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The Chamberlain Association of America.

FOR some time previous to and during the year 1897 representatives of the various branches of the Chamberlain family of New England had expressed a wish that steps might be taken to form an association for genealogical and social purposes.

As a result of the interest manifested, and particularly through the untiring efforts of Miss Abbie M. Chamberlain, of Cambridge, Mass., who had corresponded with members of the family throughout the country, and received most encouraging replies, a call for a preliminary meeting was issued. The call read as follows:—

BOSTON, October 25, 1897.

TO MEMBERS OF THE CHAMBERLAIN FAMILY:

Dear Kindred and Friends:—During the past year a strong desire has been expressed among various members of the Chamberlain family that an organization be formed for social and genealogical purposes.

Among those in full sympathy with the proposal are ex-Gov. Joshua L. Chamberlain, Brunswick, Me.; Judge Mellen Chamberlain, Chelsea, Mass.; Rev. Dr. L. T.

Chamberlain, New York City; Hon. Daniel U. Chamberlin, Cambridge, Mass.; Col. Thomas Chamberlain, Philadelphia; Herbert Chamberlain, Brattjeboro, Vt.; Dr. Myron Chamberlain, Boston; William S. Boynton, St. Johnsbury, Vt.; Edward W. Chamberlain, Louisville, Ky.; Rev. Henry E. Jewett, California; Charles Chamberlain, Rockford, Ill., and many others.

The proposal has been received with so much favor that the undersigned venture to call a meeting of such members of the family as can be reached to take the matter into consideration, and if deemed expedient to organize such an association.

We would name as the time and place of such meeting, Saturday, October 30, at 3 P. M., Room 13, Congregational House, Boston.

You are most cordially invited to be present at this meeting.

DANIEL U. CHAMBERLIN,
ASA W. CHAMBERLIN,
E. E. STRONG,
C. N. CHAMBERLAIN.

There were thirteen persons present at the meeting, which was called to order by Mr. Asa W. Chamberlin, who expressed great pleasure in being connected with the beginning of what promised to be an interesting movement. He then nominated Dr. Cyrus N. Chamberlain as Chairman of the meeting, who was unanimously elected. On taking the chair, Dr. Chamberlain expressed in brief but graceful words his warm interest in the movement. Miss Abbie M. Chamberlain was chosen Secretary of the meeting, and read extracts from various letters she

had received from those who were unable to attend the present meeting, but who promised hearty support in carrying out the purposes of the organization.

After an informal discussion in which the majority of those present took part, it was voted to form an organization to be known as the Chamberlain Association of America. A committee was appointed to report a plan of organization, and another committee to nominate a board of permanent officers, both to report at a subsequent meeting.

The second meeting was held at the Congregational House, Boston, on Saturday, December 18, 1897, at which twenty-five persons were present.

Dr. Cyrus N. Chamberlain presided.

The Committee on Permanent Organization reported a form of Constitution and By-Laws which with some slight amendment was adopted.

The Nominating Committee reported a list of officers for the ensuing year, and these were elected.

General Joshua L. Chamberlain, LL. D., who was chosen President, upon taking the chair was given an enthusiastic reception, to which he made a brief but eloquent response.

On motion it was resolved that all persons who had joined the Association up to the present time — some fifty in number — should be considered as "charter members."

After the meeting had been formally adjourned, a pleasant hour was spent in forming and renewing friendships and establishing relationships, and thus the real work of the Association was at once entered upon.

During the following months six meetings of the Executive Committee were held, in which the future work of the several Standing Committees was discussed and preliminaries were settled for holding a general meeting.

That meeting, which was the first general assembly or reunion of the Association, was held at the Parker House, Boston, on Thursday, September 8, 1898. In the morning a business session was held,—the Committees having met at an earlier hour,—at which the President, General Chamberlain, presided.

The Secretary reported that the membership numbered one hundred, representing nineteen states and the District of Columbia, and sixty-two cities and towns.

The Treasurer submitted the accounts, which were passed over to the Auditors.

Considerable discussion was elicited upon several subjects which came before the meeting, but nothing of importance was determined except some modifications of the By-Laws.

In the afternoon, at 3 o'clock, a reception was