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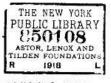
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PREFACE.

THIS volume contains a verbatim report of an event which, without exaggeration, has been fittingly characterized as the "most momentous in the history of life insurance," and as such, is of vital interest and value to every individual worker in this vast and fertile field of labor.

The unification of the great moving force of life insurance has been successfully achieved, and the reader may well pause and consider what this suggests; for, as Dr. Fowler so ably set forth, the mere fact of organization is but a prelude to further development, a development rich with the brightest possibilities for the advancement of a profession and institution that have already laid a foundation of surpassing strength for future achievement to rest upon.

One of the salient features of the convention was its entire unity of aim and harmony of purpose regarding all essentials. Here alone was the indication of so complete a revolution, so salutary a change in the ideas and motives of the workers in the life insurance field, that the heart is filled with with joy at its contemplation. Here were no separatist interests to interfere, as in former times; no question of what might affect this company or that company appeared; indeed, it is worthy of approving remark that during the whole proceedings not a company was mentioned by name. It was a common effort for the common good, and this intent was carried out to the fullest extent in the spirit and in the letter.

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