

NATIONAL MUNICIPAL LEAGUE OF UNITED STATES.

At the twenty-first annual convention of the National Municipal League, held in Dayton, Ohio, November 17-19, the League's Committee on Municipal Programme submitted in pamphlet form its draft of a model city charter. After careful discussion by the convention, a number of the recommendations were approved by those present, and the rest were referred back to the committee with the understanding that the revised charter in its entirety would be submitted to the whole membership for an advisory referendum vote.

"Municipal Progress in Twenty-One Years" was the theme of the annual message of the League's retiring President, William Dudley Foulke.

The important items on the programme included Secretary Woodruff's address on "The American Conception of the City"; papers on "Progress of Home Rule in Ohio," by Mayo Fesler, Secretary, Cleveland Civic League; "Civic Education," by Charles W. Dabney, President, University of Cincinnati, and Dr. E. A. Fitzpatrick, of Madison, Wis.; and "Proportional Representation in Ashtabula," by Prof. A. R. Hatton, of Cleveland. There was also a joint session with the City Manager Association, in which the subject for discussion was "Professional Standards for the New Profession of City Manager."

The sessions of the Civic Secretaries Committee were attended by a live group of secretaries of important city clubs, and civic organizations, and resulted in the development and interchange of many practical ideas.

The officers of the National Municipal League are:

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In the Council of thirty-nine are W. D. Lighthall, K.C., Hon. Sec. Union of Canadian Municipalities, and Controller Spence, of Toronto.

CITY MANAGERS' ASSOCIATION.

Seventeen city managers discussed the problems of their new profession at the second annual convention of the City Managers' Association, held in Dayton, November 15-17. Various municipal problems were presented in a series of papers, followed by discussions from the floor. The most interesting feature of the programme was the "round table," comprising reports of actual accomplishments from the city manager cities.

CHILD LABOUR.

How much child labour is there in your town? Do you know?

Do you know what legal right the small boy on the corner has to sell you a paper? Is he a licensed vendor? Is his schooling going on in spite of his selling?

Do you know how many children work in factories or stores or offices in your town? Do you know during what hours they work? Do you know how many children work at fruit stands, in bowling alleys, at soda fountains, as messengers, as delivery boys?

Do you know how your state child labor law is enforced? How your juvenile courts enforce it? How your children's societies enforce it? Do you know whether the factory inspector, board of education or superintendent of schools issues work permits in your town? Do you know what a work permit looks like?

Child labour has come to be too much an abstract problem with us. We are apt to regard it as a Cause—something uplifting and worthy, but remote from us. We may believe in the principles of child labour reform, but we are not likely to apply them to the children who live about us.—Helen Dwight.

BOOMING BY MOTION PICTURES.

The Georgia Chamber of Commerce has prepared a motion picture film approximately 5,000 feet in length, which is being used in Georgia and throughout the United States to arouse interest in the state of Georgia. It requires two hours to run the film.

There are presented views of public buildings in the state, including its education institutions and other public enterprises; views of the state's mineral resources, and of its apple and peach orchards, watermelon fields, pecan groves, sugar cane fields, corn fields, and hog and cattle ranches; views of the state's waterpower development, of its modern cities, of its timber wealth, the latter through views of pine forests, hardwood forests, manufacturing plants and shipping scenes; facts about the climate of the state, demonstrated by official figures of the Weather Bureau; views relating to the water supply from springs, rivers and artesian wells, which insure the health of Georgia's people; views of many places of historic interest in the state; views of scenes in the mountains of North Georgia, on the sea coast, etc.; views showing road conditions in the state; also graphic pictures of the cotton industry, from its planting and chopping time through the various processes to the finished product of the Georgia mills.

The pictures have much life detail in them, showing actual work in progress. Two films were made, one to be run in all the motion picture houses of Georgia, to acquaint the people of the state with its resources and to arouse civic pride. The other film will be accompanied by a lecturer throughout the East and West. It is planned to show this not only to large audiences, but also at private exhibitions, and to select groups of financiers and business people, to impress them with the many opportunities Georgia offers to outside capital for investment. It will also be shown to groups of especially invited farmers, to secure, if possible, an increase in the agricultural population of the state.

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DOCTORS AS MAYORS.

The municipalities of Saskatchewan seem to have taken up the suggestion made some time ago, that the cities should elect professional mayors. All the mayors elected in Saskatchewan, according to press despatches, are members of the medical profession. The list follows:

Regina, Dr. Cowan; Saskatoon, Dr. Young; Moose Jaw, Dr. Pascoe; Swift Current, Dr. Hutchison; Prince Albert, Dr. Knox; Grenfell, Dr. Argue; Quill Lake, Dr. Bannatyne; Moosomin, Dr. Keown; Rouleau West, Dr. Brooke; Melville, Dr. Hart; Battleford, Dr. Laurie; Kerrobert, Dr. Dixon; Broadview, Dr. Attingham; Watrous, Dr. Elliott; Medicine Hat, Dr. Hawthorne; Edmonton, Dr. Henry.

It is really a good sign that professional men in the West are beginning to take an active interest in municipal affairs. They might take more interest than they do now in the East, to the general benefit. Medical men ought to be better fitted than the average citizens for the diagnosis of civic ills, and their long practice in handling bills ought to help them out in their legislative duties. In their dealings with avaricious corporations, also, they should be able to charge enough to keep the city from getting the short end of it.—Daily Mail.

A WORKINGMEN'S READING ROOM.

The public library of Calgary, Alberta, established in the downtown section of the city last winter a reading room for workingmen which proved to be a successful experiment.

A local motion picture theatre was at the time empty; it had been bought by the government for post office purposes, but was not yet required for use, so rent was free. An electric company gave the light, the city gave the water and a small appropriation, citizens contributed books and old magazines, the Park Department supplied benches, and the library had some old tables which it loaned. Checkers and chess were added, and these, with some of the furniture, were paid for by the library—the total expenditure being about \$30. Free stationery was provided and thousands of letters were written by the men.