

I would say that our brothers in Cleveland have merely forestalled us by a year or two. We are at present working for the formation of a Metropolitan Association and that, we had in mind, was to be a stepping stone to a National Organization. If the Cleveland greenkeepers are further ahead than we, I say unhesitatingly, "Good luck to them." I have not the pleasure of personal acquaintance with any member of the Executive Council of the National Association but I have heard of several of them and they do seem to be very admirable gentlemen. They do not of course appear to be a widely representative body, but it will naturally follow that if we men from the east become members we shall then be able to have eastern representation on the Executive body of the National Association. As non-members we are of comparatively little interest to the National Association, but if we join them these fellows make our problems theirs, help us to solve difficulties, help us to fight our battles and give us through the magazine the

benefit of all information and experience at their command. They intend, too, to care for our families if we should drop out by the way. I have been frequently very grateful to different members of the Westchester Greenkeepers Association; they have been my friends both in business life and in a social way. Many of you I would never have had the opportunity of meeting had I not been a member of this Association and I hope to meet still more fellow members as the years go by with whom I can share experiences to the mutual enjoyment and benefit of all of us.

As the National Association exists to day there may be points we do not agree with them about, but let us take the matter up in its broadest sense and let unfavorable details be dealt with as we come to them. Let's vote whole-heartedly for nation-wide co-operation in our profession. We're not going to let an old Scotch egg woman see farther than we do. Let's be broad minded, co-operative in spirit and big hearted. *Let's join to a man!*

Future of Green Section Assured

NEW PLAN OF UNITED STATES GOLF ASSOCIATION

ALTHOUGH always fathered by the United States Golf Association, the department of the Green Section was organized as a separate body when it was inaugurated.

At the regular annual meeting held at the Pittsburgh Athletic Club on January 7-8, the new plans for the Green Section were disclosed. By unanimous vote, a resolution read by James Francis Burke, General Counsel for the U. S. G. A., to dissolve the original incorporation of the Green Section and unite this department with the governing golf association was passed.

A large increase in membership in the combined body will be the natural result, as under the new program, every golf club accepted as a member will pay a yearly membership fee of \$30, which fee will include the Green Section service. Few golf clubs will refuse the advantage of such a membership, is the belief of the Executive committee of 1926.

Among those who attended the meeting, it was the consensus of opinion that the United States Golf Association officials have by this act insured the continuance of the work of the Green Section for the golf clubs of this country. Indeed, it seemed to many who had been associated with Dr. C. V. Piper during the years of his unselfish service, that

And we who listened heard a clearly ringing voice again,

"Well done, my friends! You've answered to my call."

Mr. Alex Pirie, president of the National Professional Golfers' Association, in his talk on "Why the Green Section", made an earnest appeal for the Green Section to work in the future more closely in touch with the greenkeepers of the country.

Suggestions were made from the floor for the establishment of experimental stations in various districts. It was thought quite probable that some golf club in each district would co-operate fully by allowing the use of a plot of land to be devoted to an experimental turf garden.

Several pleas were made in the open discussion following the meeting on the 7th to hold Green Section meetings during the playing season, and on golf courses where turf problems may be discussed on the ground. Well organized local associations of greenkeepers follow this practice of meeting regularly once each month at different local clubs, and from these meetings they have derived a great deal of benefit.

Many subjects of interest to greenkeepers were well covered by the speakers on both days of the meeting; those of particular interest will be reported in future issues of this magazine.

A spirit walked in happiness among the men he loved;

His smiling presence filled the meeting hall,