



Around the Office Desk

"HERE are my dues for 1928," writes Alex Miller of Mountainview Farm, New City, New York, "and I hope to read all about what happened at the convention in the April number of the magazine." Mr. Miller finds it impossible to attend, but what happens will be printed in the April and May issues of the GREENKEEPER, for the benefit of those who, like Mr. Miller, cannot make the trip to the annual convention.

"WE will be in Detroit in full force," comes word from James Muirden, vice-president from Cincinnati, which means that all the greenkeepers of the

Cincinnati district will be at the Hotel Fort Shelby when this magazine is issued.

"I'm enclosing a check for another member, and two more will follow shortly," adds Mr. Muirden, and right now we wish to put in an order for a special decoration to be conferred upon this collector of memberships. He must be visiting every greenkeeper down around Cincinnati, at the rate he sends them in.

PRESIDENT MORLEY, when he received the February issue of the magazine, wrote his approval thus, "I received the February number. Like all the others, it is fine. It would take two pages to express myself fully."

ALEX PIRIE, veteran pro-greenkeeper of the Chicago district, and president of the National Professional Golfers Association, said in a recent letter, "If your convention is not a success, it is not the fault of your officials, as they are making it impossible for grass to grow under their feet." Mr. Pirie, in addition to appearing on the speaking program, has accepted his appointment to serve on the committee on Laws at the convention.

DETROIT is on the job, Entertainment committee, hotel management, Show committee and all, in a determined effort to make a whirlwind success of the big meet. The publicity manager (name, dark secret)

assures us of a large Detroit attendance, and many coming in from far away points. As making good is a regular habit of the publicity manager in question, realization should exceed anticipation.

SEVEN-FOOT beds for tall members are a specialty at the Hotel Fort Shelby. Any member taller than that will kindly shrink to fit the accommodations.

LATE morning hours are not to be encouraged, but as the big banquet is scheduled for the evening of Friday, the 24th, it is suggested that members do not leave calls with the room clerk for earlier than 8:30 Saturday morning.

The business meeting will start at 10 A.M. on Saturday, and sleepy-heads will be all out of order.

A GREENKEEPER'S PRAYER

By T. L. LOMBARD, *Chairman Green Committee*
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GIVE unto me abundant strength to bear my many burdens.

Broaden me in the knowledge of my daily work. inculcate me with faith in all mankind.

Make me humble before the critical membership that they also may be contrite.

Enlighten me in all advances of our art but allow of discretion as to the application.

Deliver me from the trials and tribulations of each season's turnover.

Endow the Green committeemen with a large measure of vision and a generous portion of tolerance.

Pour out Nature's beneficial moisture on my thirsting turf.

Enrich my soil so that the greenest of the grass thereof shall be supreme.

Make the worms of the earth to vanish.

Give us generous portions of sunshine, both for the greens and our own souls.

Let the supreme effort be for good fellowship and understanding rather than low scores.

Above all grant me an appreciative directorate controlling a substantial bank balance.

AT the Motor Boat Show held recently at the Grand Central Palace, New York City, Mr. A. J. Wilder, late of Cleveland, now of Fenimore Country Club, White Plains, N. Y., was seen piloting an interested group of greenkeeper friends around. Mr. Wilder was discoursing on the various exhibits—with particular eloquence on the subject of speed boats, and we noticed that he accumulated a goodly supply of motor boat literature.

CHARLES E. MILLS, Florida member, writes us from West Palm Beach that he has been doing missionary work all through Florida during the past few months, in an endeavor to increase the membership in the National Association. That's why we have been receiving several inquiries from that section, and today we have an application from W. Roy Smith of Olympia, Florida, which is due to the good work of Joe Mitchell, veteran professional of the Cleveland district. Mr. Mitchell is at the Olympia Golf Club for the winter.

J. O. CAMPBELL, formerly of Kansas City, and more recently located at Normal, Nebraska, has

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