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EDITORIAL

ON TO SAN FRANCISCO!

At the Annual Meeting of the National Dental Association held in Washington in 1912 a California delegation, headed by Dr. Frank L. Platt, extended an invitation to the Association to hold its 1915 meeting in San Francisco in conjunction with the Panama-Pacific Dental Congress. This invitation was unanimously accepted.

Dr. Platt assured us that every provision would be made to make the Congress one of the greatest in dental history. He promised unequalled facilities for meetings, clinics, exhibits and hotel accom-

modations. That the committee has more than fulfilled its promise is demonstrated by the excellent program arranged and by the reports from many different sources.

San Francisco will be the Mecca for all the scientific, civic, religious, fraternal, educational, industrial and professional associations. No less than eight hundred and twenty-two congresses, conventions and conferences will meet during the Exposition. To provide for the convenience and accommodation for these gatherings, San Francisco has built one of the greatest auditoriums in the World, the main hall seating 12,000 and numerous other halls seating from

500 to 1500 each. With such accommodations a great Congress can carry on all its many departments and interests in the most satisfactory manner.

To fully appreciate the scope of the Panama-Pacific Dental Congress, one has only to look at the official announcement of Congresses to see that the Dental Congress will be one of the most important. Every branch of our profession will be given ample time to present and consider its particular work.

Among the organizations making up the Congress are the International Dental Federation, National Association, National Association of Dental Examiners, Association of Dental Faculties, American Association of Orthodontists, Delta Sigma Delta, Psi Omega, and Ti Psi Phi Fraternities, and the State Dental Societies of the Pacific Coast. Surely this Congress should appeal to every progressive dentist!

The officers and committees in charge of this great undertaking have labored hard for three years to make it a notable success. How do **you** propose to help them?

While distance and time may prevent many from attending, there is nothing to prevent you from becoming a member, in this way our far west colleagues will be supported and encouraged and you will profit by the association and the transactions.

You know our profession has not been standing still for the past year, wonderful developments have taken place. You can not afford to drop behind.

The transportation committee of the National Dental Association and the Congress have arranged a number of very attractive routes giving you an opportunity of traveling thru a country unequalled for beauty and grandeur.

There awaits you at the Golden Gate that hospitality which has made California famous.

Members from the North, South, East and Middle West, on to Frisco!

DONALD MACKAY GALLIE,
President.

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This issue of the Journal of the National Dental Association, is the third copy under that title published; and the officers and committees of the National Dental Association, feel that they have put their hand to the plough and may not turn back. The success of the worth thus far of publishing our own Journal and our own proceedings is far greater than those who have carried on the work anticipated. When the Secretary of the National Dental Association and acting editor began this work, it was with some misgivings, as to the raising of the dues of the National Dental Association; for it takes money to properly publish a scientific Journal. The Board of Trustees and the Journal Committee, seeing the possibilities in this enterprise and realizing the desirability of having our Journal uniform from the first volume on, decided to adopt the name Journal

of the National Dental Association, without waiting for the organization of a Journal staff and the increase in dues. This was made possible by the discovering that our Secretary had the qualities of a first-class editor, as well as a good secretary, and the whole Association is indebted to him for the way in which he is carrying on the work. A man may have the organizing ability of a Neapolitan, and the genius of a Franklin, but without the co-operation and support of his associates, his efforts will be handicapped and defeated. This, therefore, is an appeal to the members of the National Dental Association throughout the length and breadth of this broad land to show their appreciation of the industrious efforts being put forth by our own Secretary by assisting and supporting him loyally at every point. We must remember that as a profession, bound together in a national organization owing and publishing the medium, that records our efforts and activities, we are as a man born again; we have put off the swaddling clothes of dependency and have accepted the armour of responsibility. Having accepted responsibility, it is the duty of every member of the association, to in every way possible, by loyalty, by service, by industrious effort, to supply to the National Dental Association a careful and painstaking statement of our work and efforts to improve our service to humanity. Let him who has discovered a more ingenious and a less trying and tedious method of operative procedure, or prosthetic artisan-

ship make the fact known before our national meetings or directly to the editor of our Journal. Let those who have discovered means of palliating, preventing or eliminating the scourge of disease that manifests itself in the mouth, make those discoveries known to our National Dental Association, that the facts may be published abroad to all the intelligent members of our profession and the ability of our profession to serve humanity be correspondingly improved. Let those who by deftness of touch, and acuteness and precision of direction, have come to perform such wonderful operations upon congenial and acquired defects in the human mouth, announce and describe their work to our National Dental Association that the members of the profession may know on who to rely in referring patients for these delicate operations and that some may become stimulated to develop and prepare themselves to do similar work. If this is done in these various activities of our profession, the Journal of the National Dental Association will become a record that no self respecting member of the profession, or one whose motive is service to his patients, can afford to be without. The responsibility is upon every member of our association to contribute towards this end. With our honest and sincere efforts extended in this direction there will be no question of the scientific or social standing of members of the profession.

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Chairman Journal Committee.