

THE WEST COAST

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THE Pacific Coast Section met a few nights before we came East and extends you the greetings of the Section. A year ago when you were there, you filled us with enthusiasm and established a Section. Unfortunately, we are most of us engaged in the productive end of the business and that involves encroachment upon our evening time, so that it isn't so easy to establish a group. The attendance is usually about 35, the meetings taking the nature of a dinner, followed by a very interesting discussion. We have never yet been able to get the boys to be dignified at the meetings, which partake more of the nature of a round-table, dealing with the matter in hand. We have plenty of problems which are unsolved and difficult to solve. Before the program is over here, you may be able to deal with the problems which have been brought to our attention. Mr. Rackett is here and we are looking for Mr. Ball and our old friend Kelley of many years' standing in the business. These boys represent the Coast.

One charge was given me, which is very vital to us: We wish to extend an invitation to the Society of Motion Picture Engineers to go to Hollywood for the next general meeting, and I don't want any action on it at all today, but we wish to have you there and could make the meetings interesting and valuable to you.

I bring the greetings of the West Coast at this time.

PRESIDENT PORTER: We certainly appreciate the invitation to come again to the West Coast. After what the boys did for us out there a year ago, it seems to me a good deal to invite us again. I am glad you did, and I am sure your invitation will be given very careful consideration. We are glad you are here and we wish more of you could meet with us.

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