If ever we have our doubts as to the value of the Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents Association, they are removed completely by the simple expediency of attending our annual Turf Conference. This year was exceptional, not only so far as the program was concerned, but also because of some social innovations which were enthusiastically accepted.

This conference always is to me a sort of time marker. I compare from year to year how much of the winter work is done and how much yet remains to be done in relation to this conference. But more than that, it seems to be the culmination of a year’s effort, and the beginning of a new season. It is, as it were, a sort of rejuvenation. One leaves this meeting with an enthusiastic desire to put some new knowledge and new ideas into immediate use.

Did you notice the number of members from out of state? We might seriously consider the changing of our name to “Upper Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents”.

Just a thought: With the possibility of the University of Minnesota offering a course in Turf Management, students of said course to graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree, one well might ponder the effects of this on our profession. To say the least, it will enhance the stature of the superintendent, and at some not too distant date, one may envision every new man in this field required to be a college graduate.

There are a number of courses, 18 holes and 9, with competent superintendents who do not belong to our association. Maybe a word from you will encourage them to join us. If you are near some one who does not belong, talk to him and extend an invitation to the next meeting. Let’s have a 100% Association.

Anyone have any ideas he has found to be helpful around the golf course and shop? We are soliciting these items for publication. If there are no volunteers, you may be drafted to contribute to a Helpful Hints Column.