



The Club of the World.

Representatives of the Great Bichloride of Gold Club of the World in Session in Dwight.

Delegates From all Over the United States Present.

A GRAND MEETING OF GRAND MEN

The good and wholesome water from Charlie Waters' artesian well in the rear of Walter Weese's blacksmith shop on Delaware street, had a great deal to do with the primary movements in the organization of what has now become one of the grandest organizations in the world. Early in April last year a great many of the gentlemen here for treatment were in habit of visiting Weese's blacksmith shop to partake of a draught of the fine well water in the rear, and incidentally listen to a few of Weese's unlimited supply of funny stories, all of which are true. One morning during these many visits Major Moore, the lamented Dr. Miller and Weese were spinning yarns and some one suggested the idea that an organization should be formed which would more closely cement the friendships formed here among the patients, and place them in a position to do additional good to their afflicted fellow men. The idea was no sooner advanced than it was seen by the bright minds present that a grand future was open for such an organization. Shortly afterwards, one forenoon after morning treatment seven of these gentlemen formed in line in the blacksmith shop and the law was laid down to them by Major Moore and the primary organization formed by the election of Major Moore president, Mr. A. L. Osborne, vice-president, and Walter Weese secretary. No treasurer was elected at this time, as it was agreed that all financial obligations should be met by passing the hat. This order of things was continued until some time afterwards when Will Hagerty was elected the first treasurer. The meetings continued to be held in Weese's shop until the membership run up to about 40, and the shop became too small for meetings and blacksmithing. The club then rented Kepplinger's hall for awhile and then Sons of Veterans' hall over Kern's store. Thus was crystallized the grand movement that is destined to be among the greatest organizations in the world and be the means of saving hundreds of thousands of victims of dipsomania, and making thousands of happy homes.

Mr. Weese, the first secretary, informs us that the first seven to sign the "roll of honor" were Major Moore, Walter Weese, Dr. Miller, B. Grant Richardson, Prof. Hatch, Mr. Snowhook and Mr. Clark, and Messrs. Livingston, Rheinstrom, Osborne, Diggins, Wetzel, Paxton Brockenbrough, Michael, Garfield and many others soon followed. Mr. Osborne, now deceased, was the second president. The popularity of the club knew no bounds and increased in membership so fast that it was impossible to find a hall of sufficient size to accommodate them. They occupied Sons of Veterans' hall for seven weeks and then rented the old Presbyterian church, and even that was found too small and an annex was built by the club. The church was utilized until Monday when the club moved into the hall in the old opera house, recently used for treatment, which is roomy and well adapted for meetings.

A few months since it was thought best to have one central

organization and with that idea in view the necessary papers were secured from the secretary of state authorizing the corporation known as the Bichloride of Gold Club of the World. The leading men in the different clubs were called together and Major Moore, of Pittsburg, the first president of the local club, was elected the first president of the world's club, Judge Arnold, vice-president, and J. D. Kehoe, secretary and treasurer, and a board of directors composed of the following named gentlemen: William S. Arnold, John T. Rice, John D. Kehoe, John J. Flinn, William M. Burris and Lyman H. Lyon.

Monday's Sessions.

The meeting was called to order in our new club room this morning, Mr. McNeil occupying the chair.

On motion of Mr. James Cooper, of Chicago, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was omitted, as there were a great many graduates to hear from.

Twenty new members were enrolled upon the secretary's books.

An interesting letter from Judge Freeman P. Lane, of Minnesota,

10. Milwaukee, Wis.
11. Peoria, Ill.
12. Charleston, Ill.
13. Decatur, Ill.
14. West Superior, Wis.
15. Washington, Pa.
16. Philadelphia, Pa.
17. Mendota, Ill.
18. Cheyenne, Wyo.
19. Warren, Pa.
20. Bushnell, Ill.
21. Louisville, Ky.
22. Dubuque, Iowa.

MONDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The delegates did not get together very promptly and it was fully 2 o'clock before Chairman McNeil called the meeting to order. The hall was crowded to its fullest capacity, many ladies being in the audience. Chairman McNeil arose from his seat and made the following address of welcome: MR. PRESIDENT AND GENTLEMEN, Delegates to the convention of the Bichloride of Gold Club of the World: The pleasant task has fallen to me as present chairman of the Bichloride of Gold Club of Dwight to extend to you a word of greeting in the assembling of this, your convention.

This Dwight club organized by a handful of men less than one year ago has increased in members and strength until to-day it counts a membership of 3,208, drawn from every state and ter-

standing, amid cheers and vigorous applause. Dr. Keeley said:

Gentlemen of the Bichloride of Gold Club, you are here to-day in delegates convention to represent the Bichloride of Gold Clubs throughout the United States. I welcome you to Dwight as a father would welcome a family assemblage under his roof-tree, no matter where you have graduated, at what Keeley institute authorized by the parent house, Dwight is still your alma matre. I cannot say with what feelings of pride and gratification I extend to you this welcome. I cannot express to you the great kindness I have for you individually and collectively. It is not meet that I take up your time now to the detriment of the work you have in hand, but allow me to remind you that you are here for a purpose—the purpose merging into one common interest—the work done by the lowly Nazarine while on earth, namely: The saving of men. Therefore see to it gentlemen that no wrangle or inharmonious creep into your counsels, see to it that the world of newspapers who are to-day watching you in the interest of the liquor dealers for adverse criticism will have nothing to report inimical to this day's proceeding.

