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This statement of the position is taken from the address of the president of 1891. With reference to the "duplication of the work of other sections," the president spoke as follows: "I have nothing to do with such an argument, and care not whether it be considered good, bad or indifferent. I shall remove the necessity of using it by saying that we concede that the Congress has a perfect right to refuse to admit us if its members thought fit. We insist, however, that it had no right to subject us to humiliation such as this. It had no right to place us on probation for an extended period, and then absolutely ignore the essence of the implied contract between them and us. The resolution of the Congress required certain things from us. We have fulfilled those requirements in every part. We actually came into existence in the interests of the Congress. We have supported it loyally in every particular. We have shown no particle of antagonism to any of its sections; we have patiently submitted to much inconvenience through the delay in sending its singular ultimatum. Is it possible that the majority of the members of that great organization will feel proud of the actions of their Executive? I have considered the matter in all its aspects, and I cannot conceive how the members of the Congress can reasonably defend the methods of their committee."

The president then spoke as follows respecting the future prospects of the association: "Well, gentlemen, what are we to do now? It gives me unbounded pleasure to assure you that our Executive Council holds no divided opinions. The necessities of the case compel us to bid the Congress a sad farewell, but in doing so we indulge in the hope that we may be permitted to continue our existence, which we have found exceedingly pleasant, as well as extremely profitable. Our association is alive to-day, it is going to live, it is going to thrive, it is going to do a great work on this vast continent. I say this in no boasting spirit. I desire to assume no air of bravado. I feel fully impressed with the responsibility I assume when I say that we have a grand future before us. I, who have done so little for you, can express myself with greater freedom than can others