THE ARCHITECTURAL LEAGUE OF AMERICA.

For the first time the Architectural League of America met in annual convention on Canadian soil. The fourth convention opened in the Gallery of the Ontario Society of Artists, King St. West, Toronto, at 2 p. m. on May 29th., Mr. J. C. Llewellyn, the President, presiding. Among those in attendance were the following:

J. C. Lewellyn, Chicago Architectural Club; E. J. Russell, St. Louis Architectural Club; Charles Pfeil, St. Louis Architectural Club; A. C. Barrett, Eden Smith, William Rae, Charles E. Langley, J. C. B. Horwood, C. H. Acton Bond, Henry Sproatt, J. Brown, A. C. Barrett, I. Perkins, Toronto ; Dwight Herald Hynes, Robert Craik McLean, (editor Inland Architect), Chicago; Newton A. Wells, Champaign, Ill.; Francis S. Swales, Detroit Architectural Club; Cheri A. Mandelbaun, Detroit; Frederick G. Todd, Montreal; Frederick William Strabenger, Ira O. Hoffman, Albert E. Skeel, Cleveland, Ohio; Herman Kregelius, Cleveland Architectural Club; William Laurie Harris, Frederick S. Lamb, John Harder, Geo. Pentecost, Jr., H. K. Bush Brown, New York; Emil Lorch, Chicago Architectaral Club, Cambridge, Mass.; A.C. Williams, Chicago Architectural Club; Henry D. Bates, Architectural Review, Arthur D. Rogers, Boston.



MR. EMIL LORCH, Corresponding Secretary, Chicago.

The delegates from the United States were welcomed to Toronto by the President of the Toronto Architectural Eighteen Club, Mr. Eden Smith. The President in his reply referred to the small attendance as due to the Convention being held at a time of the year when architects were unusually busy.

Mr. E. J. Russell, of the St. Louis Architectural Club, was elected speaker of the Convention, Mr. Albert E. Skeele, of Cleveland, Ohio, Secretary, Mr. Julius F. Harder, New York and Mr. C. A. Mandelbaum, of Chicago, auditors.

The report of the Executive Board presented by Mr. Llewellyn stated that the past year had been an uneventful one, the work of the League having been largely carried forward by the Committees. The board recommended that adequate provision be made for the publication of the proceedings. Several applications to aid in securing legislation of interest to architects had been referred back to the Clubs for individual action. The report of the Committee on Circuit Exhibitions showed that difficulties had been encountered in carry-

ing on these exhibitions according to schedule, and that some new arrangement would probably have to be made. The report of the Committee on Current Club Work stated that there had been an increase in membership in nearly all the Clubs during the year, and that much attention had been given to the subject of municipal improvement, many of the Clubs working in harmony with the municipal authorities. This was



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particularly the case in Cleveland and St. Louis. The Cincinnati Club had set a good example to the other Clubs by making a collection of photographs and drawings of interesting old buildings. Reports were read showing in detail the work on which the various local Clubs have been engaged during the year. These reports showed that the expense of the exhibitions held under the auspices of the Clubs forming the League, had ranged from \$1,300 to \$8,000, and that the interest manifested by the public had been very disappointing. On this point, Mr. Pfeil, of St. Louis, stated that the Club which he represented were finding it more difficult every year to raise the money for their exhibition. The admission fees received amounted to only \$30 or \$40, the balance of \$2,000 having to be raised by ad-



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vertising. It was found that by joining the Artists' Guild a larger attendance and greater interest was secured.