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The Raving.

Once upon a midnight dreary, In my chamber lone and weary, And I fear a little beery, As I'd been oft times before, Suddenly there came a rapping As of matches quickly snapping, And a dreadful rat tatting, Sounds I'd never heard before. Scared I was, there's no mistaking, And my bones began a-quaking As I started for the door. 'Tis some boozier that late out is— Only this and nothing more. Ope'd the door with fear and trembling, That there was no use dissembling, For I knew I had been drinking, drinking Harder than before— Flung I wide the open door. Entered there a host of demons That unto my senses seeming Covered all my chamber floor— Only this, but something more. Then those demons clutched and tore me, Hastily from my chamber bore me, Bore me to the Lethean shore, Where old Charon waits to row us— Ever waits to row us o'er. Awoke I then with dreadful screaming And I tried to grasp the meaning, Meaning of the awful dreams— Dreams I'd dreamed before. Suddenly my mind grew brighter, Reason cried out, "Why deride her; Why not seek the Keeley cure— Seek and grasp the Keeley cure?" Now my chamber never dreary, Nevermore am I weak and weary, As I was in days of yore; For I've got the Keeley cure— Got to hold for evermore. —E. R. GLASCOCK.

Pretty Poems.

At the meeting of the Bi-Chloride of Gold Club on Saturday evening last Mr. John J. Flinn was requested to recite two of his brightest poetic gems. So pleased were all who heard them that the STAR and HERALD has been requested to publish both:

GOOD NIGHT, GOD BLESS YOU. 'Thrice happy man—thrice blest—is he Who thro' the mist of years discerns A mother's face, and to her knee From later joys in fancy turns— Who feels her stroke upon his hair, Her lips upon his forehead; yes, And hears again the simple prayer She uttered with her last caress— "Good night, my child; God bless you!"

Who backward over weary years Can turn in fancy to one night— One night of bitter words and tears, When his first dream of love took flight— And, though it came with blank despair And tore two lives and souls apart. Can hear again that soft, sweet prayer That sprang from out an anguished heart— "Good night, my love; God bless you!"

Who, later still, when calmer days Had come with calmer views of life— When higher thoughts and better ways Supplanted vain and vulgar strife— Recalls a face to mem'ry fair, A love all hopeless, yet sublime, And hears again the gentle prayer And feels once more the thrill divine— "Good night, dear friend; God bless you!"

Thrice blest is he—for manhood's crown Is not from fame or fortune wrought, And one pure thought of love will drown A thousand dreams of battles fought. 'Tis not the laurel wreaths men wear That Heaven accepts, when all is past, A woman's pure, unselfish prayer Thro' all eternity last— "Good night, dear one; God bless you!"

TAKE THOU MY HAND. I bow my head, at last, and beg thee stay Thy just command! It is not mine to question, nay, Nor understand. Let all my doubts dissolve before thy light— Oh, Father! set my erring footsteps right— Take thou my hand!

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I bow my head, Oh Lord, to thee at last— To thee alone— I fear the future and abhor the past— My pride has flown! And thou wilt hear, I know, this pleading cry— As humbled, chastened, penitent I lie Before thy throne! I bow my head, Oh Lord! and crave thee wait— Wait yet one day! Give me, a suppliant before thy gate, One hour's delay— One precious moment, Lord! that I may hear "Thou art forgiven!" And my great fear Shall pass away!

Homeward Bound. Of the many recent departures from Dwight—happy graduates from Dr. Keeley's institution of scientific reformation—the grand army of good men now here under treatment, none will possibly be missed, especially in the club, more than J. M. Farrell, of Covington, Ky. Jim came to Dwight to make a fight and we all believe he has won. By nature endowed with all those gifts that go to make a man, capable of performing almost any duty in life. The boy cancelled and vetoed the best opportunities of life while he went away to worship at the feet of Bacchus. Like all of us, this was Jim's only fault, and no important position or engagement was ever withdrawn from him for any other reason. He goes out into the world—into the bright sunlight—with hope and not a fear. The dark cloud that obscured his genius has been dissipated—the silver lining has reached its zenith, the earth is now a bright spot to him and he fears not for the future. He goes with the prayers and the benedictions of eight hundred warm-hearted men, who have sat delighted beneath the echo of his musical "Home, Sweet Home," and we listened to that voice and then thought of home, the immortal Payne and all that life holds dear to each and every one. By general request, C. S. C.

The New Officers. The election of officers of the Bi-Chloride of Gold club was held on Tuesday morning, and able successors to Mr. Nash, of Chicago, and Col. Reynolds, both grand men, were chosen. The Hon. J. D. Keehey, of Kentucky, was unanimously elected president, and Mr. John J. Flinn, of Chicago, vice-president, both by acclamation. The new officers delivered feeling and eloquent addresses upon their elevation to these high offices. Both have held high positions of honor and trust in the past, but neither felt that a greater compliment had ever before been cast upon them.

Dr. Keeley has visited the club several times since his return. His presence is always received with much enthusiasm. Ex-President Burris, one of the most popular executive officers the club ever had, is sojourning in Dwight this week. J. J. Flinn, the present popular poet of the club, is all right. Some more of his effusions will be found in another column.

Col. Wilson, one of the organizers of the club, and who accompanied Dr. Keeley on his trip abroad, is in Dwight and we understand will remain here.

The entertainment Wednesday night was very fine. Many visitors, ex-graduates from all over the country visited the club since the return of Dr. Keeley.

Major Moore, of Pittsburgh, the first president of the club, spent Saturday and Sunday here. The major looks hale and hearty, and in his talks gave great encouragement to the freshmen and sophomores.

Mr. Geo. E. Taylor, of Denison, Iowa, arrived with five patients on Tuesday evening. He will be remembered as the man who left his head in Dwight September last. He says the woods are full of 'em.

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