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charges were pending of a trivial nature against the secretary and a committee was investigating them. It was also found that Secretary Kehoe, of the National club, and Secretary McNeill, of the Dwight club, could not work in harmony. Your Executive board therefore determined to suspend the charter of the Dwight club, and appoint a committee of three of its resident members to conduct its affairs until this convention decided otherwise. The committee named were Mr. O. B. Stanton, Mr. Harry Lawrence and the Rev. Mr. Cole. The Dwight club acquiesced in the action taken, and when the committee of three approved your board's selection of J. W. Dereen as secretary, he was duly installed in office and is acting as secretary of the Dwight club still. His salary from the Dwight club was fixed at \$50 per month. Mr. McNeill was allowed one month's salary when he retired from office. That this action was effective in promoting harmony was evidenced when on August 2nd, Secretary Dereen wrote the chairman of this board that on the morning of the day mentioned twelve new members had been elected—"the largest number any day since last winter," he said. Mr. Stanton reported to Mr. Flinn a few days later that 90 per cent. of the patients were now joining the club. The Keeley Institute at Dwight had made it a rule not to interfere with the affairs of the club, but upon the solicitation of your board, Major Judd and Dr. Blaine both addressed the club on the evening of July 18, explaining the attitude of the Institute to the clubs. Their speeches had a marked effect for good.

Your Executive board will lay before your committee on constitution suggestions for the permanent government of the Dwight club. Your board on the afternoon of July 18 met with Secretary Kehoe at the National office. The affairs of the club were gone over, and while the accounts were all found in excellent condition, there seemed to be much dissatisfaction with the way in which the office was conducted. Secretary Kehoe concluded, therefore, in the interests of harmony to resign, and his resignation was accepted. J. W. Dereen was elected in his place until this convention met, at a salary of \$25 per month. The Executive board ordered the removal of the National headquarters to the B. C. of G. C. building occupied by the local club, and the sale of all unnecessary furniture.

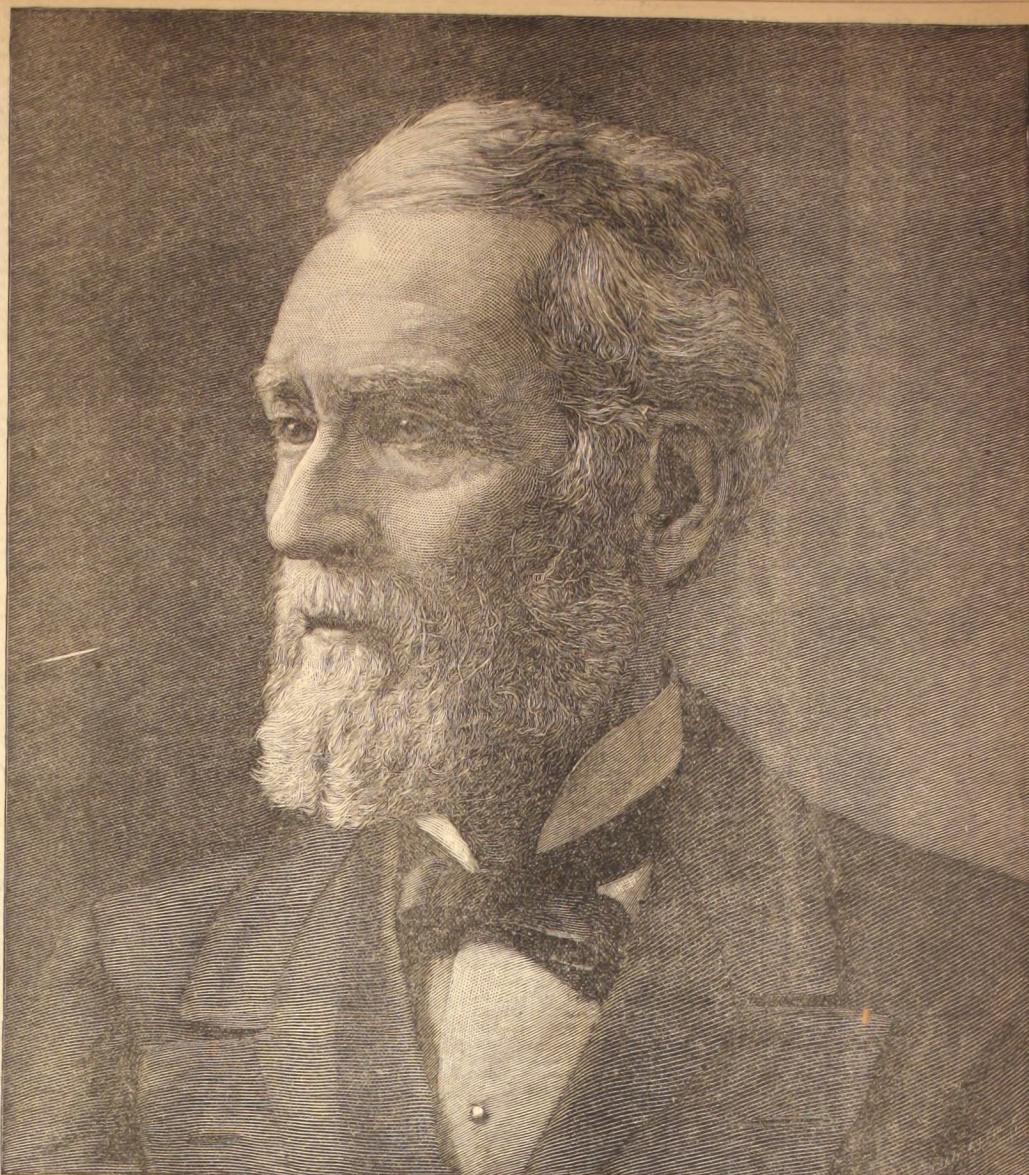
The Executive board then heard from Mayor Romberger of the town of Dwight, and Howard Smith of Bloom-

