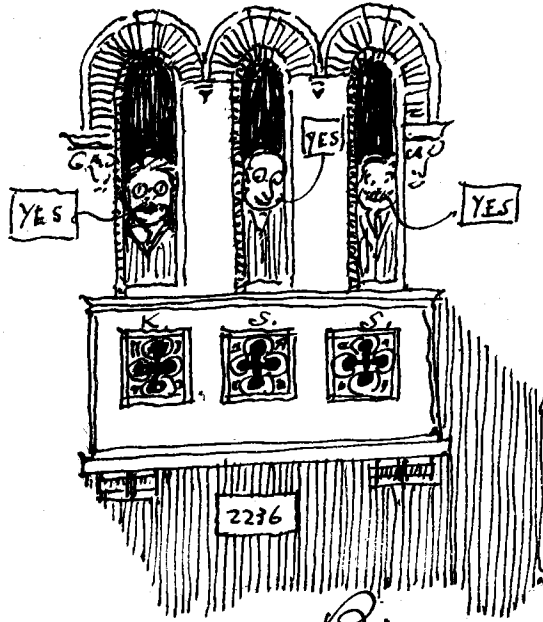
Mr. William L. Steele,
2236 St. Mary's Avenue,
Omaha, Nebraska.

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Dear Ed:—



Bill

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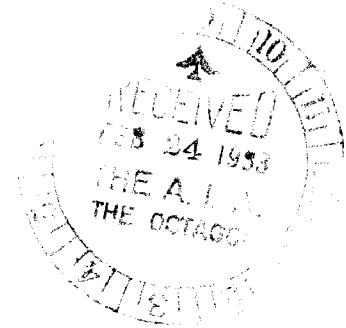
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New address: 2236 St. Mary's Ave.

Omaha, Nebr. Feb. 21, 1933.

Mr. Frank C. Baldwin,
Secretary
American Institute of Architects,
The Octagon, Washington, D.C.



Dear Frank:-

The post of Supervising Architect at the University of Illinois has been made vacant by the death of my old friend James M. White, and I have applied for the position. I am using your name as a reference, and shall be very grateful if you can and will write in my behalf to Dr. Harry Woodburn Chase, President, Urbana, Illinois.

This does not mean that our partnership has "blown up" but does mean that I seem to see an opportunity to relieve the present financial stringency, and at the same time get busy on congenial work.

I shall greatly appreciate your assistance, and with regards to Mrs. Baldwin, yourself, and the Kempers, I beg to remain,

Sincerely yours,

WLS:G

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Wm. L. Steele". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping initial "W".

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Personal

February 28, 1933

Dear Bill:

Yours of the 21st:

I have written to President Chase, as per enclosed copy.

If I have not said enough, or if there are any points on which I should be more specific, please give me a letter or telegram.

Is there anything that I can do in any direction to assist you?

Are there any letters I can write for you? Let me know.

With sincere personal regards, and best wishes for good luck,

Sincerely yours,

Mr. William L. Steele,
2236 St. Mary's Avenue,
Omaha, Nebraska.

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Enc.

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February 28, 1922

My dear President Chase:

The American Institute of Architects and the architectural profession at large received with deep regret news of the passing of James M. White, who occupied a position of responsibility at the University of Illinois. Professor White was a Fellow of the Institute, and a man who made a large contribution to the advancement of architecture and architectural practice in the United States.

The question of his successor in the position of Supervising Architect at the University is undoubtedly receiving your consideration. It is my understanding that Mr. William L. Steele, F.A.I.A., a member of the firm of Kimball, Steele & Sanham, Omaha, Nebraska, is a receptive candidate.

Mr. Steele's many friends, both in and out of the architectural profession, would be highly gratified if he were selected.

I have known William L. Steele for twenty years. He has had a splendid training in the practice of architecture in the middle west. That experience, and his architectural ability as demonstrated by executed buildings, coupled with fine personality and executive ability, seem to me to eminently qualify Mr. Steele for this position. I wish to add that Mr. Steele has in past years held positions of high authority and responsibility in the national organization of the profession, having been for a number of years a member of its Board of Directors, and at one time Vice-President. By reason of these services he very naturally has a broad and national point of view which, in my estimation, should greatly add to his value to your institution.

It is probable that these things are well known to you, but I wish to add my personal testimony concerning his ability and eminent qualifications for this appointment.

