

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
SECOND ANNUAL CONVENTION
OF THE
CATHOLIC
TOTAL ABSTINENCE UNION
OF
NEW BRUNSWICK,
HELD AT FREDERICTON, N. B.,
On June 30th and July 1st, 1873.
TOGETHER WITH THE
REVISED CONSTITUTION OF THE UNION.

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PRELIMINARY SESSION.

Pursuant to the order of the First Annual Convention of the CATHOLIC TOTAL ABSTINENCE UNION OF NEW BRUNSWICK, the Second Annual Convention of the Union was held in St. Dunstan's Hall, in the City of Fredericton, N. B. The President called the Convention to order at 8.30 o'clock on Monday evening, June 30th, 1873.

After prayer by the Spiritual Director, the President delivered the Opening Address, in which he expressed the pleasure which he felt in seeing several Clergymen present; drew attention to the high and important character of the duties the Delegates met to discharge; traced the history of the Union during the twelve months which had elapsed since its formation, describing it as a series of brilliant triumphs, notwithstanding the many difficulties it had to encounter; spoke of the great progress which the cause of Total Abstinence had made among Catholics during the year in the United States, in Ireland, and in England; discussed the financial considerations connected with the Provincial and General Unions, and drew a hopeful picture of the future in that respect; and concluded by urging them to seek harmony in their counsels, and moderation in debate.

Messrs. Geo. R. Perks, James Daley, and Frank J. M'Peake, were appointed a Committee on Credentials, and after a brief interval reported the following List of duly accredited Delegates present:—

DELEGATES EX OFFICIO.

REV. F. X. J. MICHAUD, *Spiritual Director of the Union.*

MR. JOHN O'BRIEN, *President.*

MR. PATRICK MORAN, *Vice-President for St. Malachi's Society,
St. John.*

Mr. GEORGE R. PERKS, Vice-President for *St. Dunstan's Society*, Fredericton.

Mr. TIMOTHY COLLINS, Vice-President for *Father Mathew Association*, St. John.

Mr. THOMAS O'RIELLY, Vice-President for *St. Patrick's Society*, Carleton.

Mr. JOSEPH M'DONALD, Vice-President for *St. Peter's Society*, Portland.

Mr. THOMAS FENNELL, Vice-President for *St. Patrick's Society*, White's Mountain.

Mr. D. A. HOLLAND, Vice-President for *St. Vincent de Paul Society*, Oromocto.

PATRICK GLEESON, Esq., J. P., *Recording Secretary*.

Mr. MOSES BROWN, *Corresponding Secretary*.

Mr. JOHN COHALAN, *Treasurer*.

REV. J. C. M'DEVITT, Spiritual Director of *St. Dunstan's Society*, Fredericton.

REV. PATRICK FARRELL, Spiritual Director of *St. Vincent de Paul Society*, Oromocto.

ELECTED DELEGATES.

ST. MALACHI'S C. T. A. R. SOCIETY, St. John, St. John County.—Messrs. John Carroll, Michael Nugent, John McCarthy, Thomas B. Foley, James Mullin.

ST. DUNSTAN'S C. T. A. SOCIETY, Fredericton, York County.—Messrs. Patrick Farrell, Charles E. Perks, Frank J. M'Peake, John C. O'Brien, Daniel O'C. M'Ginnis.

FATHER MATHEW ASSOCIATION, St. John, St. John County.—Messrs. Francis J. Duffy, Cornelius M'Gourty, Richard O'Brien, Cornelius Hennessy, Michael J. Dolan.

ST. PATRICK'S T. A. & B. SOCIETY, Carleton, St. John County.—Messrs. William Kean, Philip O'Keefe, James Fitzgerald, Bernard B. Smyth, Joseph Fitzgerald.

ST. PETER'S C. T. A. R. SOCIETY, Portland, St. John County.—Messrs. James Daley, Patrick M'Gowan, L. Connell, Israel Godin, John P. M'Grory.

ST. PATRICK'S T. A. SOCIETY, White's Mountain, King's County.—Mr. Thomas Fennell.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL C. T. A. SOCIETY, Oromocto, Sunbury County.—Messrs. James Holden, Robert Brennan, Simon Shields, Thomas Haney, Edward M. Rutledge.

ST. MARY'S C. T. A. R. SOCIETY, Kingston, Kent County.—Mr. Moses Brown, (Proxy).

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ST. STEPHEN'S C. T. A. SOCIETY, St. Stephen, Charlotte County.—
Messrs. Charles O'Donnell, John Commins.

ST. MARY'S C. T. A. SOCIETY, Cork Settlement, York County.—
Messrs. William Murphy, Michael Donahoe, James W. Smith, Patrick
Maloney.

Number of Societies represented, 10; number of Delegates present,
50; number of Votes in Convention, 68.

