

# Menu of the June Rotary Feast

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IT HAS become rather popular to name each convention, and therefore it seems quite appropriate to us that the June gathering in Salt Lake City should be known as the *Rotary Victory Convention*.

In setting out to build an International Rotary Convention program, one realizes at the beginning the necessity of establishing a theme or purpose. We have made a thoro study of our



*John Barrett, member of Rotary Club of Washington, D. C., Director General, Pan-American Union, who will address the Salt Lake City Convention.*

past conventions, their tone, their atmosphere and their accomplishment, with the result that we have determined the true purpose of an International Convention to be threefold,

1st—Inspiration,

2nd—Instruction,

3rd—Legislation,

and with these three objects in mind, our program for the coming year is written.

Rotary history has shown that the type of convention must be changed from time to time according to the will of the delegates. We are pleased to note this year a general demand that the convention devote more time to legislation.

In the opinion of the 1919 Program Committee, it is to the best interests of Rotary that in the future more legislating shall be done by the delegates at the convention.

The Chairman of the Program Committee, in his address last year at Kansas City, spoke of the convention of the future which, in his opinion, would be more of the legislative type. The delegates are chosen to attend all the convention sessions and there to discuss and weigh carefully all "bills" introduced. In the past there has been too much of an inclination to rattle off resolution after resolution and to adopt many of them with no discussion whatever. This, some day, might be fatal to Rotary. In the program for this year considerable time is given to the discussion and action on all "bills introduced."

## ***Impressions That Last***

The next thing that the Committee has taken into consideration most seriously is the crying need in Rotary for a better understanding on the part of the individual as to the purposes and principles of the organization; also the duty of the Club to the community. Consequently, our few set addresses will have to do with these subjects with one single exception.

We have refrained from resorting to the spec-

tacular and dramatic, those things which cause some excitement for the moment, but which, when we have returned to our homes, we realize have given to us something of temporary inspiration but not so much in the way of real definite inspiration and instruction.

We believe that the most valuable type of convention will be the one which will grow upon you as the years go by rather than the one which caused abnormal excitement at the time. Brass bands, great entertainment, etc., often encourage us to say when we leave the convention city for home, "This has been the greatest convention ever," but music and entertainment are soon forgotten; the lasting impressions are those which have given positive and permanent inspiration and instruction.

Holding the meetings in Salt Lake City will afford many very unusual opportunities for a most successful convention.

In the first place, all those attending will enjoy the beautiful scenery en route. Salt Lake City is distinctive in many ways. The lake is unlike any other body of water, perhaps, in the world,



*Dr. Henry Suzzallo of Seattle, President State University of Washington, who will discuss capital, management, labor, and the public at Rotary Convention.*

and these features will add much to the interesting entertainment.

Further distinctive features will be the opportunity to visit the famous "Utah" copper mine, where 40,000 tons of ore are taken out and sent thru the mill each day; to drive thru the beautiful canyons and gorges—Ogden Canyon, Big Cottonwood Canyon, and Emigration Canyon thru which the Mormon pioneers entered the valley of the Great Salt Lake and from the portals of which Brigham Young exclaimed "This is the place."

Never before have we had the opportunity of holding our sessions in such a wonderful hall. The Mormon Tabernacle seats 8,000; for this occasion we will have it partitioned off with palms and flowers. The acoustics of this building are noted all over the world, and the wonderful pipe organ, which will be utilized all thru the convention, is said to be the finest in existence. The whole setting is one that should afford us the greatest opening session in Rotary's history.

Consider the advantage of a meeting place where there is ample and comfortable room for every Rotarian—delegates and visitors—and for

all the ladies. Such is our convention hall of this year.

## ***Some Features of Program***

Some of the outstanding features of the program will be further development in the establishment of a permanent constitution and by-laws for the local clubs; and new additions to the International constitution which are necessary at this time. On account of the large amount of foreign extension work which is proposed for the immediate future, considerable time for discussion and action is allowed on this most important subject.

The program of Wednesday should be intensely interesting. We call it The Day of the Nations, each nation and province being given an opportunity to state what distinctive things Rotary has done for it. The principal speaker for this session is to be John Barrett, Director General, Pan-American Union, the man who established the first great League of Nations.

On Friday forenoon, much of the session will be given to the most important topic of the hour, viz., "Capital, Labor, Management and the Public." This subject will be handled by Dr. Henry Suzzallo, President of the University of Washington, and the Rotarians of the Pacific Northwest guarantee that he will help us solve the problem that today confronts civilization with such a threatening mien.

Another important subject will be that of work among the boys. Rotary is taking a great interest in this work generally, and unquestionably the full time allotted to the subject will be utilized with great interest. We expect to have Lieut. Col. Theodore Roosevelt as a speaker on this topic.

It will be noted that this year we have done away with the Special Assembly gatherings and instead have scheduled all matters to be handled



*John Napier Dyer, of Vincennes, Ind., Governor Rotary District No. 11, who will deliver the Rotary speech at the opening session of the 1919 Rotary Convention.*

directly in the regular convention sessions, so that the entire assemblage may have the benefit of the discussions.

We feel that we have written a helpful and constructive program and one that will add much to the efficiency of Rotary, both for the individuals and for the clubs.

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