Very sincerely yours,

Dr. Harry Woodburn Chase, President,
University of Illinois,
Urbana, Illinois.

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
URBANA, ILLINOIS

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

February 28, 1933

Mr. Edwin Bergstrom, Treasurer
American Institute of Architects
1741 New York Avenue
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Bergstrom:

This is to acknowledge your letter of February 24 concerning Mr. William L. Steele. I am obliged to you for your opinion and I appreciate your kindness in writing me.

I have also received a letter from Mr. Steele himself. As I wrote him, during the next few years the architectural services of Professor White's office, which heretofore have been its most important function, are not likely to be much in demand. The State will not be in a position, for some time I am afraid, to appropriate funds for new buildings except perhaps to complete the Medical and Dental Building in Chicago, plans and drawings for which have been completed. Such architectural work as may be required can be performed by the present personnel of that office. In other words, for the next few years the important function of that office will be the operation and maintenance of the physical plant. Under these circumstances it might be that the position would not be particularly attractive to Mr. Steele.

The Board of Trustees has appointed a committee to study the University's business and also its physical plant organization with a view to making any adjustments which changing conditions made desirable. I will see that your letter is placed before this committee for consideration in case the decision is made to bring in an architect from the outside to head up the activities of the present Supervising Architect's Office.

In the meantime, thanking you again for your letter, I am

Cordially yours,

Arthur

President

HWC JAM

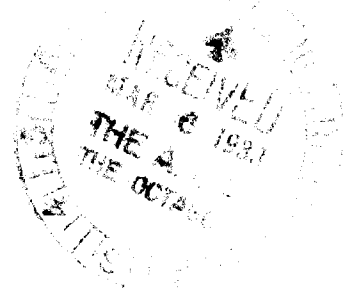
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March 2, 1933



Mr. Frank C. Baldwin, Secretary
The American Institute of Architects
The Octagon - 1741 New York Avenue
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Baldwin:

I have your letter of March 1 concerning Mr. William L. Steele, and I appreciate your writing me about him.

The State will not be in a position, for some time I am afraid, to appropriate funds to the University for new buildings, except, perhaps, to complete the Medical and Dental Building in Chicago, plans and drawings for which have been completed; and such architectural work as may be required can be performed by the present personnel of Professor White's office. So, as I wrote Mr. Steele, during the next few years the architectural services of that office, which heretofore have been its most important function, are not likely to be much in demand. The important function of that office, in other words, will be the operation and maintenance of the physical plant for the next few years.

I will see that your letter is placed before the committee of the Board of Trustees which is studying the University's business and also its physical plant organization with a view to making any adjustments which changing conditions make desirable.

With appreciation of your letter, I am

Cordially yours,

Handwritten signature

President

HWC JAM

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New address: 2236 St. Mary's Ave.

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Omaha, Nebr. March 3, 1933.

Mr. Frank C. Baldwin
Secretary
American Institute of Architects
The Octagon, Washington, D.C.



Dear Frank:-

Your very fine letter to Doctor Chase ought to bring him to a state of mind in which he would be willing to recommend me as his own successor, ^{well as} as Jim White's. Thank you, most gratefully. I wish I truly deserved what you are kind enough to say about me, and will do my durnedest if I get the job. I shall advise you of any developments, and, with my best regards, I am,

Sincerely ever

WLS:G

WILLIAM L. STEELE
OMAHA, NEBR.

2236 St Mary's Ave
May 21/34

Mr. E. C. Kemper,
9. The Octagon,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Ed: ~

Rotten Bud Luck kept
TRK and yours truly from going to
the Convention. Yet, and however,
we are as fond of you as ever,
and as anxious as ever to know
what happened.

Will ya please drop us a
line or two telling us who was elected?

Yes? No? Yes?

Thank you.

Best greetings to Mrs. K.,
as well as to yourself. And
say "hello" to Lawrence and the
gals — for Bill —

WX!

P.S. Regards to F. C. B.

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Steele

June 28, 1934.

Dear Bill:

It is a long time by the calendar since I received yours of May 21, but things move so rapidly here that it only seems yesterday.

I did not respond because of pressure of work and because I knew that the May OCTAGON would give you the whole Convention story.

Please read it when you find a moment to spare, and please make some plans to come to the Sixty-seventh Convention, to be held in Milwaukee the last week in May, and to bring T.R.K. with you.

We are all entitled to see you two men again, and some of us are entitled to sit down with you and philosophize under the inspiration of "Tom Collins."

