

by typhoid fever contracted during his service in the field, and he did not recover sufficiently to be considered a well man until after the war had closed. During the last year of the war, Mr. Dudley was the Commissary Steward of Lincoln General Hospital, Washington, D. C., and had full charge of the food department of an institution which had upon its roster nearly five thousand officers and patients.

At the close of the war Mr. Dudley was honorably discharged from the army and appointed a clerk in the Internal Revenue Bureau of the Treasury Department. Soon after accepting this position, Mr. Dudley attended a meeting of ex-soldiers and sailors called for the purpose of forming a permanent organization. Mr. Dudley was chosen president, although he had been a non-commissioned officer in the service; his ability as a presiding officer was recognized, and he was called to the chair of an association composed largely of men who had held commissions. There were lieutenants, captains, majors, lieutenant colonels, colonels, and even a general or two.

In 1866, when the contest between President Johnson and Congress became very heated, some soldiers who were in sympathy with the President's policy called a convention of ex-union soldiers and sailors who favored Mr. Johnson, to meet at Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Dudley read this call, and then drew a call for a convention of the veterans who favored the policy of Congress to meet at Pittsburg, Pa. Mr. Dudley called another member to the chair of the Soldiers' Union, and offered his call. It was approved unanimously, amid tumultuous applause, and a committee of arrangements, consisting of one member from each State in the Union, was appointed with Mr. Dudley as chairman. The call was published through the associated press, and Mr. Dudley often laughs at the peculiar feeling which came over him when, on the second morning after the publication, the letter carrier of the Internal Bureau came to his desk with a bushel basket nearly full of letters and poured them down upon his desk. Letters and telegrams continued to pour in from all sections of the country, and Mr. Dudley was soon admonished that he had better make arrangements to receive his mail elsewhere than at the office of the Internal Revenue.

When the time for the convention drew near, Mr. Dudley applied to the Hon. Hugh McCulloch, then Secretary of the Treasury, for a leave of absence for five days that he might attend. Mr.