The Report of the Credentials Committee was adopted.

The Chair submitted an Order of Business for the Conven-
tion, which was approved of. The Standing Rules of the
Second General Convention of the Catholic Total Abstinence
Union of America, held at Cleveland in 1872, were adopted as
the Rules of this Convention. Mr. C. E. Perks was elected
Sergeant-at-Arms, *pro tem*. The Chair appointed the following
Committees:—

On Resolutions.—Rev. Father Michaud, Messrs. M. Nugent,
D. O'C. M'Ginnis, F. J. Duffy, W. Kean, J. Daley, T. Fennell,
J. Holden, C. O'Donnell, M. Donahoe.

On Address to the Clergy.—Messrs. P. Farrell, J. M'Carthy
C. M'Gourty, James Fitzgerald, P. M'Gowan, R. Brennan,
J. W. Smith.

On Address to the Laity.—Rev. Father M'Devitt, Messrs. J.
Carroll, F. J. M'Peake, R. O'Brien, B. B. Smyth, J. P.
M'Grory, S. Shields, J. Commins, P. Maloney.

Auditing Committee.—Rev. Father Farrell, Messrs. J. Mullin,
J. C. O'Brien, C. Hennessy, P. O'Keefe, L. Connell, T. Haney.

Mr. M'Peake tendered to the Convention the escort of the
Catholic Total Abstinence Societies of Fredericton and vicinity,
on the occasion of their attending High Mass next morning.
The proposed compliment was cordially accepted.

At 10.10 o'clock, p. m., after prayer, the Convention adjourned
till Tuesday morning.

PROCEEDINGS OF TUESDAY.

The Delegates assembled at St. Dunstan's Hall at 8.30 o'clock,
a. m., on Tuesday, July 1st, and marched in procession to St.
Dunstan's Church, escorted by the Societies of Fredericton,
Oromocto, and Cork Settlement, headed by Bryson's Band.

On arriving at the Church, High Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Father Michaud.

After the first Gospel, the Very Rev. Thomas Connolly, V. G., delivered a beautiful and touching Sermon. He spoke of the motives which should actuate the promoters of the Temperance movement, and of the blessings which their labors, rightly directed, would bring on themselves and on society in general. They would be sure to meet opposition, but that they could afford to disregard when their motives were good and proper. The cause had already outlived a great deal of prejudice, and would yet triumph over every obstacle, for it was so sensible and so beneficent that it must finally be universally adopted. No slave of intemperance, however debased he might be, should be beneath the notice of the true temperance man. These and many other points were enlarged and illustrated by the eloquent preacher, who closed with an appropriate peroration. The Sermon occupied an hour, and was listened to throughout with marked attention.

After Mass the procession re-formed and marched back to the Hall.

MORNING SESSION.

The Convention immediately resumed its labors, the President in the Chair.

The President, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and Board of Government, submitted their Annual Reports, which were read and adopted, and ordered to be embodied in the proceedings of the Convention. They are as follows :—

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

FREDERICTON, N. B., June 30, 1873.

To the second Annual Convention of the Catholic Total Abstinence Union of New Brunswick.

I am required by the provisions of the Constitution of the Union to present to you a Written Report on the condition and requirements of the organization. As our progress and our position in point of members, and the state of the finances, will be shown in the Reports of

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other Officers, I shall not go into these details, but shall at once proceed to inquire whether the Catholic Total Abstinence Union of New Brunswick has, during the first year of its existence, succeeded to any extent in attaining the objects for which it was brought into existence, as set forth in Article II. of its Constitution.

The first of these objects is stated to be—"To establish Catholic Temperance Societies in localities where they do not now exist." In this particular our success has been such as to gratify the most sanguine expectations that could have been entertained a year ago. No less than thirteen Catholic Temperance Societies have been established during the year in localities where they did not previously exist, and a feeling in favor of forming other branches of the Union is gradually ripening in many other districts of the Province.

Next we aimed at "Stimulating to increased activity the Societies already existing." In this respect also the success attending the operations of the Union has been most marked. Of the three Societies which originally formed the Union, St. Dunstan's, of Fredericton, has increased 100 per cent.; St. Malachi's, of St. John, 350 per cent.; and Father Mathew, of St. John, 390 per cent. St. Peter's, of Portland, increased to the extent of 165 per cent. in the five months which have elapsed since it joined the Union. Increase of membership is, in my opinion, the best evidence of increased activity, which, however, was manifested in other ways besides, as all the Societies named held frequent public meetings to the great benefit of the cause.