Best regards.

Fraternally yours,

Mr. William L. Steele,
2236 St. Mary's Avenue,
Omaha, Nebraska.

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Steele

February 26, 1935.

Dear Bill:

Thank you for sending me the Interprofessional Quarterly for December.

I am glad to have this extra copy.

Your column, "The By-Stander", with its "Questions for a Professional Man", was read by me with the greatest interest.

But how about the answers?

When you get them, send me a copy.

How about writing an article for THE OCTAGON on the basis of this investigation?

It has been a long time since we had something from you - and we need quality to help bear the burden of quantity.

I am looking forward to seeing you in Milwaukee in May.

Fraternally yours,

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Mr. William L. Steele, F. A. I. A.,
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ARCHITECTS
2236 ST. MARY'S AVENUE
OMAHA

TELEPHONE
JACKSON 1629

Omaha, Nebr. March 12, 1935.

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Mr. E. C. Kemper,
c/o The Octagon,
1741 N. Y. Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C.



Dear Ed:-

It was very pleasant to receive your letter of February 26. Yours is almost the only comment I have received on the "By-Stander". I dont look for any general attempt on anybody's part to send in answers. The "professional spirit" is having a hellofa rough road these days. However, I am pleased at your suggestion that I produce an article for the Octagon. I have written a couple of things for the Architectural Record which are supposed to appear shortly.

You have not been officially notified as yet, but Old Bill was elected President of the Nebraska Chapter at the annual meeting Feb.9. This means, I hope, that we will exchange letters more frequently than in the immediate past. I hope that things will shape around so that I can go to Milwaukee. Had a letter from Abe yesterday urging me to begin planning to go.

Best regards,

Bill.

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WILLIAM L. STEELE
OMAHA, NEBR.

6/29/35

Dear Eddie:-

Thanks much for your letter. The Octagon came this morning, and the Neb. Chapter is holding its June Meeting this pm. Pres. Voorhes letter will be the chief order of business.

Sam had a number of requests for copies of my "tribute" to T.P.K. I had a fool notion that it also would appear in the Octagon. Would it be too much trouble to have one of the gals dig it out of the Proceedings & mail me a transcript? Thank you.

Am wondering what I ought to be thinking about the waves of silence that are emanating from Mecca. Is Ike going to be stopped on and pushed under by that Hopkins Boy? The Damfools (pardon me) that talk so learnedly about the distinction

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that should be made between materials
& labor (as entitled to a prior claim
for Govt funds) do not seem to realize
that there are no vast accumulations
of materials piled up - at least not
west of Chicago at any rate. Therefore
labor would enter into every item in
a Big Way.

Hell's Bells!

He is at his customary Dude
Ranch in Wyoming & I expect to
see him in a week or so on his way
back to Ohio.

As ever

Bill

EX

But I do not pay my "Alumni dues"!

P.S. Did you receive the Interprofessional Quarterly
for June? If not please let me know.

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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All that has been written or published about our
friend "Tom" Kimball is true. **July 11, 1936.** He has just
passed last September has deepened my sense of
appreciation for his true self. He was primarily a workaholic,
therefore, an honest professional man. His interests were
many and varied, so much so that he often neglected his own
affairs. An expert in a field or from a cause to which he
sympathized was with honest and warm-hearted responses.

Dear Bill:

This is the first moment to respond to yours of
the 29th.

Herewith, in duplicate, is copy of your tribute to
T. R. K. Please edit.

Let me know if I can be of any help to you here in
connection with your project.

Do not overlook us on your next trip.

He appreciated honest praise, but hated flattery, hypocrisy,
deceit, and meaningless ceremony. His was one of those rare
natures, I think like those of the great men, which are unobtrusive
and the man of humble rank were so happily combined that you could
be perfectly at home with either.

Fraternally yours,

He was a man whose narrow shoulders, his working clothes,
to be someone worthy of having named his friendship. We cannot
remember his truly if we forget his charming wit, his essen-
tial cordiality, his unending courage.

This tribute to his memory is hereby made in the hope that it
can help with the work you Kimball started here.

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Mr. William L. Steele, F.A.I.A.,
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THOMAS H. KIMBALL

1862-1934

All that has been written or publicly said about our friend "Tom" Kimball is true. Each month that has gone by since his passing last September has deepened my sense of appreciation for his true self. He was primarily unselfish, therefore, an ideal professional man. His interests were many and varied, so much so that he often neglected his own affairs. An appeal from a friend or from a cause to which he was sympathetic met with instant and whole-hearted response. Once given, his support and cooperation were never withdrawn. He allowed his own reputation to be assailed when he was screening some one else whom he felt was entitled to his protection and sponsorship.

