

Some Truths.

H. A. Bronson, a graduate of Rockford, Ill., of the class of '91, was a delegate from Rockford to the late state convention of the Keeley League at Bloomington. He was a representative rather than a delegate, as the league there has not held a meeting for a year and a half or more, and the organization is no more.

There has been a large number of graduates at Rockford, and at one time the good people there, lead by such men as Dr. Kerr, took a great interest in the graduate and his or her welfare. But discouragements were met as they are everywhere. Scoffers were on every corner working in the liquor interests. And it seems that the graduates and their friends gave up, and the consequence is as Mr. Bronson says below. They should have stood shoulder to shoulder and received the encouragement of the many good people of Rockford, and today the movement, instead of going backward, would have been forging to the front until every inebriate in that beautiful city would have been cured and remained cured. We don't believe any man ever commenced drinking again after taking the Keeley cure through a return of the appetite. Circumstances might have led some poor deluded fellow to believe he had a return of the appetite because his stomach was out of order or his mother-in-law didn't agree with him or some such thing, but the truth is simply, "inebriety is a curable disease and Dr. Keeley's remedy cures it," and the writer of this, the same as the gentleman who wrote what follows, knows just what he is writing about. We hope that the grand league movement may be revived in Rockford, and that no graduate will imagine his position too high to do good and lend his influence for practical temperance, and also that the ladies may wake up to their duties in the matter. We here reprint what Mr. Bronson says in the Rockford Star:

To people who have watched the operation of the Keeley movement in Rockford, and who are not posted as to results elsewhere, a few quartz covered facts may be of interest. No other city or town in the United States, with a possible exception, will disclose a greater percentage of relapses after treatment than Rockford. No town in Illinois, of which positive or circumstantial knowledge can be ascertained, even approximates the same percentage of failures. As before stated, Bloomington has a flourishing league of 400 members and a healthy, hard working auxiliary. Other cities in the state have similar well-sustained organizations and report from 5 to 10 per cent. of relapses. These statements are to some extent implied answers to the first question that will be asked, "How do you account for it?" By the failure to organize and sustain Keeley leagues and auxiliaries.

The substantial success of any undertaking, where numbers are interested, can be best promoted through intelligent, thorough organization. All the evidence proves this assertion in Keeley matters. "That's all right, my friend," says the skeptic, "but if dipsomania is a disease, why organize to secure the permanency of a cure any more than for typhoid fever or smallpox?" Could these diseases be readily acquired a second time it would be a good idea to organize. In a majority of cases persons organization is unnecessary to hold the reformed (Keeley) man or woman. It is quite probable, however, that the brain or nerve tissues of those persons who relapse have been weakened or destroyed, either by the constant use of alcohol or the absence of gray matter from birth, to such an extent that without special restraint or a well defined object in life they are deluded into thinking they can become moderate drunkards, thus contracting the disease a second time. And all this without the positive desire for alcoholic stimulant. It seems to be a case of ruling passion strong in death, for it may be safely stated that not one man in a thousand who has fallen after treatment did so from an uncontrollable desire for alcohol. The testimony of nearly every unfortunate will be that he has nothing against the Keeley cure—thinks it all right—but that he succumbed from some undefinable cause. The cure for those undefinable and pure cussedness causes is to organize and attend Keeley leagues and accept the assistance that should be freely offered by the women through auxiliaries.

The women of the United States and Illinois in particular are doing more today through their Keeley auxiliaries to cure and save those already treated than the men. This is susceptible of proof, and it is a shame that Rockford is not competing with her beautiful sister, Bloomington, for first place in the glorious race of temperance reform. True, this city has had much to discourage, but it's seldom too late to mend. H. A. B.

John C. Foley, of Marseilles, Ill., the 37th president of the Dwight club, was present at the Sunday morning song service, and made a few interesting remarks. Accompanying Mr. Foley were the following old graduates: Messrs. D. A. Nicholson, J. J. Becker, R. Kelso, M. Drumbach, Clark, of Marseilles, and C. H. R. Thomas and W. J. Hosag, of Seneca, the two latter being accompanied by their wives. The entire party drove over and the day was pleasantly passed visiting old and familiar scenes about town.

The following officers were elected Tuesday: President, Wm. P. Thomas, Trenton, No.; 1st vice president, L. D. Many, Chicago; 2nd vice president, Thos. H. O'Donnell, Chicago. Frank L. Parker, of Macon, Mo., was appointed sergeant at arms.

A vote of thanks was extended by the club Tuesday to the retiring president, Robert Gibson, of Kirkwood, Ill., for the great interest manifested by him in the affairs of the league during his sojourn in Dwight.

A very pleasant visitor at the club meeting Thursday morning was John H. Esson, of Joliet, who was in line here eleven months ago. Mr. Esson was the 100th president of the Dwight League.

W. L. Franklin, the newly appointed janitor of the club, has been giving the entertainment hall a thorough cleaning out this week.

Judge W. S. Arnold made an eloquent address to the patients at the club room Saturday morning.

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