ington, New Jersey. Dr. Carr has been an early and effective worker in the cause, and his services are appreciated by this board. Mr. Clark resigned because of his removal to New York. The vacancies have not been filled owing to the late day on which they were received.

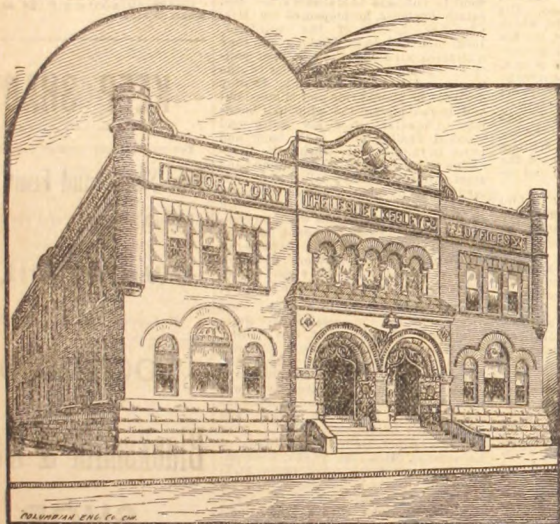
It is for this convention to say whether or not to continue the same system of revenue to the National club as is at present in force. It is simply a tax of twenty-five cents on each new member elected by any club, and the sale of supplies at not more than twenty-five per cent. above cost. A number of clubs failed to pay this tax, alleging that they were poor and it required all the money they could raise to pay for the treatment of patients. Without attempting to dictate in this respect, your Executive board submits that the question is important; that whatever obligations are undertaken by the constitution must be carried out in good faith and with discipline, or our organizations will become simply paper titles without value or force.

Herewith we submit the report of Secretary and Treasury Dereen, which speaks for itself. We suggest that an auditing committee be appointed to examine the same.

In conclusion your Executive Board beg leave to submit the following: We are strongly of the opinion that a thorough re-organization of our National Association is absolutely necessary. We believe that it will be far better to determine now and definitely the conditions upon which auxiliary clubs shall be admitted into and allowed to continue as part of the National Association. We want an organization in fact and not an organization on paper. We want an organization that can be moved as one man on questions concerning the welfare of the Keeley movement. We want an organization of earnest workers who will give their allegiance to such officers as you may elect from time and who will be ready to respond to such calls as may be laid upon them for active service in the cause. As the case stands at present it is difficult to say what we may depend upon. For instance, when a gathering of this kind is announced there has been so much uncertainty as to the probable representation here, that your Executive Board has been embarrassed, and very seriously at times, when questioned by the press and by railroad corporations and others. We have had only a general idea regarding the probable attendance at this convention. We have never been able to ascertain from the secretaries of clubs the real condition of the various auxil-



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ington, Illinois, propositions for holding this convention at their respective places. Mayor Romberger offered free entertainment for three days and nights to 500 delegates and alternates, and the Leslie E. Keeley Co. offered the use of the new opera house free in which to hold the convention. Mr. Smith suggested that these inducements be accepted as Bloomington could not be so liberal. Dwight was then unanimously selected and the call, with which you are all familiar, promulgated. That call committed the clubs to an actual policy, and the result you see in the convention assembled.

