

### THE SESSION OF 1935.

M. Matuszewski invited the Committee to hold its Session of 1935 at Varsovie, M. Edström, in the absence of M. Fearnley, re-called the fact that Norway had already in 1932 invited the I.O.C. to hold its Session at Oslo.

The President in the name of the Committee thanked M. Matuszewski warmly for his kind invitation.

The session terminated at 11.30 a.m.

#### The afternoon session of Friday, 9th June.

The reading by the Secretary of the Minutes of the Meeting of Friday morning, 9th June, took place on the same day at 3 p.m. in the Conference Hall of the Hotel Bristol. The Minutes were confirmed.

The President expressed once again to Dr. Schmidt the gratitude of the I.O.C. for the admirable organisation of the Session and for the successful festivities which were provided day after day. All would take away from the Session of Vienna unforgettable memories. Count Clary speaking on behalf of his colleagues, thanked the President for the graciousness and firmness with which he always conducted the proceedings. He added his own warm and friendly congratulations on his brilliant re-election which had been unanimous.

The President thanked him warmly for the kind sentiments which he had expressed.

He declared the Session of 1933 closed.

### RECEPTIONS

Vienna accorded a warm welcome to members of the I.O.C. and rarely has such a well-thought-out programme made a visit easier or more pleasant.

The Opera Gala Night, when «The Rosenkavalier» by Richard Strauss was splendidly given, was an artistic triumph, and very enjoyable receptions were given by Dr. Schmidt, Prince and Princess Kinsky, Baron and Baroness A. de Rothschild, Ambassador and Madame Dumba and Senator Kano.

By a happy coincidence members of the International Olympic Committee were enabled to assist at the Jubilee of the Austrian Olympic Committee which was celebrating the 25th Anniversary of its foundation. and also at the magnificent Sports-Meeting held in honour of the occasion in the Stadium of Vienna.

The President on behalf of the Committee tendered his warm thanks to Dr. Schmidt.

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### 5. — Official

**Obituary.** — Count Clary, Delegate of the International Olympic Committee to France, died suddenly in Paris on the 13th June, 1933, in his 74th year.

The President sent a message to his family expressing the sympathy of the Committee.

### 6. — The Olympic Games

Past, Present, and Future

A PINDARIC ODE

By Miss BYRD MOCK

Dedicated to the Tenth Olympiad, July 30 to August 14, 1932, A. D., LOS Angeles, California, U.S.A.

Strophe a

Back in the midst of the ages long past,  
Myths have enriched and inspired men of old,  
Shaping their thoughts and their lives with the lore  
Hidden and wrapt in the tales that they loved.  
Beautiful myths from fair Hellas have come  
Down through the ages to charm and uplift,  
Making the world a great debtor to Greece,  
Glorious nation whose star never wanes  
But shines on in splendor for eons untold ;  
United in spirit, and love for the soil  
That gave us Pythagoras, Plato, and all  
Great savants of that rich golden age  
When Pericles swayed loyal Greeks by a word —  
He who looked at life steadily and saw it whole.  
Their nation a unit has always remained.  
Through time and through change, through disaster  
and stress.

Antistrophe a

Homer and Sophocles, Solon the Wise,  
Archimedes and Xenophon, Socrates bold,  
Sweet Sappho and Pindar whose odes will live on  
After the Pyramids lie in the dust,  
Or California's big trees shall cease to put forth ;  
These and numberless others have glorified Greece  
And have made her immortal — bright star of the  
world.  
The beautiful visions the Greeks entertained  
Developed their souls and made heroes of men ;  
The myth the most sacred of all in their lore  
Was the story of Hercules founding the Games  
In honor of Zeus, son of Chronos, their God  
Of high heaven who ruled from the peaks  
Of cloud-capped Olympus, abode of the gods  
Twelve in number, each one an ideal  
That stirred men to imitate deeds of the gods,  
And develop divinity in their own souls.  
«From the gods,» sang sage Pindar, «come all the  
means  
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«Of mortal achievement ; and thanks to the gods.  
«Do men become eloquent, wise, good, or brave.»

Epode a

Zeus, the Great Thunderer, Hera: his wife,  
Pallas Athene, loved goddess of sports.  
Who gives all the victories in war or in peace ;  
Far-shooting Apollo, god of the Lyre,  
His twin sister, Chaste Artemis, fond of the hunt.  
Hermes, the Messenger, swift, debonair,  
Poseidon who rules with his trident the waves,  
Hephaistos, the Homely, who works at his forge,  
Demeter, the giver of fruit and of grain,  
Hestia, the guardian of hearth fires on earth,

Aphrodite, inspirer of love in men's hearts ;  
These and the lesser gods all did their share  
In creating ideals that have governed mankind.

## Strophe b

These ideals were not lost although dormant for  
years ;  
«Sound minds in sound bodies,» and «nothing too  
much»  
Were the secrets that made Greeks great leaders of  
men ;  
Then they prayed—they loved beauty and eagerly  
learned.  
And the games at Olympia, foremost of all,  
Had the power of uniting the Greeks as a whole,  
And fused warring states into peaceful congress,  
While making immortal those winning the crown  
On foot, or on horse, with the javelin, or disc,  
Or wrestling, or boxing, or jumping the rod.

