

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-