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The International Editorial Association.

(Special Correspondence.)
CINCINNATI, March 3.—The International Editorial association, which recently held its annual convention here, promises to be a tremendous power for good in journalism. Its object is chiefly the building up of a professional journalistic literature through papers presented on topics relating to the different branches of the profession by practical newspaper men, and the establishment of a school or college of journalism and typography. Topics were presented by representatives of thirteen states, covering the whole field of newspaper work. Herewith are presented portraits of the president-elect and other prominent members:

Charles H. Jones, the president of the association for next year, is editor of The Times-Union, at Jacksonville, Fla. He was born at Talbotton, Ga., in 1848, entered the Confederate army at the age of 15 and served there in two years. Immediately after the war was over he took up his residence in New York city and entered upon a literary career. There he was editor of The Eclectic Magazine for thirteen years and for four years was editor of Appleton's Journal. He is also the author of some six or eight books issued by New York and Boston publishers, and contributed to numerous leading magazines and papers. In 1881 he went to Jacksonville, Fla., and established The Daily Times, and a year later purchased the rival paper, The Union, and the consolidated paper is now one of the most widely known dailies in the south. Mr. Jones is state agent of the Associated Press and president of the Florida Press association. He was vice-president of the International association during the past year. Though often a power behind the throne in state politics he is not a politician, will not accept office, preferring to wield his influence as a journalist and an individual. While rather small in stature, as a writer and journalist his weight is never less than 200 pounds.

Leon Jastremski, the first vice-president, was born in France in 1843, and came to Louisiana at the age of 6 years. At 14 he began an apprenticeship in a printing office, ending with the commencement of the civil war, when he entered the Tenth Louisiana regiment of the Army of Northern Virginia, returning with the rank of captain at its close. He then engaged in commercial pursuits until 1867, when he was elected mayor of Baton Rouge, and re-elected for two successive terms. He also served as a member of the constitutional convention of 1879. He founded The Capitoline that year, and in 1883, having become state printer, the paper was consolidated with the old Advocate, which was founded in 1842, and he was made editor of the consolidated paper. He was appointed a paymaster general of the state militia, and supervisor of the State university in 1880. He has been grand chancellor of the Knights of Pythias of Louisiana, and is now chairman of the Democratic state committee, and has been president of the Louisiana Press association since 1882.

Judge J. H. Davis, president of the Texas Press association, was born in South Carolina, A. D., 1853. A lawyer and journalist, editor and proprietor of The Franklin Herald, Mt. Vernon, Tex. Was county judge of Franklin county for twenty-eight years, and the youngest judge in the state. Was a prominent but conservative man in the late National Editorial association, held in Cincinnati. Takes a prominent and active part in politics in his state. Judge Davis is a peculiar Texan, not having drunk a drop of liquor for twenty-eight years. He is familiarly known throughout Texas as "Methodist Jim," and this sobriquet was given him by the convention. It is not because of his religion, creed or convictions, but years ago some wag introduced him to the wife of Gov. Ireland, at a religious meeting, and as Mrs. Ireland is an earnest member of that church, she made much of him on that account. The name has clung to him ever since. He is six feet three inches tall, and would command attention anywhere.

Horatio Seymour and Mr. Delavan. During my first administration, said the late Horatio Seymour, Mr. Delavan (who built the Delavan house in Albany), the great apostle of temperance in his day, came to me to express his dissatisfaction with the existing statutes which punished men for selling liquor under certain circumstances, making them amenable, and to urge more positive legislation. I said to him: "Now, suppose you could get a perfectly effective temperance law that could be executed, and that by way of supplementing or adding to its efficiency you could put the man who had been intemperate under circumstances where he would labor industriously and regularly, engage in no evil conversation, go to church twice on Sunday, and, indeed, be withdrawn from other temptations. Would you like such an arrangement?" "Yes," said he, "that is a more perfect system of law than I supposed could be made." I then replied: "I will show you just such a system in operation. If you will go down to Sing Sing prison, I will show you hundreds of men living under that exact system. They cannot drink, cannot indulge in other vices, in evil conversation or communication, are delighted to have the chaplain talk with them, regular in habits, go to church twice on Sunday; but the whole system is one of coercion. Now, if your house was robbed, and you knew that a man was in the neighborhood who had been living under your ideal system, he would be the first man whom you would arrest."

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