

Green, M. M. Baldrige, Hon. J. M. Ham-
baugh, Theilmann, John Nebel, John Y.
Detwiler.

There was also present at one or more
sessions Prof. A. J. Cook, Doctor Riley and
Doctor Wiley, who, although not them-
selves engaged in bee-keeping, are identified
more or less owing to their work with the
industry, all expressed a determination to
advance, as much as lay in their power, the
bee-keeping industry.

There was an attendance of from 250 to
300, and the attendance very good, especially
so when we consider that the World's Fair,
with all its attractions, was there in close
proximity to the hotel in which the conven-
tion was held.

The following editors of journals were
present: A. I. Root and E. R. Root, *Glean-
ings in Bee Culture*; G. W. York, *American Bee
Journal*; W. Z. Hutchison, *The Beekeeper*; R.
F. Holtermann, *The Canadian Bee Journal*.
The president, Doctor C. C. Miller, Marengo,
Ills., occupied the chair. The meeting was
opened with prayer, after which G. W.
York appropriately delivered the address of
welcome.

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is with a sincere feeling of pleasure that
I am permitted to welcome to our western
metropolis, and at present the Mecca of the
world, the grandest association of bee-
keepers this continent has ever known. As
a representative and resident of "Chicago,
the Peerless," I offer to you not only "the
keys of the city," that shall open the gates
to all its pleasures and wonders, but I also
extend to you a most hearty and cordial
welcome.

Many of those who are here before me
have come from distant climes, and are now
indeed in a "far country," but nevertheless
remember that you are still in your "blessed
homeland," and that the same God reigns
here as in the sunrise East, in sun-crowned
Canada, in the sunset West, or in the sun-
kissed Southland. I trust that during your
brief sojourn within our borders, you may
all feel perfectly "at home;" and when
your conventional labors are ended, your
inclinations for sight-seeing are fully grati-
fied, and you return once more to the loved
ones around your various hearthstones, per-
mit me to express the hope that you may
carry with you memories that shall serve as
an inspiration in future days to nobler and
better living, both for time and for eternity.

I realize that it is no small thing to wel-
come to our city the representatives of so
honored and ancient an industry as bee-
keeping; for ever since bees and honey were
found in the ribbed carcass of the lion in
the time of Sampson, until the present hour,

honey and its production have been the de-
light and profit of the sage as well as the
peasant; and to-day I know, from my own
experience with men and women, that many
of the very best people in all the world are
devoted to the honorable pursuit of apicul-
ture.

Bee-keepers of America, while the horo-
loge of time is striking the eleventh hour of
the century, I bid you welcome to Chicago
—the eighth wonder of the world. Wel-
come, also, to the untold splendors and
matchless magnificence of the beautiful
"White City," within whose doors is the
most marvelous collection of the handi-
work of mankind that earth ever beheld.
Yes, welcome to all these, for *all things* are
theirs who believe.

Welcome, then, ye bee-folks, welcome!
To our cities grand and free;
May thy meeting prove as "blessed"
As thy little, busy bee.

GEORGE W. YORK.

Chicago, Ills, Oct. 10, 1893.

THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

The president, Doctor C. C. Miller, in
that happy vein so characteristic of him,
delivered his address. In his primary re-
marks he touched upon the importance of
the gathering, by remarking: "I could
count a quarter of a hundred, with anyone
of whom it would be a real pleasure to
spend a solid day in bee talk." Again, he
dwelt upon the social part of the conven-
tion, and expressed himself thus: "No
mean part of our enjoyment here, is the
cordial greeting and the hearty grasp of
the hand. Some of these present we have
known for years through the bee journals
without ever having seen them." Then,
the doctor does not forget the stirring men
who, for one reason or another, are well
up and often very successful men in
the bee business, of these he says: "Others
of whom we may never have heard, on ac-
quaintance will be found well worthy of
our friendship." During the entire address
the doctor judiciously avoided dishing up
apicultural truths of a high order, but the
effect of the address was undoubtedly to
make members in convention feel more
drawn to one another, and at greater liber-
ty to become informally acquainted.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The secretary, Frank Benton, Washing-
ton, D. C., gave his report in a letter from
Mrs. Jennie Atchley, Texas. That lady
suggested that the wintering problem
might be solved by shipping bees from Il-
linois, or the north, south and returning
them in time for the white clover harvest.
Mrs. Athley offered, should anyone wish to
experiment, to take care of such a ship-