

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS, (Condensed.)

Are we making any progress? This is a question that is often asked, and in order to answer it, we must know who is meant by *we*. While there may not be advancement in each and every lodge or union of the many existing organizations, if you ask me as a member of the great brotherhood of Temperance Reformers, the wide world over, are we advancing? I say, yes, decidedly yes. At our last annual meeting I called your attention to the encouraging features of our own field, and we see no signs of discouragement, in reviewing our work for the year now closing. To-day, we want a wider outlook—so for our mutual encouragement and profit, let us look abroad and inform ourselves as to the character and scope of the movement in other places and other lands—remembering as we do so that the success of the glorious cause any where is our success, for are we not all regiments of the one grand army?

The progress during the past ten years, has been greater than during any other ten years, since the enterprise assumed organized form. Organizations are much more numerous and powerful, and our literature is improving both in quantity and quality. In *social* life the change is very marked and gratifying. Who cannot see the progress in the churches, particularly in Great Britain, while on this continent the majority of the ministers are and have been with us in the great movement, it has not been so there. Here quite 65,000 out of 70,000 ministers, are total abstainers. In England *now*, one-half the bishops and one-fourth of the clergy have *measured* up that far and in the non-conformist churches, about three-fourths of the ministers are on the side of abstinence, and the number increasing * * * * About 3,000 of the churches use unfermented wine, and almost every church or Sunday School has its band of hope. There are 2,000,000 of young people and children enrolled as members. * * * * *

The Medical Faculty, though a very conservative body, has been permeated with our principles. Indiscriminate use of alcohol as a medicine has been abandoned except by a few of the very old school.

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The Religious Press, almost without exception, encourages our teaching and very many of the secular papers are equally favorable to it. The reports of the various organizations, Sons of T., I. O. G. T., R. T. of T., Rechabites, all show unmistakable signs of progress. We bid them all God speed and assure them of coming victory. The W. C. T. U. and B. W. T. A. which are practically one, are through their many departments of work, achieving greater things than the most sanguine among us ever dreamed of. Incalculable service is being rendered to the cause by the instruction given in the schools. Not only are there excellent text books, but diagrams and charts, specially prepared, show-

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