

## EDITORIAL

### LEST WE FORGET!

We are duly, and we believe justly, proud of the American Mosquito Control Association, the substantial accomplishments it has achieved, and the solidarity among mosquito workers which it has engendered.

But long before our time, on January 28, 1904, to be exact, there was formed the "National Mosquito Extermination Society," with officers as follows:

Chairman—William J. Matheson, N. Y. & Long Island (Pres., W. J. Matheson Co.)

Vice Chairman—Walter C. Kerr, N. Y. & Staten Island (Pres., Westinghouse, Church, Kerr & Co.)

Secretary—Henry Clay Weeks, Bayside, L. I. (Engineer in Economics)

Treasurer—Frederick C. Beach, N. Y. (Editor, *Scientific American*).

An Executive Committee of five persons was named, there was created an Advisory Board of 27 men and one woman (mostly selected from the list of those who had been named as vice-presidents at a convention which had been held in New York on December 16, 1903 (See printed report "Proceedings of The First General Convention to Consider the Questions Involved in Mosquito Extermination," published at Brooklyn, New York, 1904). There was also formed an Advisory Board of Entomologists, consisting of 25 persons, some of whom were state entomologists of the states particularly concerned, the others being men who had made mosquitoes a special study. The list included such familiar names as Dr. L. O. Howard, Washington; Dr. E. Porter Felt, Albany, New York; Dr. John B. Smith, New Brunswick, New Jersey; Prof. W. E. Britton, New

Haven, Connecticut; Prof. V. L. Kellogg, Stanford University, California; Prof. Herbert Osborn, Columbus, Ohio; Prof. E. D. Sanderson, College Station, Texas; Dr. D. W. Coquillett, Washington, D. C.; Dr. H. C. Dyar, Washington, D. C.; Prof. Glenn W. Herrick, Mississippi; and others.

Memberships were provided for, with annual dues, as follows: Active—\$2.00, Associate—\$5.00, Benefactor—\$25.00, Life Member—\$100.00, Patron—\$500.00, Founder—\$1000.00. It is not recorded that there ever were any Patrons, or Founders! But in the Proceedings of the Second Anti-Mosquito Convention, December 15 and 16, 1904, there is record of 4 Benefactors and 1 Life Member!

During the second convention, at which some very good papers were presented, a dinner was given to out-of-town participants at the New York Yacht Club by one Mr. George C. Rand. The guests, in appreciation, inscribed "A Note of Prophecy" to their host. Among the many signers was one William Lyman Underwood of Boston, who wrote this verse, appropriate to all of us, even today:

"How doth the pesky 'skeeter'

Employ each stealthy minute?  
She gathers blood from man to man,

In fact, she revels in it.  
For this reason, let us not forget, we have  
Combined to do them up."

This is on one of the final pages of the report of the second convention—and this reporter has no record of any further doings of this group! [Do any of our readers have any information on the subsequent history of this group as an organization?]

—THOMAS D. MULHERN.