
E d i t o r i a l

By President Hamner

TO those of the membership not fortunate enough to be in attendance at the Fall Meeting in Chicago, these observations may not be out of place.

The meeting was held in the Florentine Room of the Congress Hotel, in which a Spring meeting was held in pre-Volstead days when H. S. Bailey presided at the dinner. The writer, during the convention last week had a letter from Mr. Bailey recalling those happy days. The old place looked very much as it did when we were there before, a beautiful hall with excellent acoustics, and I am sure we out of town people felt thoroughly at home.

Around the walls of the convention hall were arranged booths, in which were most excellent exhibits of chemicals, apparatus, and equipment of all sorts, and also one of our own Journal. An innovation was the distribution of Oil & Soap Junior, which was cleverly and amusingly illustrated. The exhibits were all most interesting and well worth seeing.

The program of this meeting was sent you by the Secretary, but mere reading of the program will give you no indication whatever of the excellence of the papers, which were original and thorough studies of subjects assigned. These will of course be printed from time to time in OIL & SOAP. As evidence of the interest shown in the program, I believe it safe to say that not less than 95 per cent of all members in attendance at the meeting could be found at any time in the convention hall, listening intently to everything that was said. In this respect, I never saw the equal of this meeting. The attendance from out of the Chicago district was much larger than I expected, and from Chicago itself was remarkable. I met a good number of members for the first time.

There was no formal function, or dinner, held; instead, after each meeting there was an informal luncheon in the Pine Room. The membership sat in small or large groups, as seemed good to them, and if joy was not unrefined, good fellowship was certainly unconfined. These luncheons were excellent and most enjoyable.

The Bowling Tournament was a huge success and it was most interesting to watch Mr. Vollersten blow into his ball "to increase its size." The writer, whether at bowling or golfing seems unable to get out of the nineties.

The Preview of the Century of Progress showed much more already accomplished than any of us anticipated. The trip was made in cars of the local members, taking some two hours' time, which seemed like 30 minutes. It was well worthwhile.

In addition to the regular schedule of entertainment features, there were numbers of parties arranged to suit the convenience and pleasure of the out of town visitors. Someone was always ready to take you anywhere you wanted to go, either singly or in parties, besides football parties and dinner parties in private homes.

The local Ladies' Committee under the able and charming direction of Mrs. John P. Harris evidently entertained the visitors to their hearts' desire, as they would disappear early in the morning, and return tired but happy. I understand from what I consider excellent authority that "a good time was had by all."

This convention to me was a revelation of what Fall Meetings have grown into, and when the membership from the South and extreme West realize the excellence of these meetings, a larger attendance will be on hand. This was the writer's first but not last attendance at a Fall Meeting.


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