We also purposed "To foster a spirit of friendship and co-operation between the various local Societies." This, too, we have succeeded in effecting, as is shown by the great interest felt by the members of each Society in the welfare, progress and proceedings of all sister bodies. The most striking instances of the brotherly feeling which now pervades all the Catholic Temperance Societies of the Province, through the instrumentality of the Union, were the great funerals which took place in Portland and St. John, where the members of the four largest Associations assembled to show their sorrow for the death of members of some of the Societies. A more impressive spectacle has seldom been witnessed anywhere than the sight of more than a thousand Catholic Temperance men mourning for the loss of one not personally known to the great majority of them, but in whom, knowing he was a member of a Union Society, every other member of the organization felt that he had lost a brother.

The founders of the Union intended, finally, "To promote the cause of Total Abstinence by every available means." Acting in the spirit of this injunction we have, by private letters and official communications, by personal interviews and public speeches, by circulars

to the clergy and addresses to the people at large, striven to advance our glorious cause, and the result has been what the foregoing paragraphs indicate, while at the same time the character of the Temperance movement has been greatly elevated in the minds of the general public, and it has acquired an influence and importance it could never have otherwise obtained.

As to the means by which the Union has achieved all these successes, I may state them to be—The favor of the Catholic Church, the zealous co-operation of the Catholic Clergy, the close attention of the Officers to their duties, the spirit of brotherhood pervading the members of the various Societies, and the respect which the nature of the Temperance Union movement won from every impartial man.

As it is to the Catholic Total Abstinence Union of America that our Provincial Union owes its existence, and as our interests are intimately connected with its welfare, I may mention here that the General Union has now double the number of Societies which were on its Roll when New Brunswick entered its ranks. It now includes 185 societies and about 26,000 members, and there are additions to its Roll every week. I do not in the least wonder at its success, as during my attendance at the Cleveland Convention in your behalf last year, I was pleased to observe that the leaders of this Catholic American Temperance movement are all men of high intelligence, sterling character, and devoted zeal. I am happy to state that in proportion to its population, New Brunswick figures in the long list of American Societies in a highly honorable manner.

In closing, I feel justified in reporting to you that the "condition" of the organization is most satisfactory, and as to its "requirements," I think the more immediate and pressing of them will be met by the Amendments to the Constitution, which the Board of Government will submit to you at the proper time. I may remark, however, that although our principal mission now is, and for some time to come must be, to establish new Societies, yet the period will soon arrive when the necessity will be perceived of rendering the institutions of the various societies of the Union as uniform as may be possible, without curtailing to too great an extent the independence of action to which each is entitled. I think it would be well, even at this Convention, should time allow, to discuss in a practical manner, some of those matters in which the practices of the different local bodies vary, with the view of eliciting such information as to the benefits or disadvantages of any particular system as may lead to general improvement, even if it be thought unwise or impolitic at present to come to any definite conclusion to be enforced as the decision of the Convention. Among the matters I refer to, I may mention those of the

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JOHN O'BRIEN, *President.*

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

FREDERICTON, N. B., June 30th, 1873.

To the Catholic Total Abstinence Union of New Brunswick.

I beg to submit the Annual Report which the Constitution requires me to present.

The following Societies having complied with the conditions of membership during the year, I have, by the President's orders, furnished them with all the documents to which the Societies of this Union are entitled.

St. Malachi's C. T. A. R. Society, St. John.	323	Members.
St. Dunstan's T. A. Society, Fredericton, York Co., .	124	"
Father Mathew Association, St. John,	518	"
St. Patrick's C. T. A. R. Society, Carleton, St. John, .	420	"
St. Peter's C. T. A. R. Society, Portland, St. John Co.,	650	"
St. Patrick's T. A. Society, White's Mountain, K. Co.,	38	"
St. Vincent de Paul T. A. S., Oromocto, Sunbury Co.,	44	"
St. Mary's C. T. A. R. Society, Kingston, Kent Co.,	55	"
St. Stephen's C. T. A. Society, St. Stephen, Char. Co.,	45	"
St. Mary's T. A. Society, Cork, York Co.,	44	"

There are thus ten Societies in the Provincial Union at this date, with a total membership of 2,261 persons, being an increase during the year of seven Societies and 1,984 members. Of the above Societies all have joined the General American Union also, except St. Mary's T. A. Society of Kingston, Kent County, St. Patrick's T. A. Society of White's Mountain, King's County, and St. Mary's T. A. Society of Cork, York County. These Societies are not yet in a position to do so. In addition to the above, the following Societies have been organized under the auspices of the Union during the year, and have intimated their intention of joining our ranks at an early day:—

St. Joseph's T. A. Society, Shediac, Westmorland County.

St. Patrick's C. T. A. R. Society, Musquash, St. John County.

St. Patrick's C. T. A. R. Society, Golden Grove, St. John County.

Father Mathew C. T. A. R. Society, South Branch, King's County.

St. Bridget's C. T. A. Society, New Ireland, Albert County.

Five Societies, numbering about 250 persons.

