CHAPTER VIII.

HUMAN ASPECTS

A TABLE OF PRESIDENTS

The crowning feature of the conference was a banquet attended by 270 guests on Wednesday evening in the Fern Room of the Pfister Hotel. At a central table were seated the speakers and working members of the advisory and executive committees, and along the south side of the banquet hall on a raised platform were seated the banquet speakers which a Milwaukee newspaper called "A Table of Presidents". From East to West were seated, first L. F. Kneipp representing Secretary of Agriculture W. M. Jardine and Chief Forester R. Y. Stuart. Next to indicate still further the relation of agriculture to forestry sat Dean Russell. Then the presidents began: Fred W. Sargent, president of a railroad; Walter Kasten, president of a bank; Glenn Frank, president of a university; Oscar F. Stotzer, president of an association of commerce, and D. C. Everest, president of a pulp and paper association. Governor Fred R. Zimmerman and Mayor Daniel W. Hoan came next.

INTEREST IN THE CONFERENCE

The press made "news" of the conference to the extent of many columns of space before, during, and after the conference, and appreciative editorials were written. Many letters expressing interest in the conference were received by Senator Morris and Secretary Ashworth. At the banquet Harry J. Bell read a number of these messages including telegrams from Congressman George J. Schneider and J. B. Beck; Honore Mercier, Minister of Lands and Forestry of the Province of Quebec; J. P. Kinney, Chief Forester of the Indian Service of the Department of the Interior; and others. "President C. T. Jaffray of the Soo Line pledges his cooperation to Wisconsin forestry," said Mr. Bell. "He is represented here by Vice-President F. R. Newman. President Scandrett of the Milwaukee Road sends a similar message. He is represented here by T. W. Proctor of that railroad. There are many other letters and telegrams in the hands of the committee and nearly three hundred peo-