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letters, with a sureness and delicacy that hit the mark every time and called forth unbounded admiration. I am sure there is not to-day an I. P. P. U. man who can dispute these statements.

The last, or nearly the last, act of the delegates was to select Toronto, Canada, as the place in which to hold the Convention of 1894, in preference to any of the aspiring cities of the United States, of which there were many. I was glad of this choice, showing as it did the existence of the genuine international



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feeling for which the I. P. P. U. was organized to cultivate. It gives the representatives of the various unions under the stars and stripes of the United States an opportunity to meet their Canadian brethren on their native soil, to cement still closer the fraternal tie and to partake of genuine Canadian hospitality.

As month after month rolls by, our beloved organization is steadily living down the slanders and misrepresentations that the officials of the International Typographical Union have almost everywhere spread abroad. These slanders grow more and more infrequent, as the painful truth works its way into the I. T. U. minds that they are only helping us and hurting themselves. They begin to realize the folly of trying to force a representative body like the I. P. P. U. back into a subservient position to the compositor branch of the trade. And the wonder is that the compositors, who will before long need the help of the pressmen, should continue to permit the President of the so-called autonomous branch of the I. T. U., who really commands only a corporal's guard, to continue his futile attempts to keep the I. P. P. U. out of the place to which it is entitled by natural rights to hold amongst organized toilers. The strenu-

ous efforts of this gentleman to prevent the few remaining pressmen who still owe allegiance to the I. T. U. from going where they belong, with the rest of their brethren already in the I. P. P. U., are extremely amusing. They have ceased to be irritating. This autonomous President has scored the I. P. P. U. for not accepting the proposition of his committee, presented at the last I. P. P. U. Convention—that of becoming an autonomous branch of the I. T. U., or, as he stated it, if the lines laid down by his committee involved the loss of our identity as pressmen's unions—which he knew right well would be the case—we “should have submitted a counter proposition on lines more agreeable to our view.”

We have no counter proposition to submit, other than that distinctly made last year, wherein we declared our willingness to accept all pressmen and pressmen's unions into our ranks. In making this counter proposition, we knew that we could offer them better protection than was possible in any other organization. This proposition was really offered at Detroit, and was ratified and reiterated at Cincinnati.

The I. T. U. has tried to show that the I. P. P. U. is controlled by only a few minds; but any unprejudiced person at all acquainted with the history and workings of these two bodies knows that such is not



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the case, but that on the contrary it is the I. T. U. that is governed by an almost secret organization, known as the Brotherhood, who work their schemes behind the scenes, without any but a selfish regard to the opinions of the mass of the membership of the I. T. U. It is a shameful history, and will be written some day.