The following Societies, though not organized in connection with the Union, owe their establishment, I believe, to the interest in Temperance excited by the workings of the Union:

Catholic T. A. Society, St. Louis, Kent County.

St. Patrick's T. A. Society, Milltown, St. Stephen.

Two Societies, numbering about 100 members.

This makes a grand total of 17 Catholic Temperance Societies and 2,611 members in New Brunswick.

I received from the Societies for all purposes during the year the sum of \$301.08, for which amount I hold the Treasurer's receipts.

I issued three Quarterly Reports, the last two of which were printed and distributed to the various Societies.

I received 78 letters during the year, and sent out 145. The total number of pamphlets, circulars, &c., mailed by me during the same time, was 1,174. I endeavored to perform the various duties devolving on me to the best of my ability, and my labors were much lightened by the kindness, zeal and earnestness of all interested in the cause with whom official duties brought me in contact.

MOSES BROWN, *Cor. Secretary.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The following is a summary of the Treasurer's Report for the year ending June 30th, 1873:—

Receipts.

Received for Initiation Fees to Provincial Union,	\$100 00
“ Initiation Fees to General American Union, . .	20 00
“ Per Capita Taxes to General Union,	32 71
“ Expenses of Delegate to Cleveland Convention, . .	90 00
Returned by Delegate to the Cleveland Convention, . .	10 00
Received from proceeds of Lecture by the President on the Cleveland Convention,	42 72
Received for 113 copies of Journal of the Cleveland Con- vention,	5 65
Total,	\$301 08

Expenditures.

Paid to General American Union for Initiation Fees, Per Capita Taxes, and Journals of the Cleveland Con- vention,	\$52 12
Paid to Delegate to the Cleveland Convention, as expenses,	90 00
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Paid for Job Printing and Stationery,	58 00	
" Postage Stamps,	21 00	
" Advertising Meetings of Board of Govern- ment and Calls of Conventions,	20 80	
" Officers' Badges,	24 50	
" Services of Janitor at Meetings of Board of Government, &c.,	6 00	
		<u>\$279 51</u>
Balance on hand,		<u>\$21 57</u>

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN COHALAN, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNMENT.

To the President and Members of The Catholic Total Abstinence Union of New Brunswick in Convention assembled.

The following is the Report of the Board of Government of the Union for the past year:—

The Board held during the year four Quarterly and five Special Meetings. Six in St. Malachi's Hall, St. John; two in St. Dunstan's Hall, Fredericton; and one in St. Peter's Hall, Portland.

A Committee of the Board waited on His Lordship the Bishop of St. John, and obtained His Lordship's sanction and approval of the Constitution and Proceedings of the First Annual Convention, after which they were printed, as ordered by the Convention.

The Board addressed printed Circulars to every Clergyman in the Diocese of St. John, setting forth the aims and objects of the Union.

The Board took steps to get the Societies forming the first Convention into the American Union, and also Societies forming since, as applied for by them, which appears in the Report of the Corresponding Secretary.

The Board appointed the President, Mr. John O'Brien, to represent the Union and its Societies at the Cleveland Convention, Oct. 10, 1872.

The President, by request of the Board, delivered a Lecture in St. Malachi's Hall, under the auspices of the Union, on the 17th Nov., 1872, Subject, "The Cleveland Convention," which realized the handsome net sum of \$42.72 to the funds.

The Quarterly Report of the Corresponding Secretary, showing the standing of all Societies in the Union at that date, March 31, 1873, was printed and distributed to the Societies. The Report was favorably commented on by the Press of the Province and elsewhere.

« They addressed Circulars to the Clergy of the Diocese of Chatham, N. B., permission being given by His Lordship the Bishop.

They issued an Address to the Catholics of New Brunswick through the Press a short time before the assembling of the Convention.

The Board ordered, for the Officers of the Union, Badges for The Rev. Spiritual Director, President, Recording and Corresponding Secretaries, and Treasurer, for the time being, and such Badges to be the property of the Union.

The Board have prepared Amendments to the Constitution of the Union, and laid them before the Societies for their approval. They will be presently laid before the Convention.

They framed Regulations for the Convention, and issued them to the Societies.

The Regular and Special Meetings of the Board have been advertised in the *The Freeman* newspaper, as ordered; also the Call of this Convention, as voted by the Board.

The different Officers purchased for the use of their offices, all Books, Stationery, &c., which are the property of the Union.

The Recording Secretary had the proceedings of the First Convention published in the Boston *Pilot* newspaper, as ordered by the Board.

The Board had printed all Documents, such as Transfer Certificates, Travelling Cards, Blank Local Reports, Officers' Applications, Pastoral Certificates, Receipts, &c., as ordered at its meetings from time to time, and have attended to all the details which were necessary.

The Convention has been called, by order of the Board, to be held in the City of Fredericton on the 30th June, 1873, at 8 p. m., in St. Dunstan's Hall; Fredericton being chosen by the First Convention, but the hour, &c., being left to the Board.

