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July 25th, 1910.

Mr. H. G. Stott,
Chairman Law Committee,
600 West 59th Street, New York City.

Dear Sir:-

I have received your letter of July 22nd, commenting on the circular letter issued through this office on July 15th, 1910. I agree with you that the intent of the resolutions embodied in the circular is not quite clear. As they were introduced by Professor Sever and adopted at the Convention it was necessary that they be distributed to the membership in order that replies might be received by the first of August as requested. The resolutions themselves and the circular imply that suggestions and amendments should be sent in to the Chairman of the Standards Committee, which appears to indicate that the resolutions are not yet in final form but are ready for such action as the Board of Directors may determine. Since the existence of the present Constitution the Standardization Rules have not been taken up for consideration at any Institute meeting.

Dr. Kennelly was very anxious that the revisions recommended by the committee should be brought up at the Jefferson Convention, but I wrote him on June 7th as follows,-

"Under the present Constitution I am not sure that the convention has any authority in the matter beyond a possible recommendation to the Board of Directors. If there is to be a discussion, sufficient time should be allotted for it at a proper place in the program, and this should be agreed upon before the final program is printed, if possible".

In a letter from Dr. Kennelly received this morning he informs me that he was to sail for Europe on the 23rd, and that he had received to date ten suggestions concerning the Standardization Rules, which he has acknowledged and informed the writers that they will be laid before the Standards Committee at its next meeting. This all goes to show that the rules are in a formative condition, so that there is no possibility of any further action in the matter before the meeting of the Board of Directors on August 12th, 1910, at which your letter of the 22nd inst will be presented.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.