

ORDER OF DISTRIBUTION OF THE GRATUITY FUND.

By-Law 17.

SUB-SEC. 10.—After proof of the death of any subscribing member to the satisfaction of the Trustees, there shall be paid out of the moneys collected the sum of \$1,500, which money shall be paid to the father or mother, brothers or sisters, wife, child or children, grandchild or grandchildren, step-child or step-children, or other persons to whom the member stands in (loco parentis), in such proportion as may be designated by the member, which designation shall be in writing over his own signature, and such designation may from time to time be altered as the member may see fit, either as to the person or the class of persons desired to benefit, and which sum shall be payable free from all debts, charges or demands whatsoever, excepting claims (if any), of the Board, as provided by the Act 49, Vic. Cap. 56, Sec. 8.

11.—Nothing herein contained shall be taken or construed as a liability of the Board for the payment of any sum whatever, the liability of each member being limited to the payment of the assessments provided for under this By-law on the death of any other member, and the liability of the Board being limited to the payment of the sum above prescribed, or such part thereof as shall be collected after it shall have been collected from the members, excepting as provided in Sec. 22 of this By-law.

12.—The disposition or payment of the gratuity upon the death of any member shall be to and in favor of the persons following and in the proportion following, "unless the member shall expressly direct otherwise in writing," in favor of the parties, or some one or more of them, as herein provided by section 10, and the meaning and extent of the term "representatives" is hereby defined as follows.—

(a) If the deceased member shall leave surviving him a widow and no children, the whole is to be payable to the widow.

(b) If the deceased leave a child or children and no widow surviving, the whole is payable to such child or children in equal shares.

(c) If the deceased member leave a widow and a child or children surviving, one-half shall be payable to the widow and half to the child or children in equal shares.

(d) In any case under which any child or the children of a deceased member would, if surviving him, be entitled to the gratuity payable on his death or a share therein under any of the foregoing clauses, and such child or children do not survive him but leave (surviving him) more remote descendants they shall take (in equal shares, per stripes) the gratuity or share therein to which their parent or parents respectively, if surviving, would have been entitled.

(e) If the deceased member leave no widow or children, or more remote descendants surviving him, the gratuity shall be payable:—

(f) If the deceased leaves father and mother, or either surviving him, then to the father and mother in equal shares, or to the one if only one surviving.

(g) If the deceased leaves no father or mother surviving him, and leaves brothers and sisters, or both, the gratuity shall be paid to the brothers and sisters in equal shares, and if there be also children of any deceased brother or sister, such children shall take in equal shares the shares which the deceased parent, if surviving, would have taken; relatives of half blood to take equally with those of whole blood.

(h) The shares of minors to be paid to the legal guardians of their personal estate.

(i) If there be no person entitled to the gratuity under any of the foregoing clauses, the same may be disposed of and paid to any person or persons, to whom the Trustees of the Gratuity Fund in their uncontrolled discretion shall deem to have been wholly or partly dependent upon the deceased member or reasonably entitled to the benefit of the gratuity, or if the same be not so disposed of by the Trustees it shall go to and form part of the Gratuity Fund.

(j) The shares of minors for whom no guardians shall be appointed, may be paid into a legal depository of trust funds, subject to the order of such minors when they arrive at full age, or to the order of their guardians when appointed.

All guardians must accept the guardianship in writing.