The Board, presuming that the offices of Vice-President and Sergeant-at-Arms would be adopted as recommended, as Amendments to the Constitution, ordered Badges for said Officers, to be the property of the Union, the same as those of the Spiritual Director, President, &c.

All respectfully submitted to the Convention, by order of the Board of Government of the New Brunswick Union.

P. GLEESON, *Rec. Secretary.*

Fredericton, June 30, 1873.

The Convention adjourned with prayer at 12.40 o'clock till 2 p. m.

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention re-assembled at 2 o'clock, p. m., the President in the Chair.

After prayer by the Spiritual Director, the Convention took up the consideration of the Amendments to the Constitution proposed by the Board of Government.

The first amendment proposed to have one Vice-President for the whole Union, instead of one for each Society, to add the office of Sergeant-at-Arms, and to provide for the appointment of a Local Deputy for each Society. This passed.

The second amendment proposed to create a Council, composed of all the officers except the Sergeant-at-Arms and Local Deputies, the latter officers and the Council to form the Board of Government. This was amended so as to include the Sergeant-at-Arms in the Council, and then passed.

The third amendment being merely a formal change rendered necessary by the above, was adopted.

The fourth amendment as to filling vacancies in the higher offices by the Council was adopted, after being amended so as to provide that the Board of Government alone should fill a vacancy in the Presidency.

Six amendments consequent upon the changes already made in the form of government were adopted. They defined the duties of the Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Sergeant-at-Arms, Local Deputies, Council and Board of Government.

A new Section allowing new Societies a limited time to pay their Initiation Fee to the Union, a Section authorizing the Council to fix the time and manner of collecting the Per Capita Tax, a verbal change in the Article relating to Finances, and an Article relating to Travelling Cards, were all adopted after more or less debate.

A new Article, proposing that every new Society organized by the Union should be enrolled in the New Brunswick Union within a month, and in the American Union within six months, was debated for a long time with much spirit, and finally lost on a division, not obtaining the requisite majority.

An Article relating to Conventions was adopted without dis-

cussion, and an oversight in the definition of the President's duties was corrected by an amendment unanimously passed.

It was late in the afternoon when the discussion of these numerous and important questions was brought to a close.

The Committee on Resolutions then submitted as their Report the following series of

RESOLUTIONS.

1. *Resolved*, That this Convention acknowledges, with the deepest gratitude, the many obligations they are under to the Catholic Clergy throughout the Province for the hearty co-operation they have received from them, and attributes the great success that has blessed our cause to their untiring exertions.

2. *Resolved*, That this Convention finds in the official Reports presented to them, and in the great array of facts which have been brought under their notice as to the progress of the Temperance cause in New Brunswick during the past year, convincing proofs that the system of Unions of Catholic Temperance Societies is eminently calculated to promote the interests of this great movement by increasing the number of Societies, strengthening those already existing, and thus extending its benefits to the community at large.

3. *Resolved*, That in order to give to the practice of Total Abstinence a higher motive than merely human, this Union adopt a uniform Pledge for the members of all its Societies, expressing the intention to abstain from intoxicating liquors in honor of the Sacred Thirst of our Saviour on the Cross, and that the Pledge, in this new form, be retaken by the present members of the Societies for the unexpired term at the earliest opportunity.

4. *Resolved*, That this Convention recommend that each Society of this Union should establish a Library for the purpose of fostering a taste for sound Catholic literature amongst its members.

5. *Resolved*, That this Convention strongly recommend to the various Societies of this Union, who have not adopted any form of Badge, the propriety of procuring some distinctive Badge of membership, to be worn on all public occasions.

6. *Resolved*, That in accordance with one of the principal objects of this Union the members of Societies connected therewith should manifest a brotherly feeling by attending in a body, as far as is practicable, the funerals of deceased members of neighboring Societies.

7. *Resolved*, That this Union adopt a Seal, with a motto, with which all its papers, documents, etc., shall be impressed.

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8. *Resolved*, That this Convention recommend simultaneous elections of Officers by all the Local Societies.

9. *Resolved*, That this Convention gratefully tenders its thanks to the Press for the general interest it has taken in reporting the different proceedings connected with the Temperance movement, and thus rendering invaluable services to the cause.

10. *Resolved*, That — copies of the proceedings of the Second Annual Convention of the Catholic T. A. Union of New Brunswick be ordered to be printed, for distribution amongst the Societies of the Union.

This Report was adopted as a whole, and the Order of Business was suspended to carry into practical effect the matters suggested by the Resolutions.

The Spiritual Director proposed the following as the new Form of Pledge required by the 3rd Resolution:

"I promise, with the Divine assistance, and in honor of the Sacred First of our Saviour on the Cross, to abstain from all Intoxicating Drinks, and to discountenance the cause and practice of Intemperance."

