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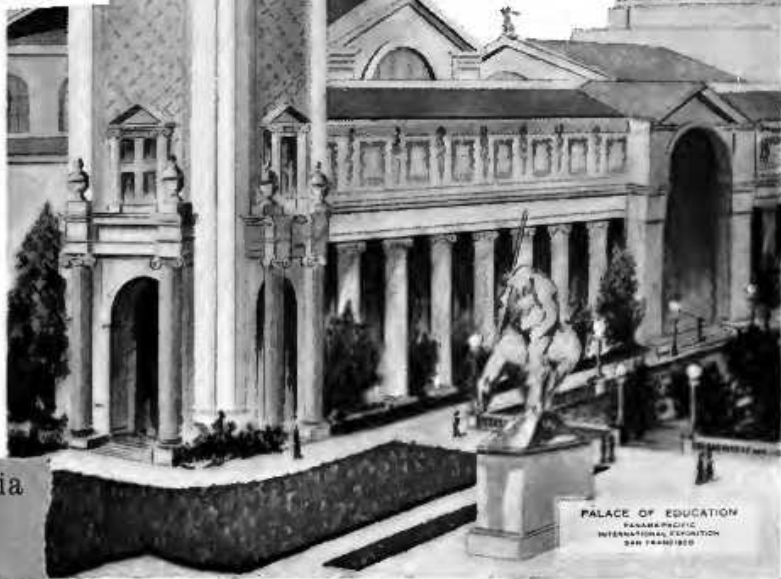
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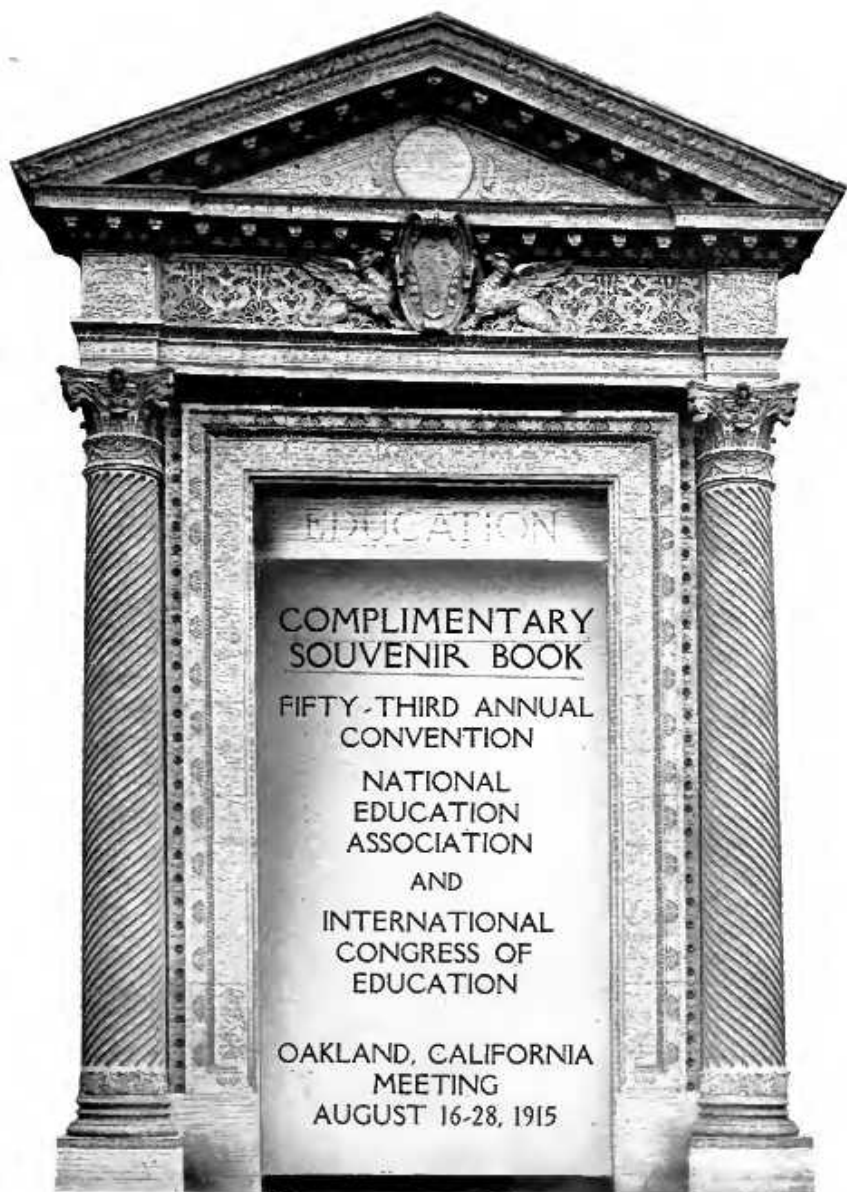


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FOREWORD

THE meeting of the National Education Association at Oakland, August 16-28, 1915, marks the fifty-third annual session of that body. On four previous occasions the organization has met in our state: in 1888 at San Francisco; 1899 at Los Angeles; 1907 at Los Angeles, and 1911 at San Francisco. On each of these occasions the attendance was greater than at any previous meeting of the association.

The value of an educational meeting, however, is not measured in terms of numbers attending. The quality of these meetings and the results growing out of those sessions held in California has had a marked effect upon the schools of our state. This year California called to the educators of the Nation to come again to the Pacific Coast, not from any selfish motive, but because we were holding here a great International Exposition. This Exposition is in itself a world training school, and teachers from every corner of the country should have an opportunity to profit by it.

The California Teachers' Association welcomes the teachers of the Nation. It welcomes the members of the International Congress of Education, and our distinguished guests from foreign nations. We in California feel certain that this third International Congress, this fifty-third session of the National Education Association and this greatest of all International Expositions will leave an impress for good upon the teachers and the schools of California.

We beg the members of the N. E. A. to accept this booklet in token of our appreciation of their visit among us.

The thanks of the State Director are due those who graciously contributed to these pages, and to all who in any way made the issuance of the publication possible.

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Since its first important ringing in 1753, in protest against the issuance by Great Britain of Provincial Money, the Liberty Bell has been the symbol of Democracy, Good Citizenship and Freedom under law. Its second ringing, July 8, 1776, announced the Proclamation of the Declaration of Independence. Cast in London in 1752, it was again cast in Philadelphia the following year. The crack appeared July 8, 1853, when tolling to announce the removal of the body of United States Chief Justice Marshall from Philadelphia.

The bell was honored everywhere on its recent trip to the Exposition. It now hangs in the Pennsylvania Building on the Exposition Grounds. It is made of bronze, is three feet in height, weighs 2,080 pounds, and cost \$300.00.