May God be with you in all you do in this most important meeting of your existence as a club.

The regular business was then taken in hand, and after the roll of delegates was called (25 clubs responding) the following com-

mittee on credentials was appointed by the chair:

Morrison, of Illinois. Clark, of Missouri. Kelly, of Pennsylvania. Cooper, of Illinois. Waite, of Nebraska. Calhoun, of New York. Wilson, of Colorado.

The convention then proceeded to regular business. A telegram was received and read to the club from Dr. I. N. Carr, Tarboro, N. C.: "I am with you in spirit."

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Moved by Judge Morrison that the temporary organization of the convention be made permanent. Carried.

Moved that all ex-chairmen and ex-presidents of the Dwight club be made vice-presidents. Carried.

Moved and carried that the following committees be appointed: Seven on resolutions, seven on revision of by-laws, five on ways and means, and three on auditing. Carried.

The president then retired for the purpose of making out the committees, and called Hon. Waller Young, of Missouri, to the chair. The convention was then entertained by short addresses from members.

Col. Nate A. Reed, Jr., was called upon and responded by making a rousing speech, and one that elicited the warmest applause from his hearers.

Ex-President Burris, of Missouri, was also called upon. He spoke for five minutes upon the grandness of the movement and the great possibilities in store for the club. The movement is yet in its infancy. The verdict of the women of this country would soon be "Dwight or divorce." He also related some funny experiences in connection with his trip to Dwight, which pleased the audience immensely.

The chair then appointed the following committees: On resolutions—Young, of Missouri, Dickinson, of Illinois, Cumbersome, of Indiana, McLane, of Michigan, Mansfield, of Illinois, Zeigler, of Wisconsin.

On amendments to by-laws—

Delaware—W. De H. Reeder, A. W. Irwin, M. E. Halley. Chicago—J. W. Cooper, Thomas F. Mitchell, Chas. Eugene Banks. Hyde Park—N. A. Fowles, E. W. Kirkland, — McPherson.

Pittsburg—J. M. Kelly, John Flannery, S. E. Moore. Northville, Mich.—S. A. McLane.

Decatur, Ill.—Robert Kincaid, Wm. Barnes, Geo. J. Scott. Mendota, Ill.—Alex. P. Castle. Dubuque, Ia.—F. S. Westphal. St. Joseph, Mo.—Waller Young. White Plains, N. Y.—Alfred Calhoun.

Fulton, Mo.—Wallace Williams, G. A. Magorian, Wm. Lawther. Washington, D. C.—W. S. Arnold.

Sterling, Ill.—J. H. Hoofstiter, Joliet, Ill.—Wm. Strickland, P. H. McSherry.

Canton, Ill.—P. B. Small, A. J. McQuaid, Owen Jones. Cottage Grove, Ill.—James A. Wood.

Kansas City, Mo.—F. P. Clark, Dick Van Horn, W. M. Burris. Watseka, Ill.—H. T. Skeels, Fred Gard.

Alpena, Mich.—Thos. H. Hunt. Bloomington, Ill.—H. Smith, Al. Burkhardt, J. H. Miller. Boonville, Ind.—J. V. Patterson, E. M. Folsom.

Fairmont, W. Va.—John Hamilton, — Hugh, — Comerford. Leavenworth, Kas.—W. G. Richardson, J. W. Phillips, D. C. Bridges. Topeka, Kas.—W. G. Richardson.

Lafayette, Ind.—E. J. Broderick, J. J. Cumberston, M. Early. Rockford, Ill.—H. B. Dickinson. Milwaukee—C. S. Clark, Geo. Ziegler, Frank McCrary.

Charleston, Ill.—H. W. Davis, Geo. R. Chambers, Otto Weiss. Philadelphia—Frank Vincent, Alex. P. Castle.

Warren, Pa.—Chas. Dickinson. Springfield, Ill.—W. P. Grimsby. Freeport, Ill.—G. Stanley Mansfield.

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At the conclusion of Dr. Keeley's remarks, Mr. Chas. Eugene Banks was called for and favored the convention with the recital of a short poem.

As the hour had grown so late it was decided not to do any business that night, so the convention adjourned until 9 o'clock Tuesday morning.

LIST OF DELEGATES.

The following delegates have arrived up to the time of going to press, and registered with Secretary Kehoe:

Delaware—W. De H. Reeder, A. W. Irwin, M. E. Halley. Chicago—J. W. Cooper, Thomas F. Mitchell, Chas. Eugene Banks. Hyde Park—N. A. Fowles, E. W. Kirkland, — McPherson.

