



Around the Office Desk

NOW that preliminary plans for the annual meeting and Golf Show week have been made by the Executive committee, which met in Cleveland February 5, all we have to do is fill in the details such as making room reservations, ordering Association badges, and so on. That doesn't sound like so much, but it might be compared to lathing, plastering and decorating a house after the woodwork has been completed.

Mr. Joseph Valentine, Executive committee member from Philadelphia, writes under date of February 15 that at a meeting of the Philadelphia Golf Course Superintendents held the evening of the 14th, "I expressed to the best of my knowledge the aims of the National Association, and every one of our members will send their applications for membership to you."

LOCAL associations of greenkeepers are now being formed in several sections of the country. The Mid-West Greenkeepers Association covers a large territory around the Chicago district, and its president is John MacGregor of the Chicago Golf Club. This new organization is holding regular meetings which are very well attended, and it is already obvious that these meetings are having a strong and far reaching effect for good among the members.

A letter from Mr. Robert S. Greenfield of the Wilshire Country Club, Los Angeles, states that there is considerable talk about starting a Southern California Section of Greenkeepers. Indeed, the California greenkeepers were among the first to welcome and support the National Association.

Kansas City greenkeepers, in talking with Mr. J. O. Campbell, new Executive committee member of that district, express their belief that a National association of greenkeepers has been long needed, and they will send in their applications before the annual meeting. Mr.

Campbell is not only interesting the greenkeepers around Kansas City in their membership, but has started to line up good greenkeeping articles for The National Greenkeeper. He may be a new member of the Executive committee, but he evidently has a perfect understanding of what is necessary to do.

Westchester County and the Metropolitan districts of New York are active, going local associations. West-

chester County Greenkeepers Association was organized some time ago and the article, "Let's Join to a Man" in the February number of this magazine is indicative of the kind of organization it is. The Metropolitan District Association was organized on February 7, at the Hotel McAlpine, New York City.

Indianapolis, in the person of Mr. Carl A. Bretzloff, greenkeeper at Meridian Hills Country Club, offers appreciation of The National Greenkeeper. Mr. Bretzloff writes, "I sure do think that The National Greenkeeper is the best magazine I ever read, and I get lots of good points out of it." How about writing

a story yourself, Mr. Bretzloff?

CANADA will undoubtedly turn out at the annual meeting, as Canadian greenkeepers have written for further information ever since the National Association was organized. Recently a letter was received from Mr. John S. Anderson of the Cedarbrook Golf Course, Scarboro, stating "The greenkeepers of this country have never been thoroughly organized. It is up to you to do it." Canadian greenkeepers stand side by side with those of the United States on the membership list of the National Association. Not only that, but on the day of organization in Toledo, Ohio, September 13, 1926, the words, "of America" in the name of the association were written for the greenkeepers of Canada. The two flags blend as one. Come down to Chicago the

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When you can make two blades of grass grow where one grew before, and nurture them until they show not only two but more; when you can count upon the fingers of one hand the weeds you've seen, upon your rounds some morning, as you walk from green to green; when all your traps are freshly raked, unmarred by careless play, and the chairman pats you on the back, and does it every day; when you can gaze with pride and satisfaction in your eye upon your fairways, all of which in green perfection lie; when every foot of rough presents a hazard fair to all, and never any member has to buy another ball; when all the workers on your course are for you to a man, and every thing they do for you is every bit they can; when you can count your daily work as so much healthy fun—you'll be a Super-greenkeeper, a *human marvel*, son.