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or ever will be able, to employ; and the British American Order, further, "bows" to a "dogma." It knows well that if, ever temperance principles triumph, it must be mainly through the agency of CHRISTIAN men, and it honors, and ever will honor, in its Rituals and supplications, the name of that Saviour whose followers all Christians are, and that Holy Spirit, by whose operations on the heart we are made Christians. Unsectarian, it will nevertheless be a Christian organization, and it willingly surrenders to the Independent Order the honor, if honor it be, and all the advantages which this honor may yield, of "bowing to no Theological Dogma," and of banishing the name of the Son and Holy Ghost from its Ritual.

IV. The formation of County Degree Lodges, by which a more efficient supervision of our operations in each County will be secured, a greater freedom of local action given, the central executive less burdened, and interest and responsibility in the extension and management of the Order more generally diffused.

V. Greater economy in working the Order. Freed from the "jurisdiction" of a power outside of our country and order—which taxes its adherents to a serious amount for the sustentation of interests and movements not always identical with the prosperity of the Order, and at the same time gives them no substantial advantages in return—the British American Order will have opportunity to appropriate its resources for the legitimate purposes for which the Order exists, leaving the Good Templars in other countries to provide for their own operations, as well as to manage them according to their best judgment. It is believed that a Right Worthy Grand Lodge is not essential to the existence and working of our Order; that it is a cumbersome, expensive, and useless agency—which may be safely dispensed with; and that all the

supervision and administrative ability which the interests of the Order demand may be secured at much less cost, and with far more directness and convenience by an arrangement which contemplates only Grand and Subordinate Lodges, as is the case in the British American Order. In view of the more economical working of the Order by these and other arrangements, the initiation fee has been reduced to twenty-five cents for females, and the cost of organizing new Lodges is also lessened.

The foregoing are some of the principal reasons for establishing this new temperance organization. There are other minor reasons which the limits of this circular will not allow me to state, but which will be discerned when the Constitution and Rituals of the new Order come into operation.

The Constitution is now through the press; the Seal is in preparation, and the Charter, Ritual, &c., will be produced with all possible dispatch.

In conclusion, I have to request of all the members of our Order, that the irritation occasioned by the circumstances which have led to the formation of this Order, may disappear from our feelings, and that we go to work promoting the cause of temperance by the organization of new lodges all over the country. If the old Order chooses to regard us with friendly feelings let those feelings be reciprocated; but, if otherwise, let us not waste our time and energies in recrimination and retaliation. Let us mind our own work, and put forth the energies which the occasion calls for, and a future of prosperity and usefulness will be ours.

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