He was brilliant in debate, logical and clear in his thinking, an ardent proponent of professional ideals, especially where architecture was concerned. He was a Fellow in the Institute, served on all its important committees, was President, first of the Institute, and then of the Press. His architectural accomplishment was conscientious, substantial, and always painstakingly correct. At times he scaled the heights. He was artist, architect, engineer, scientist, teacher, and ever a student and thinker. He was an athlete, a sportsman, an old-fashioned gentleman.

He appreciated honest praise, but hated flattery, toadyism, shame, and meaningless ceremony. His was one of those rare natures, I think like Thomas Jefferson's, in which the aristocrat and the man of humble rank were so happily combined that Tom could be perfectly at home with either.

He was a man whose memory challenges us, his surviving friends, to be somehow worthy of having owned his friendship. We cannot remember him truly if we forget his stimulating manhood, his essential straightness, his crusading courage.

This tribute to his memory is humbly made in the hope that we can help make the seeds Tom Kimball planted bear fruit.

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May 11, 1938.

Dear Bill:

It was good to hear from you in your letter of May 5. I wish you could have been at the New Orleans Convention. It seemed to me that The Institute really made progress along the liberal road. Also, we had a record-breaking attendance, among them a lot of your old friends.

Be thinking about the 1939 convention in Washington which will coincide with the meeting of the International Congress of Architects. You will hear plenty about it between now and then, and it would surely be good to have you at an Institute meeting again.

With regard to the Chicago Building Code and the clipping which you sent with its reference to the architects: We are sending this on to Mr. John R. Fugard, Regional Director of the Illinois-Wisconsin District. He is in close touch with developments in Chicago along this line and can, undoubtedly, take some appropriate action, either directly, through the Chicago Chapter, or through the Illinois Society of Architects.

Sincerely yours,

ECK:LF

Mr. William L. Steele, F.A.I.A.,
Kimball, Steele & Sandham,
2236 St. Mary's Avenue,
Omaha, Nebraska.

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Steele

January 19, 1944

Dear Mr. Sandham:

Vicissitudes here have delayed a response to yours of December 29.

We write to thank you and Mr. Steele for your check for \$40.00 covering Institute dues of each for the year 1944.

This will continue each membership through 1944 and we hope that conditions will so improve as to make it entirely convenient to clear the account before the end of the year.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Treasurer

Mr. J. D. Sandham, A.I.A.
625 Electric Building
Omaha, Nebraska (2)

ECK:ER

(See 2-3
Sandham)

WM. L. STEELE, F.A.I.A.
J. D. SANDHAM, A.I.A.
WM. L. STEELE, JR.
ASSOCIATE

THE AMERICAN
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ARCHITECTS
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WASHINGTON, D. C.

Omaha, Nebr., July 5, 1945.

Mr. E. C. Kemper
Executive Secretary A.I.A.
c/o The Octagon,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Eddie:

The Old Codger was rather pleased with the current "Journal" which reached Tom Kimball's old desk today. I liked Mr. Sturgis' article. He presided at my first Convention in Washington, and I have a clear mental picture of him and his distinguished presence. Also his lovely daughter who was there with him, and who, from afar, disturbed the even tenor of my heart-beats.

Your ancient friend reached the ripe (though otherwise unpleasant) age of 70 this spring. I have been wondering why I do not get a polite note from Mr. Robinson suggesting that if I pay my back dues I will be enrolled among the "Emeriti". I may then pluck up courage to write to Mr. Robinson to ask him what became of the Fellowship that was proposed for George Elmslie and also the posthumous honors for Louis Sullivan.

Also confess to some annoyance over the report of the Committee of the National Accrediting Board. The names of the members of this Board should be displayed. Yes? No? The Architectural Engineer, having already received a diploma, should not be discredited at this late date. I think that perhaps Ferris is nearer right than Litchfield. Art and Science are both in the picture. Does it matter much which has the "priority"?

You still have my time-tested affection,

Sincerely



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Steele

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Steele
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July 9, 1945

Dear Bill:

It's good to hear from you again but I got the same shock on being told that you are seventy years old that I got when Louis La Beaume sent the same information about himself.

