

when we fondly gaze." Now, how can a young man fondly listen to the sweet sounds of the early morning? How can a young man fondly gaze in the bright light if his head is swelled to bursting?

Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen, Chautauqua gladly welcomes you, and wishes you the greatest possible profit and pleasure from this your convention.

**Response of President Bellsmith.**

Mr. Sheldon, on behalf of the members of the Photographers' Association of America, I desire to thank you for the kind words of welcome and the hospitality extended to us. I feel that these words are not mere idle words, but from my personal knowledge of the liberal and generous spirit of yourself and the citizens of Jamestown, I feel that you mean every word, and that we have in reality a welcome and a hospitality that you mean. I think that the one thought suggested by Mr. Sheldon is particularly gratifying to me, and that is that this will be a convention of photographers for our instruction and improvement, without the liability of the big heads brought on by over indulgence in alcoholic stimulants. Again, Mr. Sheldon, I thank you for your welcome.

The calling of the roll of members and the reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with. Next order of business was an address by the President.

**Address of President Bellsmith.**

Ladies and gentlemen of the convention, in addressing you briefly this morning I will not attempt any discussion of technical matters or theories in reference to photography, but will confine my remarks to suggestions for the advancement and improvement of our Association and members of the craft generally.

You are to be congratulated upon the increased interest and greater

usefulness of our organization. There is nothing like union and association to improve and advance us. The social features are of great advantage, but more than all, and above all, is the good that comes from conference among ourselves.

You rub off the rough edges, you forget the sharp competition, old sores are healed, new and lasting friendships are formed, and you learn only of what good you can accomplish.

While enjoying to the fullest extent the social features, do not neglect the great and lasting good to be derived from the careful, intelligent and thoughtful study of the photographic work entered for the prize competition.

I congratulate you upon the higher standing, both socially and as business men, which, as a body, photographers have attained. Still there is room for improvement. In this connection there is one practice that is still maintained in the great majority of studios. I refer to the rather degrading custom of doing business on Sunday. We have all been more or less guilty, and I think this has interfered more than any one thing with our taking, as a profession, a higher standing in the community. I would suggest that this matter be given to a committee to report on some feasible way of promoting the proper observance of the Sabbath.

I feel it my duty to call to your attention a matter which is yearly becoming more embarrassing to the officers of this Association, and on which I deem some action should be taken to insure success and equity of future conventions.

It must be apparent to you that convention halls, medals and prize trophies, entertainment and educational attractions and provisions, with the vast amount of details, correspondence and literature attendant, cost a considerable sum of money