He stated that it had been announced that His Holiness the Pope had granted Indulgences for Total Abstinence with this motive, but the authenticity of the statement was not sufficiently ascertained to act upon it.

The Pledge was adopted.

The following were appointed a Committee to design the Seal and Motto suggested by the 7th Resolution:—Rev. Father Michaud, Messrs. J. Daley, M. J. Dolan, P. Farrell, C. O'Donnell.

The 8th Resolution, as to simultaneous Elections of Officers, it was thought best to leave each Society to carry out as it thought best.

The Council were authorized to fill the blank in the 10th Resolution.

The Committee on the Address to the Clergy, submitted their Report, which was adopted and is as follows:—

ADDRESS TO THE CLERGY.

To the Right Reverend Bishops and Rev. Clergy of the Catholic Church in New Brunswick.

We, the Delegates of the Second Annual Convention of the Catholic Total Abstinence Union of New Brunswick, humbly ask your blessing upon and your co-operation in the Temperance movement, which it is our most earnest desire to see advancing and extending its beneficial influence to every Catholic family in the Province.

It is with feelings of deep regret and bitter sorrow that we witness the terrible ravages which the degrading vice of intemperance is making every day in all ranks of society; and in our efforts to extirpate those sad effects of a too prevalent passion from among us, what can we do except sustained by divine grace and assisted by our ecclesiastical guides?

We would draw your attention to the great good that has been done by this movement during the past year; how the blessings of temperance have been brought into numerous districts and into thousands of families where it was before unknown, resulting in the conversion of many from vicious courses, the opening of the eyes of hundreds to their duties to religion and to society, and the general moral improvement of the communities where the movement has gained a footing.

The Temperance Union movement aims to be purely Catholic. No Subordinate Union can join the General American Union without obtaining Episcopal approbation; and no Society can join a State or Provincial Union without a certificate from the Pastor of the district to the effect that the Society applying for admission is established on a Catholic basis, and that its members are practical Catholics. The Constitutions of all the Societies recommend frequent approach to the Sacraments, and this recommendation has, in several cases, been carried out by the edifying spectacle of whole Societies approaching the Holy Communion in a body on a given day.

On these grounds, then, we respectfully request a continuance during the year to come of the favor that has been shown us in the past, and we hope that the Pastors of many districts will find it practicable to establish, at an early day, branches of that organization which throughout all the rest of North America, as well as in New Brunswick, is spreading with such gratifying rapidity, rendering signal service to the Church, conferring temporal and spiritual benefits on its members, and promising soon to remove effectually and forever the cause of so many miseries.

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The Committee on the Address to the Laity reported the following, which was received :—

ADDRESS TO THE LAITY.

To the Catholics of New Brunswick.

FELLOW CATHOLICS.—The Catholic Total Abstinence Union of New Brunswick, in Convention assembled, desire once more to present to your notice the character and aims of the movement in which its members are engaged; and we ask those of you who have hitherto held aloof from the cause of moral reform, whether you can do so any longer without feeling that, to some extent, you fall in the duties which the nature of the times demand from every true Christian, every earnest Catholic, and every real lover of the welfare of the human race.

You are aware of the wonderful progress which the Temperance cause has made among Catholics in other parts of North America since the inauguration of the system of Subordinate and General Catholic Total Abstinence Unions, as well as the remarkable impetus given to the movement here by the introduction of the Union system in New Brunswick. The experience of the past year has shown that through its influence many localities, not densely populated, have found it possible to organize and sustain flourishing Total Abstinence Societies; and this convinces us that scores of other districts—many of them more favorably situated for the purpose—could easily, and with profit to the cause of morality, follow these excellent examples, were the inhabitants as fully alive to the importance of the matter as they should be.

The benefits conferred by Temperance on individuals, families and communities, are inestimable. They are felt in every relation of life, in every phase of society, in the condition of the body and of the soul, in the destiny of man for time and for eternity. He alone is safe from the tempter who firmly resolves never even to approach the edge of the charmed circle; and he who faithfully keeps this wise resolution, has removed effectually from his path one of the most serious obstacles he can meet with in his efforts to attain temporal happiness and eternal bliss.

Besides the spiritual advantages of Temperance Societies, there are other though secondary benefits conferred by these local associations on the members, such as the Benevolent or Relief system attached to some of them, the means of intellectual improvement which each affords, &c., and there is above all the inducement supplied by the knowledge that the humblest member of the smallest Society in the most remote part of the Province is on an equal footing with every

other member of that vast Temperance organization—the Catholic Total Abstinence Union of America, which, as has been eloquently said, “extends from the icy regions of the north to the sunny plains of the south, and from the blue waves of the Atlantic to the golden sands of the Pacific.”