Election as Member Emeritus does not take place automatically but upon request. So we are sending one of the forms and if you will fill it out at your convenience and return it, we will take care of all of the details.

With regard to George Emslie, he is a Member Emeritus but not a Fellow. All Fellowship elections are by The Jury of Fellows and entirely out from under the wing of the Secretary or The Board.

The Gold Medal was to have been presented posthumously to Louis Sullivan at the 1944 Convention, which was postponed. The 1945 Convention was a reduced one and we were not permitted to have a formal dinner - so The Board decided to hold the Gold Medal for presentation at the first real Convention possible.

With best regards and hoping that the future will give us opportunity to meet for a good talk on man and measures, I am,

Fraternally yours,

ECK:ekp

Enclosure

Mr. Wm. L. Steele, F.A.I.A.
625 Electric Building
Omaha, Nebraska



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON 6, D. C.
Office of The Secretary

NOTICE OF IMPENDING TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

To **Mr. William La Barthe Steele, A.I.A.**
625 Electric Bldg.
Omaha, Nebraska

As of January 1 of this year, it was necessary for The Secretary to inform you that, because of your default of dues at the close of the previous year, your membership in The Institute had been suspended.

At that time you were advised that you could restore your membership within the ensuing twelve months period by paying your indebtedness, and that if you failed to so restore your membership it would automatically terminate at the close of the year.

The Secretary hereby notifies you that to date you have not restored your membership, being still indebted to The Institute in the amount stated below, and that, if you do not pay at least the dues for 1944 on or before December 31 of this year (1945), your memberships in The Institute and in its chapters of which you are a member will terminate on that date.

The Board sincerely hopes you will not allow this to happen.

December 1, 1945.

Alexander C. Robinson III
Secretary.

Indebtedness: \$40.00

Copy mailed to secretaries
of following named chapters:

Nebraska Chapter



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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON 6, D. C.
Office of The Secretary

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Electric Building
Omaha, Nebraska

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The Board sincerely hopes you will not allow this to happen.

December 1, 1946.

Alexander C. Robinson II
Secretary.

Indebtedness: \$45.00

Copy mailed to secretaries
of following named chapters:

Nebraska Chapter A.I.A.

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

Omaha, Nebr., Dec. 6, 1946.

E. C. Kemper,
Executive Secretary,
American Inst. of Archts.
1741 New York Ave., N.W.,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Kemper:

Greetings, and belated congratulations to an
Honorable Member.

I am wondering if you will advise me what is
necessary to get my partner, our beloved friend, Wm. L.
Steele, F. A. I. A., on to the Member Emeritus list. He
is past 71 years old (born 1875) and hasnot been able to
come to the office since about the middle of January, 1946.

Both he and I are two years behind in dues (but
that can be taken care of before "termination of membership").

Bill's able son, Wm. L. Steele, Jr. long our chief
draftsman, is now a partner, carrying on his father's good
reputation; I hope soon to get Bill, Jr. into the Institute
where he belongs.

With best regards, I am

Your old friend

JDS-g

J. D. Sandham

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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~~Sandham~~
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December 11, 1946

Dear Mr. Sandham:

Your letter of December 6 was waiting for me when I got back from a recent Board meeting in New Orleans.

Bill Steele should certainly be a Member Emeritus. Herewith is the customary application form. Please fill it in for him, have him sign it, or sign it for him, and return it so that we can get him elected a Member Emeritus as of January 1, 1947.

With reference to past dues, both yours and his, we are sure that The Board of Examiners, which now acts on such matters, would recommend remission if the Nebraska Chapter took the initiative in making such a recommendation. Otherwise, we have to continue to send the bills.

Please be assured of our interest and concern here in these two matters. We hope to hear from you about them as soon as you can respond conveniently.

Meanwhile, please give my best personal regards to Bill Steele who has done so much for the profession.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. J. D. Sandham, A.I.A.
Electric Building
Omaha 2, Nebraska

P.S. Herewith is an application form for corporate membership. It would be swell to have Bill Steele, Jr. in The Institute. The admission fee is \$5.00; the annual dues are \$5.00 for the first year, \$10.00 for the second year and so on up to \$25.00.

E.C.K.

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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~~Supra~~
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~~Oct 20~~

July 23, 1947

Dear Mr. Sandham:

This is informal. Herewith is copy of our letter of December 11, 1946, to you with particular reference to the status of Bill Steele.

