

a trip from Yokohama to the neighborhood of these caves, claiming that the scenery to be passed through on the way to them is unsurpassed for grandeur and beauty in the whole of Japan.

THE P. A. OF A.—A LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We, the Executive Committee of the P. A. of A., hereby submit a plan of reorganization of the National Association, to be submitted and acted upon by its members at the Detroit Convention.

We recommend the reconstruction of the "Constitution and By-Laws," as indicated by printed copy herewith, as being the most commendable for future success of the States and National Associations.

The existence of the various State Associations makes it necessary to change the laws and government of the National. Our purpose is not to jeopardize the interests and welfare of the States, *but to aid them*, and to maintain and stimulate a still higher standard of photography in the future.

The past history of the National Association and its yearly conventions has proven to be of great benefit to our profession, and has undoubtedly done more good to photography than any other known means. We therefore trust that each reader of this magazine will give the proposed plan a careful perusal, and thus become thoroughly familiar with its objects.

We believe that the proposed triennial meetings with this form of government will uphold our profession to better advantage than the present system. We also believe that it will stimulate the State Associations to unite and meet in one

grand Congress of Photographers every three years.

The amalgamation will undoubtedly prove a lasting benefit to each individual State, and infuse more life and vigor into their organizations. It will allow them a broader scope to advance, and would be a great incentive to improve to much better advantage than their present system of continued meetings within their States.

It would, of course, be necessary that the States hold no local conventions the year of the Triennial Congress. We do not, however, assume any right to interfere with the laws of the State Associations, but we hope they will give us their support and co-operation.

We have endeavored to place the basis of revenue sufficiently low enough to interest the States and the fraternity in general.

Any part of the new laws and Constitution can be altered, omitted or amended at the pleasure of the members of the National Association at the Detroit Convention. We merely, as your Executive Committee, submit the plans for your consideration.

In concluding this letter, we desire to extend our most heartfelt thanks to the photographic press for the publication of this and other matter pertaining to the welfare of the P. A. of A. Especially do we extend our thanks and gratitude for the support and aid granted us by its editors in maintaining the interest of the Association, and their united support in all matters of the past.

Believe us to be most heartily and fraternally yours,

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