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## A Chat With Our President

**I** HAVE been told many times that I was the founder of our association. Yet this organization came from a more powerful source than is invested in any one man. And like a great river, it takes many streams and springs to carry it on. The outstanding figures in our association, working with every individual member have made it what it is.

**W**ALTER C. REED, formerly of Pepper Pike Country Club, Cleveland, Ohio is now with one of the leading clubs in the Saint Louis district, the new Westwood Country Club.

**J**OHN GRAY, Essex Country Club, Ontario, Canada has putting greens entirely of velvet bent.

**T**HERE are golf officials who seem to believe that a greenkeeper can have good putting greens, even if he takes everything from the soil and returns nothing.

**D**O not get into the habit of leaning on a prop for by so doing you only weaken it, and sometime it will let you down.

**H**IRAM GODWIN, Redford Country Club, Redford, Michigan has putting greens that were planted with creeping bent stolons five years ago, and are still in excellent putting condition.

**A**TTEND our next convention and strive to see that unselfish, honest and capable men are placed in the positions of responsibility in your organization. Then you should treat them as such and give them a fair opportunity to study and work out your problems for you. Trust them and then try to get the vision they must have to make their work effective. Be slow to criticize. Give as well as take; it makes for success and satisfaction every time.

**T**HE Thanksgiving season is now upon us and the members of our association have every reason to be thankful. Our courses are on the average in better condition than one year ago. The financial condition of the clubs we represent is also more substantial. We have been drawn closer together than ever before as a profession. We will be able to proceed with the next season with more knowledge and understanding. While

we deplore the loss of one of our members by death, when we take into consideration the fact that out of so large a membership our death rate has been only one per cent we all should be thankful, for no other fraternity with the same amount of membership can produce such a record. This shows that greenkeeping is certainly a healthy vocation to follow.

**W**. J. ROCKEFELLER, Inverness Country Club, Toledo, Ohio and secretary of our association recently lost by death his estimable wife. Mr. Rockefeller has the warm sympathy of the members of our association.

**T**HE greatest comfort in affliction is found in rendering service to others. Join the Death Benefit Fund.

**W**HERE you find a greenkeeper that is thoroughly acquainted with his vocation, and a professional that is a good instructor, both connected with the same club, you generally find them working together for the interest of the course like two peas in a pod.

**J**OHN RUSKIN says, "When men are rightfully occupied their amusements grow out of their work as the color petals out of a fruitful flower; when they are faithfully helpful and compassionate, all their emotions are steady, deep, perpetual and vivifying to the soil as the natural pulse to the body."

**C**HARLES JARMAN of Brookside Country Club, Canton, Ohio had two putting greens that were formerly planted with fescue and failed to produce a good putting surface. Charlie got busy—he burned out all the weeds with sulphate of ammonia, then shaved the putting greens with the mowers, gave them a top dressing, planted them with stolons, and these two putting greens are now coming along fine. He did not even disc the surface of the old greens.

**F**RANK W. CURRIER, St. Thomas Golf & Country Club, Union, Canada, says he does not believe in dope for his putting greens. I believe it would be better for all of us if we used less dope.

**F**ELLOWSHIP, Brotherhood and Understanding, which are the chief blessings of a wholesome civilization, never were so widely accessible to man as they are today.

**I**T is well for a man to respect his vocation, whatever it is, to think himself bound to uphold it, and to claim for it the respect it deserves.

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**D**ON'T forget to mention our magazine when sending in an order for sulphate.

**W**E are only one year old, and our membership is firmly imbedded in thirty-four states and five provinces in the Dominion of Canada.

**W**HEN you get into a tight place and everything goes against you 'till it seems you cannot hold on a minute longer, never give up then, for that is just the place and time the tide will turn.

**W**. H. WAY (better known as Bertie Way), pro-greenkeeper of Mayfield Country Club, Cleveland, Ohio is one of the old-timers. I know of a number of greenkeepers including myself in those early days of golf who used to go to Bert for information.

**L**ETTING well enough alone is a foolish motto in the life of a man who wants to get ahead. In the first place nothing is well enough, if you can do better.

**A**S the time is fast approaching for our second annual convention we will be pleased to receive from any district association or individual greenkeeper suggestions that will have a tendency to further promote the general welfare of greenkeeping or our association.

**I**T has been stated that the character and qualifications of the leader are reflected in the men he selects, develops and gathers around him. Show me the leader,

and I will know his men. Show me his men and I will know their leader. Therefore, to have loyal, efficient employees be a loyal and efficient employer.

**T**HE greenkeepers of the Chicago district should keep their eyes on Mayor Bill Thompson for when he gets through burning books which he claims are pro-English he will try to destroy golf courses claiming the game to be pro-Scotch.

**W**E have now arrived at the season of the year when greenkeepers have to commence to do a general overhauling to get everything in first class condition for spring.

**O**NE way to succeed is to utilize your odd moments. Every minute that you save by making it useful, more profitable, is so much added to your life and its possibilities. Every minute lost is a neglected by-product—once gone, you will never get it back.

**F**RED BURKHARDT, Westwood Country Club, was recently elected president of the Cleveland district greenkeepers' association. Fred, all the boys in this district wish you success.

**E**VERY greenkeeper should read Mr. C. M. Scherer's Month by Month with the Trees. How many greenkeepers know what causes the leaves in the fall to have different colors, and know that before the leaves fall the trees draw from the leaves the various elements they contain to be supplied to new leaves in the spring?

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