His name is under suspension because he owes \$70.00 for dues for 1945, 1946, and 1947. Unless some action is taken electing him a Member Emeritus, or remitting these dues, his membership in The Institute will be terminated automatically on December 31 of this year.

Can you do something to help in this matter? It would be really distressing to have Bill's membership terminated after all these years when he is entitled to recognition.

Another copy of the Member Emeritus form is enclosed, and if you will get him to sign it we shall ask for his election as a Member Emeritus as of January 1, 1947.

This will leave him indebted for dues for 1945 and 1946, which - if the Chapter so recommends - could be remitted by The A.I.A.

All of this may take a little doing, and we feel sure that you will help.

With regard to your own dues, please take care of the account before December 31 of this year, or have the Chapter make recommendation for remission.

The Institute must not lose your affiliation or Bill Steele's, so please do something about these matters, and greatly oblige.

Sincerely yours,

L.H.

Mr. J. D. Sandham, A.I.A.
Electric Building
Omaha 2, Nebraska

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Nov 30

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October 29, 1947

Dear Mr. Hemphill:

This is an informal letter with regard to The Institute's status of Mr. William L. Steele, F.A.I.A.

For many, many years Mr. Steele has been a distinguished member of The A.I.A., once served on its Board of Directors, and on various committees.

Mr. Steele's membership is now under suspension for non-payment of Institute dues in the sum of \$70.00 for the years 1945, 1946 and 1947. Unless some action is taken his membership will be terminated automatically on December 31, 1947.

It occurs to me that Mr. Steele may be eligible for election as a Member Emeritus - which would relieve him from the payment of Institute dues, while retaining his membership as a member in good standing of The A.I.A.

A formal application for election as a Member Emeritus is enclosed. It also gives complete information.

Is it in order to suggest that some effort be made locally to bring about the filing of this application before the end of the current year; and to suggest that the Nebraska Chapter might recommend the election, at the same time recommending a waiver of the outstanding dues?

We did not know the present situation in this matter and wrote at some length on July 23 to Mr. J. D. Sandham making suggestions along the same lines as indicated above. We have not heard from him and now turn to you in the hope of preserving the affiliation of Mr. Steele.

Any suggestions that you might send or any action that can be taken by the chapter - prior to the end of the current year - will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Ben F. Hemphill, President
Nebraska Chapter, A.I.A.
2135 Sewell Street
Lincoln, Nebraska

Executive Director

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BENJAMIN F. HEMPHILL
ARCHITECT
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

REC'D DEC - 8 1947

6 December 1947

Edward C. Kemper, Executive Director
The American Institute of Architects
1741 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kemper:

I am enclosing herewith one copy of an application for Membership Emeritus signed by Wm. L. Steele, and one copy of a favorable recommendation for remission of Institute dues for Mr. Steele, signed by the Secretary of the Nebraska Chapter, A. I. A.

Nebraska Architects sincerely hope that the application for Membership Emeritus for Mr. Steele will be granted by the Institute and that the Board of Directors will concur in the recommendation for remission of his unpaid dues.

Respectfully submitted

Ben F. Hemphill

Ben F. Hemphill, President
Nebraska Chapter, A. I. A.
2135 Sewell Street
Lincoln, Nebraska

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP EMERITUS

TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS,
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS:

*Strike out the
inappropriate
reason, a or b,
as the case
may be.*

I wish to apply for Membership Emeritus in The Institute for the following reasons:

- a. I am more than 70 years of age.
- b. I am unable to engage in any gainful vocation.

*Write in
name of
chapter.*

I have been in good standing in The Institute and the Nebraska chapter
for 15 successive years or more immediately preceding the date of this application.

Respectfully,

Date November 24 1947 .

W. L. Steele
Signature

The applicant may supplement the above reasons in writing below or on sheets which he shall attach to this application. Under exceptional conditions and circumstances, The Board of Directors may lessen the period of good standing but neither of requirements a or b.

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

COPY

Handwritten initials and a large diagonal line.

December 9, 1947

Dear Mr. Hemphill;

Many thanks for your letter of December 6th and for your attention to the application for Membership Emeritus for Mr. William L. Steele.

The application and the Chapter's recommendation for the remission of past Institute dues will be submitted to The Board of Examiners at its meeting in January, and we feel sure that it will report favorably.

