

# ANNUAL REPORT

Of the Keeley Institute at the Western Branch National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers,  
rendered by Col. Andrew J. Smith, Governor, to Gen. William B. Franklin,  
President of the Board of Managers.

WESTERN BRANCH NATIONAL HOME FOR D. V. S.,  
LEAVENWORTH COUNTY, KAS., December 31, 1893. }

GENERAL W. B. FRANKLIN, *President Board of Managers, N. H. D. V. S.*

GENERAL: I have the honor to submit for your information the following report of the treatment of victims of alcoholism, opium addiction and kindred diseases, in the Keeley Institute at this Branch Home, from its establishment, March 29, 1892, to date, viz:

Treated for Alcoholism.....	788
" for Opium addiction.....	23
" for Neurasthenia.....	2
" for Tobacco habit.....	21
Total treated.....	835

Ratio of lapses per 100 for whole number treated, 8.02. Age of graduates, members of the Home, oldest 81, youngest, 44 years; average age, 59 years.

The per centage of loss through relapse or return to their old habits is small. The improvement in discipline is very marked. The morale of the Home stands second to none.

An auxiliary to the Institute is the Keeley League, composed of the graduates. This organization is admirably constituted to promote the interests of the cause of reform, and is doing wonders in inducing comrades who, through mistaken judgment upon the nature of the Keeley remedies, hold aloof until their excesses nearly compass their death. Men are brought in for treatment who are physical wrecks, and within a few days are restored to their manhood and health.

The largest number in line for treatment at any one period since the Institute was established was eighty-two, on December 10, 1893. An average of thirty-seven in line has been maintained throughout the year.

X The vile whisky dens which so closely hedged in the Home in former days are receiving little patronage. Many of them have been suppressed.

As shown by the records, since the Keeley remedies have been introduced there have left the Home, able to maintain themselves, three hundred and sixty-four graduates of the Institute who are believed to have been permanently cured of the disease of alcoholism and opium addiction. They are now good citizens. One hundred and thirty-two married men have been restored to families that have been neglected or deserted for years. Very few graduates have returned from furlough this year, which indicates that the object of most of those absent is to remain outside the Home. Their absence enables us to provide for an equal number of deserving men.

The per capita cost of maintenance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1893, at this Branch, was \$140.25. On that basis, the annual saving to the Government by reason of these men having been permanently restored to society, is \$51,051.00.

The facts cited speak for themselves. I am encouraged by the excellent results already achieved to renewed and greater effort in the future looking to the rescue of the many in our midst who are yet unreclaimed.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

COLONEL ANDREW J. SMITH

Official:

*Robert Hayes*

1st Lieut. and Adjutant.



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# Report of Keely House

WESTERN BRANCH NATIONAL HOME FOR D. V. S.  
LEAVENWORTH COUNTY, KAN., December 31, 1902

W. B. FRANKLIN, President Board of Managers, D. V. S.

GENERAL: I have the honor to submit for your information the following report of the treatment of victims of alcoholism, opium addiction and kindred diseases in the Keely Institute at this branch home from its establishment, March 20, 1892, to date, viz:

Treated for Alcoholism	1782
for Opium addiction	28
for Morphine	17
for Tobacco habit	22
Total treated	1829

Ratio of cases per 100 for whole number treated, 2.02. Age of graduates, number of the class, 44; youngest, 44 years; average age, 32 years.

The percentage of loss through relapse or return to their old habits is small. The improvement in discipline is very marked. The morale of the Home stands second to none.

An auxiliary to the Institute is the Keely League, composed of the graduates. This organization is established to promote the interests of the cause of reform, and is doing wonderful work. It is a body of men who, through mistaken judgment upon the nature of the Keely remedies, had almost lost their lives, and who are now restored to their minds and health.

The largest number in line for treatment at any one period since the Institute was established was 120, on December 10, 1892. An average of thirty-seven in line has been maintained throughout the year.

The work which is so closely bodged in the Home in former days are now being little more. Many of them have been suppressed.

As shown by the records, since the Keely remedies have been introduced there have left the Home, able to maintain themselves, three hundred and sixty-four graduates of the Institute who are now in the world. They are now good citizens. Of these, thirty-two have been restored to their former positions, which indicates that the object of most of those absent is to return after the Home.

The per capita cost of maintenance for the year ending June 30, 1902, at this branch, was \$120.25. On that date, the annual salary to the Government by reason of this man having been permanently restored to society, is \$51,611.00.

The facts cited speak for themselves. I am encouraged by the excellent results of the subject of reform and a better effort in the future looking to the rescue of the many in our midst who are suffering from these diseases.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant.

(Signed) ANDREW J. SMITH

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*Source*  
*The National* for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers.

*Managers:*

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The Secretary of War, Ex-Officiis,  
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Term expires, 1898.*

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Chicago, Ills. Term expires- 1896.*

*General Martin T. Mc.Mahon, Secretary, Times Building,  
New York City, Term expires 1898.*

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*Major Edmund N. Morrill, Hiawatha, Kansas.  
Term expires 1894.*

*General Alfred L. Pearson, Pittsburgh, Penn.  
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*General James Barnett, Cleveland, Ohio.  
Term expires 1894.*

*General Francis Fessenden, Portland, Maine.  
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