

Keeley League Convention.

The meetings of the Illinois State Keeley League and Auxiliary conventions at Bloomington, Tuesday and Wednesday, of this week were the best meetings of the orders ever held anywhere.

The executive committee of the league and auxiliary had charge of the arrangements of the convention, and League No. 17, of Bloomington, and their Auxiliary had charge of the program, entertainment, etc.

Major Geo. M. Smith then gave the delegates a warm welcome and the freedom of the city. Said he felt perfectly free to turn the city over to Keeley graduates, as he knew they were all right.

The response was made by Judge W. A. Arnold, one of the most accomplished orators in the Keeley League. He returned thanks in behalf of the league and gave some interesting data regarding the grand results derived from Dr. Keeley's cure.

Dr. Leslie E. Keeley was then introduced and his appearance was the cause of an ovation from the delegates and visitors. His address was prepared and dealt with facts relative to the inebriate and the cure. The paper was clear and concise, and it was evident to all who heard him that he was the most thoroughly posted man in the world upon the subject he spoke on.

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At 4 o'clock carriages were provided for all visitors to take a ride about the city. They visited the principal parts of the city, such as Franklin Park, Wesleyan University, the Normal University and Soldiers' Orphan Home at Normal, and many other places, and a very pleasant two hours occupied.

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The officers elected by the League this week are as follows: President, Robert Gibson, Kirkwood, Ill.; 1st vice president, F. L. Parker, Mason City, Mo.; 2nd vice president, F. E. Du Moulin, Milwaukee, Wis. Geo. G. Dax, of Dry Bone, Wis., was appointed sergeant-at-arms.

ple of Bloomington for their universal kindness toward the visitors. Too much could not be said along this line, as it would be simply impossible for a more cordial and hearty welcome than Keeley League, No. 17, and Auxiliary, of Bloomington, did to all the visitors. All was done for their comfort that was possible, and the visit will long be remembered with pleasure and satisfaction. "Boys" and "Girls" you are the "salt of the earth."

The League closed their deliberations at the morning session. The officers elected are as follows:

State President, W. G. Dustin, Dwight. Vice-Presidents, Ben. W. Mason, Bloomington; S. J. Madden, Mendota; J. J. Miller, Dwight. Secretary and Treasurer, Willard S. Brown, Dwight.

Executive Board, Al. Burkhardt, Bloomington; M. Murphy, Joliet; W. F. Grimley, Springfield; S. C. Henderson, Morris, and Geo. McAllister, Lincoln.

Delegates at Large to National Convention at Colorado Springs in September, Judge W. A. Arnold, Dwight; Charles Eugene Banks, Chicago; Al. Burkhardt, Bloomington.

A motion was carried unanimously that the national secretary do no business with local leagues in Illinois except through State headquarters. This is necessary as a matter of record and every local league in the State should bear this in mind.

After adjournment the "boys" all went to the Auxiliary meeting. The ladies soon finished by electing officers as follows:

President, Mrs. T. N. Ives, Bloomington. Vice-President, Mrs. Dr. Broughton, Dwight.

Reading Secretary, Mrs. Dr. Barr, Dwight. Treasurer, Mrs. Wickwire, Farmington.

Executive Board, Mrs. M. Kate Reed, Chicago; Mrs. Dr. Blaine, Mrs. Dustin, Dwight, Mrs. Johnson, Morris; Mrs. Sillsbee, Bloomington.

Delegates to National Convention, Mrs. M. Kate Reed, Chicago; Mrs. Dr. Blaine, Dwight; Mrs. J. N. Ives, Bloomington. Alternates, Mrs. C. E. Banks, Chicago; Mrs. M. Murphy, Joliet; Mrs. Wilson, Mendota.

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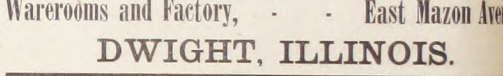
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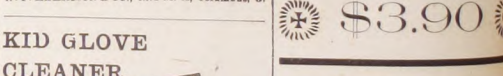
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