Will you not then lend your assistance to this ennobling cause of Total Abstinence? Will you not join a Society, if one exists in your vicinity, and if there be none yet established, will you not aid your beloved Pastor in bringing about that happy result? If you do you may rest assured that you will never regret your action, but that on the contrary you will yet have reason to thank God for having inspired you with the thought of identifying yourself with a cause so truly good, so simply effectual, so beautiful in its objects and so happy in its results, as that of Total Abstinence founded on a Catholic basis.

Temperance is, we all admit, a virtue, however we may differ regarding the means of attaining it. Convinced as we are, of the oneness and sincerity of our own motives, we impute none other to any. We question no man's rights and assail no man's principles. We demand no penal laws or arbitrary enactments to enforce our views. Our only weapons are, and always will be, Reason and Religion. The sin, the foul upas tree, whose noxious effluvia are blasting our present happiness and future hopes, is intemperance. Scripture tells us of a happy time, when swords should be turned into plough-shares—whether that time is already come or is still in the distance, is not for us to say; but were the mighty and beneficent influences of Temperance spread throughout the length and breadth of the land, our jails and prisons, instead of requiring extension and enlargement, would, we hesitate not to say, be converted into sweet and soothing asylums for exhausted old age and holy poverty; within whose sacred walls, the last sigh heaved and the last prayer breathed, would be one for those who in their philanthropy and Christian charity had created for them a habitation and a home, where they could die in peace, reconciled with God and man.

Go, if you will, to our Police Courts, and see those who daily appear before their tribunals clad in misery and depravity. Are they not invariably the victims of intemperance? Visit our jails and ask their inmates what confined them within those iron bars and bolts, depriving them of the liberty which God gave them. And what is their reply? Is not their almost sole response, Drink, Drink! Enter our Penitentiaries, and demand of those poor degenerate specimens of humanity, whom you there behold clad in the garb of bondage, why they cling those chains of servitude. Will they not almost unanimously exclaim, Rum, Rum, Rum! Go to our Hospitals,

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where restlessness reigns and fever revels; look at those poor creatures, the mere wreck of the divine image to whose likeness they had been created, writhing in pain and agony, calling on God omnipotent, not to assuage their sorrows or mitigate their woes, but to vindicate His justice for a misspent life. Shame and sorrow tell more eloquently than words the cause of all! Witness, if you can, the last tragedy of a drunken life; stand for a moment in the presence of the scaffold, and listen to the last sad, solemn words of its victim. What does he say, now that the follies and dissipations of life are ended, and death, terrible and inexorable, looms in the immediate future? "I have only one word to say to you—all you who hear me to-day, I implore you to avoid drink and bad company. I was once happy and innocent as you are—the cherished child of fond and loving parents—an object of respect and esteem amongst those around me. In an evil hour, however, I contracted the habits of drinking and bad company, and now you see the end."

You do not require, Catholics of New Brunswick, these facts to convince you of the sad and destructive results flowing from dissipation and drunkenness. Your own personal experience can tell a tale which neither the pen nor pencil of the artist could fully illustrate. We are justified therefore, we feel, in calling on you to aid us in this mighty and moral regeneration; to assist us in extending the boundaries of this great tidal wave of reform that is one day, we hope, to wash, cleanse and purify New Brunswick from the corruptions and ulcers with which rum has polluted and defiled it. Fathers and mothers, we call on you, for the love you bear your dear and cherished children, not only not to seduce them from the paths of rectitude and sobriety by your vicious habits and bad examples, but rather to point out to them the way in which they should go, both by word and example.

We call on you especially, Catholic *young men* of New Brunswick, to rise in your majesty and might, and crush the hideous head of that foul and insidious serpent that is continually tempting you to drink of the fruit of your own destruction. A glorious future is before you: New avenues of preferments and honors are being daily opened to you, for the attainment of which merit, and merit alone, will, we are fain to hope, be the only condition. You have talents and natural endowments inferior to none other in the land. All you require is to cultivate the gifts with which God has endowed you; to practice the virtues of industry and sobriety, and then you can challenge the world for a fair field and no favor. However adverse may be the passing storms, or fanatical the phantoms of the hour, you will rise triumphant over all.

Let us, therefore, say to you in conclusion, we have no selfish object to subserve, or mercenary end to attain. We seek neither honor nor emolument. The only motives which actuate us are the welfare and happiness of all. Our time and money are freely spent for the cause in which we are enlisted. We can therefore, we feel, speak frankly to you the words of sincerity and truth. Come then, one and all, and assist us by your practical aid, or at least by your moral support, in this glorious effort of moral emancipation; and ere many years have sped their course the Catholics of New Brunswick will, with God's grace and assistance, be regenerated and disenthralled from the evil which to some extent retards their prosperity and happiness, both spiritually and temporally.