## Antistrophe b

As Iphites revived the old Games that became  
The measure of time for all Hellens  
Seven hundred and seventy-six years before Christ,  
When Coroebus of Elis the victor was crowned,  
To three ninety-four in the year of our Lord,  
In the reign of the sovereign, Theodosius, the Great.  
So Baron de Coubertin, loved son of France,  
Fired by the noble ideals of the Games  
That still gripped men's minds fifteen centuries since,  
In eighteen ninety-six, this New World Hercules  
A new labour performed to add to the twelve ;  
He restored the Olympics again to the world,  
And fittingly held them in Greece once again,  
In violet-crowned Athens where a true son of Greece.  
Louis of Maroussi the marathon won  
O'er the same course Pheidippides carried the news  
Of Miltiades' victory o'er the Persians' great force.  
To waiting Athenians—and dropt dead at their feet.  
The whole world was summoned instead of just  
Greeks  
To contest in the modern Olympian Games,  
But the spirit of Hellas still dominates all  
The contestants and contests in amateur sports.

## Epode b

Seven nations have thus far been hosts to the Games,  
Greece, France, America, England, at first.  
Then Sweden and Belgium, and Holland played host  
To the world of clean sport so nobly revived.  
The Great War prevented in nineteen fourteen  
World athletes from coming as Germany's guests,  
But nineteen thirty-six will find Berlin the scene  
Of the eleventh Olympiad with a new start  
Toward goodwill, and fellowship with the whole  
world.  
And the tenth in America soon will be held,  
The second time she has been honoured as host  
To the nations that covet Olympia's crown ;  
To St. Louis the honour went first as the host,  
And now to Los Angeles, second to none  
In true hospitality, friendship, and care  
For the wishes and welfare of every guest

Who has come to our borders to visit the Games  
In the land of four flags, California's shore  
Laved by waters as blue as the far-famed Ægean  
Where Homer first sang of the gods and of men,  
The new Hellas now destined by fate as of old  
To become the great centre of art of the world.  
And the city of angels an Athens will be  
Where great minds will gather and make destiny.  
Here thirty-eight nations will gather for sport  
To be led by the Greeks on the opening day,  
With their young Queen Evangeline leading the line  
Of the defile of nations, majestic event  
That will launch the great  
Games in the great golden west.  
This custom was started when England was host.  
As athletes of old poured libations to Zeus,  
Imploring his favour in winning the crown  
Of wild olives—most coveted prize  
Ever sought by a Greek—even dearer than life,  
So divine approbation of this tenth event  
Will be sought by the nations attending the Games,  
An old custom restored the time Sweden was host.  
The future alone can measure the worth  
Of the Grecian Olympiad France has revived,  
France, a leader of nations in culture and art,  
Who gave us Lafayette who helped to create  
The first great Republic—Plato's dream made come  
true.  
Not by chance was this great tenth Olympiad held  
On the two hundredth birth-year of George Was-  
hington,  
America's high-statured hero who loved  
Manly sports of all kinds and in them excelled.  
Were he young and alive today he would be first  
To join the pentathlon, and would surely give cause  
For athletes of all lands their laurels to guard.  
But his spirit is with us in this great event,  
And will march at the head of the line that will file  
Through the stadium here to open the Games.  
Unlike days of old when women were barred  
Even from entering the Sacred Precinct  
On pain of quick death from the Typæan Rock  
On the slope of the swift-flowing Alpheus there,  
Excepting Demeter's high-priestess alone  
Who sat next the judges in grave dignity,  
Thousands of women will view all events,  
And hundreds take part from all over the world.

## Strophe c

When Phidias had sculptured the great Parthenon  
And set Pallas Atfene in marble and gold  
On her high throne above Athens, glory of Greece.  
Athene who sprang from the brain of King Zeus  
Fully armoured and ready for war or for peace.  
This sculptor then hastened to Elis, the site  
Of Olympia's Temple in honour of Zeus,  
And there in the olive-decked Altis he made  
The high statue of Zeus of ivory and gold  
That astonished the world with its beauty and grace,  
So that strong men oft wept in beholding its face ;  
'Twas one of the wonders of the old world,  
And a great inspiration to all the athletes  
Who before it took oaths to play fair in the Games.  
As the Olympics of Greece made men perfect in form,  
And brave in their spirits, and wise in their minds,

And established a truce between warring states,  
So our modern Olympics will help to perfect  
The bodies and minds of our men and our maids,  
And may it establish an eternal truce  
That will lead to world peace among nations of Earth!

Antistrophe c

The eagle of Zeus still appears on our arms,  
Bird that slept on his sceptre, now America's pride,  
While the caduceus of Hermes physicians still use  
As the emblem of healing, of wisdom, and faith.  
The old Grecian slogan «Meden Agan» was,  
Ours is «Citius, Altius, Fortius,» so  
We shall mount ever upward and onward to fame  
And success well deserved, with laurels well won.

Epode c

Long live the Olympiad, and long may they stand  
For sports unalloyed with professional lore.  
May the Flag of Clean Sport ever wave o'er the  
earth !  
May the blue and the yellow, the black and the green,  
And the red of the interlocked circles we see  
As the emblem of interlocked interests and fate  
Of the five major continents linked in the Games,  
Prophesy that forever these nations will stand  
Linked in Honor, in Harmony, Friendship, and  
PEACE.

Finis.

