

Famous Organization of Rehabilitated Alcoholics Has 100 Members Here

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, a nationally famous organization of rehabilitated alcoholics who have shown the way back to normal living to thousands of drunkards, now has 100 members in Long Beach.

Meeting one night a week, these men who have known and overcome the curse of drink, volunteer their services in this unique work.

"The treatment is purely mental and psychological," according to Mrs. Rae Hewlett, secretary of the Alcoholics Anonymous central committee. For obvious reasons, all members of the organization are nameless. The only published telephone number is DRexel 8189, at headquarters

at 2404 W. Seventh St., Los Angeles. There are no dues and the program is voluntary. The only requirement is an honest desire to stop drinking. Those in need of help are invited to get in touch with the central office, which will then direct them to their local organization.

The organization, widely publicized in national magazines, was organized eight years ago by a New York physician and a financier. Their theory, that alcoholism is a physical allergy coupled with a mental obsession, and their unique plan of enlisting help from former drunkards proved eminently successful.

Today there are 20,000 members in 300 communities through-

out the nation. The American Medical Journal, according to Mrs. Hewlett, has highly endorsed the organization.

The Long Beach organization was founded three years ago. Last week a new group was formed in San Pedro.

Weekly meetings are also held by six groups in Los Angeles, downtown, Wilshire, Broadway, South Los Angeles, Swing Shift (day) and Spanish-American, and by groups in Culver City, Santa Monica, Glendale, Burbank, Hollywood, Huntington Park, South Gate, Inglewood, North Hollywood, Orange County, Pasadena, San Gabriel Valley and Veterans Administration, West Los Angeles.