

and provide against contingencies that may arise in times of trade depression, that there should be a connecting link between all members of a trade, and this can only be efficiently obtained through a trade union.

In many other directions membership in a trade union is beneficial. Principles of independence and self-reliance are thereby inculcated. Men are taught the prudence of self-denial to-day in order that they may secure to themselves and others greater advantages to-morrow. The provision of funds available for the support of unemployed, sick, disabled, infirm and superannuated members, and affording aid to families bereaved by death must appeal to all intelligent craftsmen. It will further be admitted that those who, by foresight and self-denial, make such provision for themselves and families in times of distress, or old age, contribute to their social comfort and intellectual advancement. An active interest in the affairs of a trade union, calling for adherence to rule and discipline, tends to a knowledge of business principles which qualify members desirous of obtaining positions of responsibility and trust.

Under the present rules special facilities are afforded as an inducement to all employed as operative carpenters and joiners and who are eligible to join this society. Apprentices are admitted and are easily transferred to full membership on reaching the stipulated age. From 19 to 40 years of age the full section applies. Middle-aged men, who from various reasons could not previously join, can now do so as trade section members, paying a reduced contribution. Some necessary conditions for membership are required, but it may generally be said that the ranks of the society are open for all from 16 to 60