We shall be sure to let you know soon after that meeting what action was taken.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Director

Mr. Ben F. Hemphill, President
Nebraska Chapter, A.I.A.
2135 Sewell Street
Lincoln, Nebraska

K/s

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Steele

January 19, 1948

Dear Mr. Steele:

On behalf of the Secretary it gives me pleasure to advise that the Board of Directors of the Institute has waived your Institute dues for the years 1945 to 1947, inclusive, and elected you a Member Emeritus, effective December 31, 1947.

Formal notice of election is enclosed.

Mr. Kemper is away on extended leave, but I know if he were here he would wish to send his best personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

Edmund R. Purves
Acting Executive Director

Mr. William L. Steele, F.A.I.A.
Electric Building
Omaha 2, Nebraska

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Copy to the President, Nebraska Chapter, A.I.A.
Secretary, " " "



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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

NOTICE OF ELECTION—MEMBER EMERITUS

TO **Mr. William L. Steele, F.A.I.A.**
Electric Building
Omaha 2, Nebraska

It is my privilege to advise you that The Board of Directors has conferred upon you
the title

MEMBER EMERITUS

of The American Institute of Architects and of its component organizations of which you are
a member, exempting you from the payment of annual dues to The Institute and such
organizations, effective **December 31, 1947** .

Date **January 19,** 1948.

Garland
Secretary

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

WILLIAM L. STEELE

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ 126 E. Division street
Neillsville, Wisconsin

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February 27, 1948

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Mr. Edmund R. Purves
Acting Executive Director
The American Institute of Architects
1741 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Mr. Purves:

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Answering yours of January 19th I am
deeply aware of the honor I now hold
in the new title. I admit that I get
a slight kick that it was my motion
which established said title. I trust
that in the short time which seems to
have been allotted to me I shall not do
anything very disgraceful while I hold
it. With very best regards to yourself,
the other members of the board, to
Eddie and to the girls in the office, I
am

yours sincerely,

W L Steele

William L. Steele

WLS:sn

WM. L. STEELE, F.A.I.A.
J. D. SANDHAM, A.I.A.
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412 ELECTRIC BUILDING
OMAHA 2, NEBRASKA

TELEPHONE
JACKSON 1629

1948 APR 26 PM 1:35

WASHINGTON, D. C.
Omaha, Nebr., April 24, 1948.

The Secretary
American Institute of Architects,
1741 New York Ave., N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Policies under the AIA Group Professional Liability Insurance have been received for J. D. Sandham and for Wm. L. Steele, Jr., but so far none for Wm. L. Steele, F.A.I.A. (Emeritus).

Will you please advise us whether a Member Emeritus is still a Corporate Member, and entitled to receive the policy.

Yours truly,

Steele, Sandham & Steele

By



JDS:G

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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COPY
Steele

April 27, 1948

Dear Mr. Sandham:

This is in reply to your letter of April 24.

We cannot understand why Mr. William L. Steele, F.A.I.A. (Emeritus), did not receive a group professional liability insurance policy, but we shall call this to the attention of The Institute's insurance brokers immediately. We are sure that you will hear from them in due course.

In reply to your question, a Member Emeritus is a corporate member of The Institute for life and, as such, is entitled to receive the policy.

Sincerely yours,

J. W. R.

Executive Assistant

Mr. J. D. Sandham, A.I.A.
c/o Steele, Sandham & Steele, Architects
412 Electric Building
Omaha 2, Nebraska

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354 Omaha National Bank Building
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March 21, 1949

REC'D MAR 24 1949

Mr. Edmund R. Purves
Executive Director
The American Institute of Architects
1741 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington D. C.

Dear Mr. Purves:

I regret to report the death of
William L. Steele Sr. F.A.I.A. of
Omaha Nebraska on March 4, 1949 at
Neilsville Wisconsin. Burial was in
Sioux City Iowa.

Sincerely yours,

Lyle A. Lydick

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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COPY

Steele

March 29, 1949

Dear Mr. Lydick:

It is with regret that we have received your letter of March 21 advising of the death on March 4 of William L. Steele, Sr., Fellow of The Institute.

If you have any newspaper clippings or other data concerning Mr. Steele's life and works, we should like to have that information for the Historical File here at The Octagon.

Sincerely yours,

Edmund R. Purves
Executive Director

Mr. Lyle A. Lydick, Secretary
Nebraska Architects Association,
A Chapter of the A.I.A.
354 Omaha National Bank Building
Omaha, Nebraska

ERP:B

cc go - Mrs. Miller



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April 4, 1949

Mr. Edmund R. Purves
Executive Director
The American Institute of Architects
1741 New York Ave., N.W.
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Purves:

Referring to your letter of March 29th regarding historical
of the late William L. Steele Sr. Fellow of The Institute:

Enclosed are two copies of information received from his
office.

