

prevented in consequence of such sickness or disability from gaining a livelihood, shall be entitled to and receive weekly the sum of five dollars, *provided* such sickness or disability is not brought on by his own improper conduct; and *provided further*, that no more than twelve weeks benefits shall be paid on any one continuous sickness, or in any one year, and in no case shall benefits be allowed for the first week's sickness.

SEC. 3. On the death of any beneficial member, his wife or heirs shall be entitled to the sum of fifty dollars, less the amount of his indebtedness to this Association. In the absence of competent relatives, the Visiting Committee shall take charge of the funeral, and report the expenses of the same at the next regular meeting of the Association, the said expenses not to exceed the sum of fifty dollars.

SEC. 4. When a member residing in Boston or its immediate vicinity becomes sick or disabled, he shall notify the Financial Secretary thereof, stating his place of residence, and the nature of his illness. A member residing at a distance of five miles or more, on becoming sick, shall, within two weeks thereafter, send the Financial Secretary notice thereof, a statement of his illness to accompany said notification, and shall continue to serve such notice once in every two weeks thereafter. All such notices must have the signature of the attending physician.