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Canton, Ill.—P. B. Small, A. J. McQuaid, Owen Jones. Cottage Grove, Ill.—James A. Wood.

Kansas City, Mo.—F. P. Clark, Dick Van Horn, W. M. Burris. Watseka, Ill.—H. T. Skeels, Fred Gard.

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TUESDAY MORNING SESSION.

The convention was called to order at 10 o'clock by President Moore, and opened with the Lord's prayer by Mr. Davis.

The convention proceeded to regular business. An auditing committee consisting of Dickinson, of Pennsylvania, McCormick, of Missouri, and Byington, of Dwight, was appointed.

After the reading and approval of the minutes the committee on resolutions made its reports.

A resolution concurring the efficacy, permanency, etc., of the Keeley treatment was adopted unanimously.

A resolution making the Banner of Gold the official organ of the Bichloride of Gold Club of the World was also adopted. The resolution was as follows:

WHEREAS, Nate A. Reed, Jr., Chas. E. Banks, and others have started a weekly publication under the title of the Banner of Gold, and whereas the publication is devoted to the dissemination of news of interest to the Keeley patients and graduates of the Bichloride of Gold Clubs all over the country.

Resolved, That it be the sense of this convention that a publication such as the Banner of Gold must necessarily be of great advantage to this organization and its auxiliary clubs and that we do now in convention assembled at Dwight, Feb. 15, 1892, adopt said Banner of Gold as the official organ of the Bichloride of Gold Club of the World and that the Secretary be authorized to so inform the publishers.



VIEW OF PATIENTS IN THE HALL AT HYPODERMIC TREATMENT TIME.

ex-chairman of the club, was received by Mr. McCormick and read to the club. He told of the actions of a certain patient who had taken treatment for morphine at this place, and upon leaving went to Chicago and proceeded to get very drunk, displaying his badge at all the principal saloons in the place and making a fool of himself generally. Mr. Lane suggested that his name be dropped from the roll.

Dr. McLaughlin, who graduated a few days ago, made the club a short farewell address.

Among others who made short talks to the club were: Messrs. Ziegler, of Milwaukee, Youngblood, Chas. Eugene Banks, Hoofstiter and Waller Young. Several others were called for, but as they were saving their eloquence for the convention, did not respond.

The club adjourned until 1:30 o'clock, when the first session of the convention as called to order.

The following is a list of the Bichloride of Gold Clubs organized to date and the numbers of their charters:

1. Dwight Aux.
2. Pittsburg, Pa.
3. Lafayette, Ind.
4. Farmington, Mo.
5. Dixon, Ill.
6. Northville, Mich.
7. Omaha, Neb.
8. Los Gatos, Cal.
9. Marshall, Mo.

ritory of our broad country, and from abroad; drawn from our largest commercial cities and the smallest hamlet, from every profession, from every business and every occupation. The old and the young, the rich and the poor; the millionaire and the laborer; all of these, side by side, have taken their stand as fellow sufferers from the demon of drink and narcotics. Have side by side taken the same treatment, and are to-day to the world living examples of the efficacy of the Keeley cure and bearing on their breast the bright emblem which shows to all the world that the shackles of the demon have been stricken from their hands, their hearts and their brains, and that they stand in the bright light of a new day free men under a proclamation of emancipation, the broadest and the grandest the world has ever witnessed.

Words fail me to express what I would say as to the father and progenitor of this movement, our esteemed and honored benefactor, our savior, Dr. Leslie E. Keeley. That must be the pleasing task of tongues more tuned to hymns of praise than mine. Gentlemen, from your parent club, I give you glad greeting. May wisdom guide your counsels; may brotherly love and harmony be with you in all your deliberations. Gentlemen, friends and brothers, I give you welcome and greeting from the Bichloride of Gold Club of Dwight.

Major S. E. Moore, president of Bichloride of Gold Club of the World, responded in a few words. He said that it was not his place to make a speech as the gentlemen had assembled for a purpose which would require their entire time and attention. He then introduced Dr. Leslie E. Keeley who was received by the delegates

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On ways and means—Kirkland, of Hyde Park, Hunt, of Michigan, Hoofstiter, of Illinois, Burris, of Missouri, Kelley, of Pennsylvania.

Moved and carried that all speeches be limited to five minutes.

The meeting then adjourned in order to give the committees time to consult.

EVENING SESSION.

The convention was called to order promptly at 8 o'clock by President Moore, and opened with prayer by Mr. H. W. Davis, after which Dr. Keeley was introduced and talked to the club for about an hour.

Dr. Keeley's talk was interesting throughout and close attention was accorded him by all. He took the case of a periodical drinker, followed him through every phase of his debauches and explained all the peculiarities of the awful disease of dipsomania.

Among other good things Dr. Keeley said was this: "Drunkenness has been considered a crime. It has been considered a vice and a disgrace. I say here to-night it is not a crime, neither is it a vice or disgrace any more than typhoid fever, diphtheria, or other diseases