

## AN EDITORIAL

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THE Greenkeepers' convention is fundamentally different than a political convention. Political conventions consist of a body of *delegates* representing a political party. Our convention is not a body of appointed delegates; every member of our Association is welcome to a voice in Association affairs. Every member is expected to work for the good of the Association, and he can work to best advantage when on an equal footing with each and every member of the Association.

Chicago has been host to two great political conventions during the past year. Delegates to the political conventions provided the platforms and nominated the men of their particular party. The voters of this great nation then proceeded to select one man and one party platform. It is safe to assume that thousands of American citizens belonging to either political party, disagreed with the ideas of their own delegates.

Chicago is now host to the convention of the N. A. G. A. Our convention is not political. Nor is it simply fraternal. It is also educational. It is education that will lead us out of the labyrinth of these perplexing times. Not necessarily schooling. Education is the development of natural powers.

Where can a greenkeeper find a more perfect environment for the development of his natural powers than at our conventions? If he

seeks knowledge, he will have ample opportunity to learn. If he seeks advice, many are here who are competent to advise. If he seeks understanding, men are present who will listen to questions, and answer them fairly.

No greenkeeper here is represented by a delegate. He is his own spokesman because he is here. To gain the most for himself and his club, he must not be shy or backward. Let every man at this convention speak his mind and express his opinions. Let every man endeavor to become acquainted with his fellow members present, and freely discuss the best of greenkeeping practices. This convention is no place for any man to hide himself.

The question that your committeemen have in mind regarding this meeting and your attendance is—"how will our club benefit by your being present?"

He who attends this convention with the proper spirit will have a definite answer in mind. It will not be an answer covering any specific phase of greenkeeping. The answer may be in the thought of a resolution rather than a direct reply. He who leaves Chicago with the resolution to become *indispensable* to his club, and yet will *never believe that he is indispensable*, will be able to face his superior officer with a knowledge that the Chicago convention paid dividends to the *n*th degree.