



Election of Officers.

The club was left without a presiding officer Wednesday morning, both Messrs. McCormick and Gillespie, chairman and vice-chairman, having departed between two days. Secretary Kehoe called the meeting to order, and upon motion Mr. Hopley of Ohio was ordered to take the chair and preside until the regular election of officers took place, which he did with the grace of a born parliamentarian.

After the regular routine business was completed and under the head of new business, nominations for the office of chairman were declared in order. Mr. Chas. G. McNeil, of Chicago, was unanimously elected to fill the position. He was escorted to the chair and the badge of office conferred upon him, after which he responded by a short talk.

The names of Messrs. Shanklin of Missouri, Hopley of Ohio, and Pratt of Chicago were then placed in nomination for vice-chairman. Messrs. Pratt and Hopley declined the nomination and Mr. Shanklin was elected by acclamation.

Mr. McNeil is well known at the club as one of its most earnest and energetic members. He has been prominent in club matters since his arrival, and in his position as chairman of several committees he has done some excellent work for the club. His elevation to the chair is but a just and fitting tribute to his zeal for the best interests and general good of the club.

Mr. Shanklin of Missouri is too well known to the members of the club to need any introduction. His arduous labors in properly conducting the adjournment of the morning meetings have been sufficient to bring him prominently before the club. He has also served on various committees, and is a good and worthy member of the club.

Delegates Appointed.

On last Friday morning delegates were appointed to represent the Dwight club at the general convention on the 15th. The chairman displayed excellent judgment in the selection, as the following names will show:

DELEGATES.

Col. W. S. Thomas, Pittsburg, Penn., chairman.

Chas. E. Byington, Dwight, Ill.

Fred. G. Waite, Broken Bone, Neb.

ALTERNATES.

M. D. McFarland, Denver, Colo.

LaGage Pratt, Chicago, Ill.

Wm. Morris, St. Louis, Mo.

The above named gentlemen are at present taking treatment at the institute (with the exception of Col. Thomas of Pittsburg and Mr. Chas. E. Byington, of Dwight) and are prominent members of the club. They will make an excellent representation for the Dwight club, and as all are well known no further comment is necessary.

Police Protection.

The question of police protection at the club rooms which has been discussed at the meetings several times this week, is not yet definitely settled, nor will it be until a special officer is appointed or some action is taken whereby the members will be relieved from constantly watching their belongings for fear some sneak thief will appropriate them. Last week four overcoats were taken from the club room within three days. They were not taken by mistake, either, as no others were left in their place and the most diligent search has failed to reveal any trace of them. On last Saturday morning a motion to the effect that the janitor be sworn in by the authorities of the village to act as a special officer on club premises was carried unanimously, and a committee of three appointed to accompany the gentleman and properly lay the case before the mayor. Mayor Thompson said that the janitor could not be made an officer as he was a non-resident of the village, but if it was thought necessary and the club were willing to pay the expense, a special officer would be appointed for the club rooms and premises in this city.

The need of police authority at the club will not be denied when the above facts are taken into consideration, also the actions of a certain element in this city on entertainment nights. Last Saturday night was the worst it has ever been, and when the evening's entertainment was concluded a gang of half-grown boys and hoodlums lined the sidewalk near the entrance of the club, and the amount of hooting and yelling, obscenity and profanity which was borne to the ears of the ladies and gentlemen passing along the street was

an insult to every person who heard it. This is not the first time it has been brought to the notice of the STAR AND HERALD, and the club should do something towards stopping it.

Important to Club Members.

The "Banner of Gold," the new paper published in the interest of the Bichloride of Gold Club of the World and the Keeley treatment, was issued from the office in Chicago Thursday. It is a sixteen-page, finely illustrated weekly paper, and contains much interesting reading matter for both graduates of the Keeley institute and members of the club, as well as a review of current events and general news of the week. Subscription price, \$2 per year.

The DWIGHT STAR AND HERALD needs no introduction to its readers or the general public. It gives all the club news of importance which transpires at the headquarters in Dwight, and is a welcome visitor in hundreds of families who are today sending prayers of thanksgiving and blessing to Almighty God for the deliverance of some loved one from awful bondage. It has a circulation of several hundred copies in the Bichloride of Gold club alone. Subscription price, \$1.25 per year.

We will send the DWIGHT STAR AND HERALD and the "Banner of Gold" to any address one year for \$2.50, and we are satisfied that you will never regret your investment. By taking these two papers you receive not only the news from the Dwight club, but from the members and various clubs all over the world. By subscribing now you will receive a full and complete account of General Convention of the Bichloride of Gold Club of the World, as well as the initial number of the "Banner of Gold."

The General Convention.

The general convention of the Bichloride of Gold Club of the World which will convene at Dwight next Monday, the 15th, is attracting a great deal of attention, and from the outlook at present a large crowd will be here and participate in the proceedings.

