

evenings, spent among brothers in the Division Room. Do we deprive him of the privilege of associating with former companions? We give him a new set of companions, who are prepared to stand by him at all times, and to support him in his laudable desires to overcome appetite and temptation. The poor man feels a new life infused into him; he is again a man, and asserting that dignity he passes to complete reformation.

Not satisfied with merely reforming the inebriate, inclining him to sign a pledge of abstinence, we provide for the blank which must be felt from sudden reformation. We enlist the social qualities of man's nature as well as his reason or his feelings, and thus we are enabled to assume a most powerful moral sway over those associated with us. This is one of the leading advantages of our organization, and I would recommend its attentive consideration to the reader.

Another advantage is found in our financial department. We do not wish to deceive the community by styling ourselves a purely benevolent institution. Unwilling to be outdone in acts of benevolence by kindred institutions, we nevertheless, in all financial matters, would prefer being styled a mutual insurance company, the burden of which every member bears, and to the benefits of which each is entitled according to the rules of our order. It is often said that there is nothing which will keep a body of men together so well as a pecuniary stake. I have a higher opinion of mankind than to subscribe to this doctrine in its fullest acceptation, but there can, nevertheless, be no doubt but that money is a powerful incentive, and it may have been with a knowledge of this that the beneficial part of our order was adopted by its originators. We premise in case a brother shall keep inviolate his pledge, and conform to the rules and usages of the Division, to insure him a reasonable compensation in time of sickness, distress, or in the hour of death. And here, while we would refrain from any invidious comparisons with former organizations, we would ask, What society, either

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