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WHEN on the eighth of October, 1889, a few representative pressmen met in New York to talk over the position and prospects of their branch of the printing trade, they little dreamed of the astounding success that was in store for the organization of which they at that time laid the foundation. When next they met, in Boston, the following year, their numbers were increased, and the foundations of the fraternal structure were strengthened and broadened. Here, too, was laid the basis of our greatest and noblest reliance—our champion, guide, counsellor, expositor, and teacher—*The American Pressman*, by whose priceless aid the gospel of I. P. P. U.-ism has been matchlessly and irresistibly preached, and without which our organization could never have reached the point of enthusiastic permanent acceptance it holds to-day.

The third year a westward move of the Convention was made, to Detroit. This was productive of good results—so much so that it was decided to go still further west the following year (1892), to St. Louis. This brought out a further increase in the number of representatives.

The next session was held at Cincinnati, and it eclipsed all previous meetings of printing pressmen that had ever been held in the history of the trade. Very much credit is due to No. 11 for the fine souvenir they issued, for that also was in every way

superior to all other efforts of the kind. It was very properly and truly said at the time: "So long as pressmen of the I. P. P. U. are capable of performing such work, they must command success."

At Cincinnati Convention, as at its predecessors, the laws governing the pressroom were in many ways improved. The success of *The American Pressman* as the exponent of the principles of the I. P. P. U., and the guide and technical instructor of the craft at large, was assured, thus giving the journal, of which

we have all learned to be justly proud, a *guaranteed circulation*. From every side of our international organization, but one, this action met with unbounded approval; and if ever the end justified the means it has been this, as the wonderful growth of our beneficently practical organization during the past year has proven.

The action of the Cincinnati Convention in relation to *The American Pressman* has been a thorn in the side of all those who oppose the growth of our international body; and many have been the efforts to disturb the minds of subordinate unions in connection therewith, but without success. The debt of gratitude which we owe to

Editor Munro for his unselfish and hitherto unpaid labors is beyond any words of mine to express. Never in the history of trade journalism has such brilliant, able, shrewd and utterly unselfish literary work been performed. Our editor's eyes have been everywhere, and his fearless and thoroughly informed pen has done its work, not alone in articles, but in numerous



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