

DELEGATES' REMARKS ON THE CONVENTION

1. "The annual report of the Executive Secretary-Treasurer inspires confidence." — Mr. Vicente Garcia, from the General Office.

2. "I feel more than ever before the need of rallying behind the PPSTA." — Mr. Fernando Catre, Surigao.

3. "Was the convention worthwhile? Yes, a million yes. It brought a unified feeling of understanding and it coordinated the various suggestions, opinions, and ideas for the welfare of our public school teachers. It brought about a desire for a progressive and aggressive move to solidify the forgotten teachers and for a more expressive and militant attitude to assert ourselves in matters of national import which affect the schools and the teachers." — Mr. Antonio D. Robledo, delegate from Samar.

4. "The convention made the delegates determine to keep themselves professionally alive. They were given a new impetus to help lead in the move to bind the teachers for their educational, cultural, and personal growth." — Andres Muñoz, delegate from Pampanga.

5. "The convention established a closer relation and better understanding among the public school teachers. It showed the need for a more vigorous drive for membership and participation in the solution of teachers' problems." — Mr. Epifanio Malig, delegate from Pampanga.

6. "The convention strengthened the bonds of relationship among the members. It gave ample opportunity for all to discuss problems of the teaching profession." — Mr. Felix F. Fugrad, delegate from Pangasinan.

7. "The convention was conducted on a high plane of decorum and courtesy among the conventionists." — Mr. Demetrio Suguitan, delegate from Laguna.

8. "The delegates should take it as a self-imposed duty to imbue the whole school staff in their respective localities with the same spirit of cooperative effort and democracy which permeated the convention through and through. On the first day, I entered the convention hall through the side door; on the second day, through the front door; on the third day, I joined in the discussions; and on the last day I said to myself, 'I am a teacher, with dignity.'" — Mr. Felicísimo de la Cruz, delegate from Ilocos Sur.

9. "We shall determine to become the disciples and apostles to spread the gospel of the PPSTA and to make the other teachers know the results of the convention." — Mr. Federico Sevilla, delegate from Iloilo.

10. "The convention helped to democratize our school system, for classroom teachers, principals, supervisors, superintendents, and higher school officials came together in the convention in a spirit of brotherhood and as co-workers in the common task of helping solve our educational problems. The freedom shown in the exchange of ideas and opinions between superiors and subordinates was an example of democracy in action." — Nueva Ecija delegation.

11. "There should be greater effort exerted by Division Superintendents in encouraging school teachers and employees to become members of the PPSTA." — Mr. Duque Ziñapan, delegate from Isabela.

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express his appreciation of the cooperation extended to him by the members of the Association and of the Board of Directors. It is his fervent hope and wish that the members will spare no efforts to fiscalize the actuations of the Executive Secretary-Treasurer to the end that he will be more vigilant in

safeguarding the interests of the Association and will be more assiduous in carrying out the duties imposed upon him.

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quite different from merely telling the pupil what to write or simply correcting his writing in such a way that the teacher virtually writes the poem)
(5) Before the children write without help, it is well to call attention to the

fact that such words as *brown, down,* and *town* end alike but do not go with the words like *ground* or *about*.

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the profession, whatever the latter's status or official station. They should encourage every other member to make the best of his natural talents and endowments. They should help provide him with an environment in which he can freely express or exert himself to the utmost. Whether classroom teachers or supervisory and administrative officials, you all belong to one profession, and as such you should be able to lift your hearts above the petty, selfish interests that constantly beset human kind. If you do not practice

these common tenets of democracy and, as a result, weaken the effectiveness of your association, you are yourselves to blame. Again I paraphrase, "the unity must depend upon the multitude."

Ladies and gentlemen, once again I must congratulate the Philippine Public School Teachers Association for the success that it has so far achieved. It is my desire and my hope that it continue to grow in unity and democracy and power, for the immediate good of the teaching profession and the ultimate welfare of our beloved country.