Our Executive Committee recorded the following resolution
at the last meeting:

" The Executive Committee was deeply grieved by the death
of William L. Steele Sr., F.A.I.A. Mr. Steele had been a member
of The American Institute of Architects since 1913, was made a
Fellow of The Institute in 1918 and during his term of member-
ship had held the offices of Second Vice President and Acting
Secretary of The Institute.

He was instrumental in promoting and administering the
registration law for Architects and Engineers in Nebraska,
having been a member of the first Board of Examiners on which
he faithfully served until ill health forced him to retire.

He had been a member of the Nebraska Architects Assoc-
iation since it's origin.

Resolved that we record our appreciation of the inspiring
and cherished example which he has given us in his unselfish
service to the highest ideals of his profession."

I trust this information will be sufficient for you to
edit an item for the Historical File.

Sincerely yours,

William L. Steele, Architect, died early this morning March 4th at Neillsville, Wisconsin, after a protracted illness, Age 74.
Mr. Steele was born at Springfield, Ill., May 2, 1875; son of Robert Clingan and Mary Eleanor (LaBarthe) Steele; graduate of high school Springfield, Ill., 1892. in Architecture, U. of Ill. 1896.

m. Mariana Green of Champaign, Ill., April 30, 1901;
Children, Mariana, Melissa, William LaBarthe, Harriet Gertrude (dec), Jane Raymond, Sarah Green, Philip Joseph.

Draftsman in architectural offices of Louis H. Sullivan, Chicago 1897-1900, Thos. Rodd, Pittsburgh, Pa. 1900-01, Alden & Harlow, Pittsburgh 1901-02, Sidney F. Heckert, Pittsburgh, 1902-04, W.W. Beach, Sioux City, Ia. 1904-05; mem. firm Beach & Steele, 1905-07, practiced alone Sioux City 1907-26; mem. firm Kimball, Steele & Sandham, Omaha 1928 to 1934; mem. firm Steele, Sandham & Steele, since 1934.

Principal work, Woodbury County Court House, Sioux City, with George G. Elmslie, Associated, First Congregational Church, Davidson Office Bldg., St. Vincent's Hospital (all of Sioux City); Sacred Heart Hospital, LeMars, Iowa; Kappa Sigma Fraternity house, Iowa City, etc. Past mem. Mayor's Com. of Housing, past treas. Omaha Community Playhouse. Dist. officer for Neb.-Kan. Historic Am. Buildings Survey. State architectural adviser Home Owners Loan Corp. Chief architect North Side Housing Project, Omaha; partner on St. Cecilia's Cathedral (Omaha), Federal Office Bldg. (Omaha), Board of Control Bldgs. at Lincoln and Hastings, Nebr. Four minute speaker, World War. Former member Library Board, Planning Commission, Sioux City, Ia. Vice-Chairman Nebraska State Board Examiners for Professional Engineers and Architects.

Fellow American Institute of Architects (ex. vice-pres.)

Former member American Inter-professional Institute (Omaha) Chapter)

Omaha Chamber of Commerce, Sigma Chi, K.C. - Elk.

Club: Rotary Sioux City (president 1919)

Contributed to Journal Am. Institute of Architects, House Beautiful, The Architect, Ecclesiastical Rev.

For the past year and a half he has been living with a daughter in Neillsville, Wisc.

Mrs. Steele died Jan. 27, 1948.

Funeral will be in Sioux City, Ia. for which arrangements are being made.

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STEELE, SANDHAM & STEELE
ARCHITECTS
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Wm. L. Steele, F. A. I. A., Emeritus

- Became A. I. A. Member in 1913, when Western Association of Architects taken into A. I. A.
- Made a Fellow of the Institute in 1918.
- During his practice in Sioux City a notable example of his work was the Woodbury Co. (Sioux City) Court House, he having Geo. G. Elmslie as Associate.
- In the A. I. A., served as 2nd Vice-President, also (while the Secretary was ill) as Acting Secretary.
- Long active in Iowa Chapter, A. I. A.
- Coming to Omaha in 1928, was long active in the Nebraska Chapter.
- When the Nebraska Architects Association was formed he often gave constructive advice.