In conversation with Secretary Kehoe last Thursday, he informed us that the arrangements had been for the most part completed for a large gathering, and that about one hundred delegates from the various clubs all over the country will be in attendance. The reception committee, consisting of Messrs. Hopley of Ohio, Fisher of Missouri and Boswell of Kansas will meet the delegates at the depot as they arrive, and each will be presented with a badge and assigned to a stopping place. All the directors, with the exception of Lyman H. Lyon, will be in attendance, also Dr. Keeley, who will no doubt favor the convention with an address before adjournment.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Picked Up at the Club Rooms and Various Parts of the City.

Mr. Clements, of Chicago, left for his home Wednesday.

F. H. Curtis is the press agent of the White Plains, N. Y., institute.

H. L. White, of St. Louis, was among the graduates and departures of Tuesday.

Mr. Yale left for his home last Saturday. He made a brief parting address to the club.

Mr. Halpin, of Iowa, who has been a prominent member of the club for the past three weeks, left for his home Wednesday.

Mr. Martina, of the great prohibition state of Iowa, was among the graduates of last Saturday. He made a few remarks from the platform.

Mr. J. W. Vandervort is the permanent secretary of the Bichloride of Gold club of White Plains, N. Y. Mr. Vandervort was the 13th president of the Dwight club.

Jas. B. Lane left for his home in Rochelle, Ill., Thursday. Mr. Lane has made many warm friends here during his treatment and goes away full of courage and hope.

Mr. Yates, of Springfield, Ill., a prominent club member, graduated Friday night last and left for home next day. An interesting letter was received from him Tuesday morning.

W. H. Blee, of Syracuse, N. Y., addressed the club from the platform Wednesday. He is convinced that in the future he will have no trouble to ward off the old enemy.

Read the ad. of the new paper, the "Banner of Gold" published elsewhere in this issue. We will send it and the DWIGHT STAR AND HERALD for one year for \$2.50 cash in advance.

Mr. I. Lanning, of Chicago, who has been prominent in club affairs the last three weeks, made an excellent graduating speech from the platform Wednesday morning. He left the same day for home.

Mr. McDonald of Minnesota, was among those who talked to the club Wednesday morning. He gave a graphic description of the tortures of the morphine slave, and was listened to with much attention.

Mr. Shanklin, of Missouri, to whom has been delegated the important and arduous duty of seeing that that body is properly adjourned, is sick. His absence was noticed in the club room Monday, and profound and sincere re-

gret was expressed by all. His place was ably filled, however, by his honorable colleague, Mr. Hopley of Ohio. Later—Mr. Shanklin is once more with us alive and well.

Dr. McLaughlin, of Rockford, was among the graduates of Tuesday. The doctor will remain with us for some time, and consequently the farewell address looked forward to so eagerly by his many friends was postponed.

Dr. Haynor, of the White Plains, N. Y., institute, was presented with a handsome moonstone pin set with diamonds last week. Major Alfred R. Calhoun made the presentation speech. Dr. Haynor is held in very high esteem.

We notice by the Reporter, of White Plains, N. Y., that Judge Baxter, a former graduate of the Dwight institute, made a very fine address before the Bichloride of Gold club at the White Plains institute. He is an excellent talker.

E. J. Durfee, of Tiskilwa, Ill., arrived in Dwight Sunday with two candidates for the Keeley cure in tow. Mr. Durfee is a worker for the cause, and since his graduation in the month of October he has brought seven men to Dwight for treatment.

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Dr. Deane, of Pittsburg, Pa., graduated Monday night and delivered an excellent farewell address before the club Tuesday morning. He left for home the same day, and expressed an earnest hope that liquor would cause no more sorrow in his home.

C. A. Powell, about the largest man in stature who ever took treatment at Dwight, graduated with high honors and left for his home in Butte City, Montana, too soon to talk to the club. He left a letter with the secretary, however, explaining his absence.

Willard S. Brown, of Kirkwood, Ill., is visited the club this week. We notice in last week's issue of the Kirkwood Leader, upon which Mr. Brown holds a responsible position, an excellent article on the Keeley treatment containing cuts of the various interesting sights and scenes in Dwight, written by that gentleman. The article is well worth reading.

George E. Messer, of Chicago, for so long the efficient sergeant-at-arms at the club rooms, wrote Mr. McNeil an interesting letter which was read to the club Tuesday morning. George says his dear old mother is as happy as can be, and looks fully ten years younger since his return. Her smiles amply repay him for the four weeks spent at Dwight.

Mr. L. H. Rousseau, of St. Louis, was among those who left Dwight for their homes Tuesday. Mr. Rousseau has been with us about six weeks, the greater part of which has been spent at the club rooms or in the service of that body. He was chairman of the sick committee and has cheered many a poor fellow's heart when lying on a bed of illness. He received a rising vote of thanks for his services, and departs with the best wishes of all his associates.

Chairman Ed. McCormick, of St. Louis, took his lecture and graduated with high honors from the institute Friday night. Ed. does not leave with that feeling of confidence and assurance of his cure which a great many express, but in his many address before the club Tuesday morning he said that he proposed by God's help never to touch liquor again. He has made a good presiding officer and formed many acquaintances in Dwight who will remember him long for his many acts of courtesy and kindness to his brother members. We wish him unbounded success in his new life.

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