Mr. Howard Smith, at this meeting, resigned as State Chairman for Illinois, owing to his expected absence from the country during the sessions of this convention. John J. Flinn, of Chicago, was named State Chairman, and celebrated the event by issuing a call for a state convention to organize the Illinois clubs, on September 13. After adjournment Mr. Flinn, owing to his proximity to Dwight, was selected by the board to apply for special excursion rates to this convention, and that his efforts were successful you are all aware. The detail arrangements were also under his personal care, and he made several visits to Dwight on the business of the board. Since the call was issued the board has kept in close correspondence so that all arrangements made have worked out harmoniously. The calls to the convention were sent to all clubs and to all institutes. They were a so sent to the National and State officers of the W. C. T. U., the W. C. T. A., as well as to individual temperance workers. To the press of Chicago and the nation, the board offers its thanks for the many extended notices accorded this movement.

Since the last convention the following states have perfected organizations: New York, Michigan, Iowa, Missouri, Ohio, and South Carolina. Illinois and Pennsylvania will be organized during the sessions of this convention. All states should organize as soon as possible as it will give better opportunity for effective work. As a meeting will occur during these sessions to organize a Woman's Auxiliary, their relation to this association is provided for in changes to the constitution, which will be presented to the committee on constitution by this board.

The board has received the resignations of Dr. I. N. Carr, State-Committee-man from North Carolina, and Chas. E. Clark, State-Committee-man

from New Jersey. We are convinced that a secretary who shall be an organizer, a thorough business man, and above all, a staunch believer in the Keeley treatment, must be provided for the National Association. He should be enabled to visit clubs throughout the country and should be empowered not only to issue charters but to suspend them under authority of the Executive Board. He should in fact be a secretary of the Executive Board, be amenable to its dictation and subject entirely to its jurisdiction. We recommend that the Executive Board, under the revised constitution and by-laws, shall be empowered to select sub-secretary, and given authority to suspend or remove him as said Executive Board may think best.

We believe that if this National organization is to be successful, it must be conducted on purely business lines and principles. Its officers should be chosen from among you, not because they are good fellows, popular fellows, or men whom you would like to compliment, but because they are fitted by nature and by education for the positions which they may be called upon to hold.

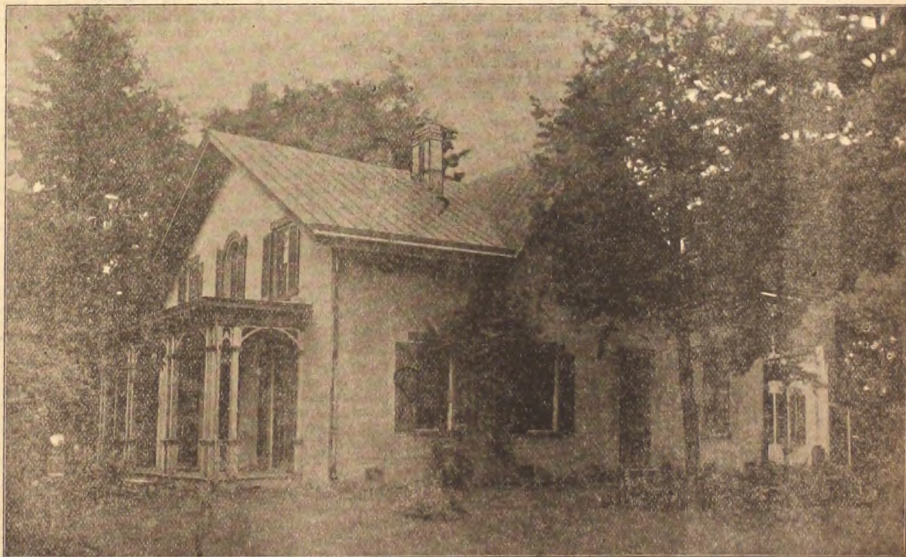
We believe that in the selection of officers for the National Association prejudices of all kinds should be relegated to the back ground and the fitness of the candidates who may be put forward only, considered.

Finally in conclusion this board must refer to the noble efforts made by the new papers published in the interests of the clubs, to spread the light of Keeleyism and the value of the remedies. The Banner of Gold published at Chicago, Golden News issued at New York both weekly papers and the Keeleyite, of Columbus, Ohio, have been bold and successful champions, and they deserve the full support of our members. We must also refer with much satisfaction to the excellent work in the lecture field of the club lecturer, Rev. Hardin W. Davis of Charleston, Ill. He has been busily employed throughout the Union, and has met with much success. The press of America is entitled to our thanks for they have become almost unanimously favorable to the Keeley treatments and to Keeleyism.

Respectfully submitted,  
J. M. KEELY, Chairman.

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