The Auditing Committee submitted their Report, which was accepted and is as follows:—

AUDITING COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The Committee appointed to examine the Accounts of the Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer, report that they have attended to that duty, and find each Officer's Account correct, and that both correspond with the exception of the sum of seventeen (17) cents, with which the Treasurer overcharged himself. They recommend that sum to be refunded to that Officer. They find the balance in the Treasurer's hands to be \$21.57. He also has in his possession 27 cents worth of Postage Stamps, and 100 blank Receipts, the property of the Union, besides which, the Corresponding Secretary has over \$6.00 in Stamps, and the Union possesses Officers' Badges worth \$24.50, Officers' Books worth at least \$7.00, Travelling Cards, Transfer Cards, Local Reports, Constitutions of the Union, etc.; the Union being altogether possessed of cash and property worth about \$65.00.

Communications being next in order, the Spiritual Director conveyed to the Delegates the greeting and blessing of His Lordship the Bishop of St. John, with his best wishes for the success of the Convention. The Council was charged to return the thanks of the Convention to His Lordship.

A letter was read from the Rev. E. J. Dunphy, President of St. Patrick's T. A. Society of Carleton, explaining the reasons for his absence, and wishing all success to the Convention. A letter was also read from Mr. John A. Hennebery, Editor of the Catholic T. A. Union of the Diocese of Philadelphia, (and a New Brunswicker abroad), conveying the fraternal greetings of

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Philadelphia Union, and his personal wishes for the welfare of the cause. A similar letter was subsequently received from Mr. John F. Daley, Secretary of the Illinois C. T. A. Union, another native of the Province. The President was directed to answer the letters, and also to reply to the following telegram from Major B. J. O'Driscoll, of Washington, D. C., Secretary of the Catholic T. A. Union of America:—

“WASHINGTON, D. C., July 1st, 1873.

“To the Catholic Total Abstinence Union of New Brunswick, in Convention assembled at St. Dunstan's Hall, Fredericton.

“One hundred and eighty-six Catholic Total Abstinence Societies, through one of New Brunswick's sons, fraternally and lovingly greet you to-day.

“BENEDICT J. O'DRISCOLL,

“Secretary C. T. A. U. of A.”

The Convention took a recess till 7 o'clock, p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

Shortly after seven o'clock the President called the Convention to order. After prayer, the time and place for holding the next Convention were considered.

It was moved, that the place be St. Patrick's Hall, Carleton, St. John; and moved in amendment, that it be St. Stephen. The amendment was carried by a large majority. The time was fixed for the 30th of June and 1st of July, 1874, several other dates being proposed and rejected.

The Election of Officers for the ensuing year was next gone into. It was announced that His Lordship the Bishop had re-appointed the Rev. Father Michaud as Spiritual Director. The following Delegates, one from each Society, were appointed a Committee to nominate the other Officers: Messrs. T. B. Foley, G. R. Perks, M. J. Dolan, W. Kean, J. P. M'Grory, T. Fennell, S. Shields, M. Brown, C. O'Donnell, W. Murphy. The Committee retired, and while they were absent, the Spiritual Director announced that the Motto for the Union agreed on by

the Committee was the advice of St. Peter to the faithful, "*Sobriū Estote*,"—"Be sober." Adopted.

The Order of Business being suspended, the Convention went into Committee of the Whole on the State of the Union, Rev. Father M'Devitt being called to the Chair. Mr. Moran for St. Malachi's Society, and Mr. M'Ginnis for St. Dunstan's, addressed the Committee at some length, giving interesting details of the workings of their organizations. It then appearing that the Nomination Committee were ready to report to the Convention, the Committee of the whole rose and reported progress, and the President having resumed the Chair, the Committee on Nomination of Officers submitted the following list of nominations:—

For *President*,—Mr. John O'Brien.

For *Vice-President*,—Patrick Gleeson, Esq., J. P.

For *Recording Secretary*,—Mr. Thomas O'Rielly.

For *Corresponding Secretary*,—Mr. Daniel O'C. M'Ginnis.

For *Treasurer*,—Mr. James Daley.

For *Sergeant-at-Arms*,—Mr. Charles O'Donnell.

These nominations were taken up separately, and all the Delegates nominated were unanimously elected.

The Convention then took a recess while the Delegations retired to consider the nomination of their respective Local Deputies.

On resuming business the following nominations for Local Deputies were made, and confirmed by the Convention:—

St. Malachi's Society, St. John, Mr. P. Moran.

St. Dunstan's Society, Fredericton, Mr. F. J. M'Peake.

Father Mathew Association, St. John, Mr. John Allen.

St. Patrick's Society, Carleton, Mr. Patrick O'Keeffe.

St. Peter's Society, Portland, Mr. W. P. Hennebry.

St. Patrick's Society, White's Mountain, Mr. John M'Devitt.

St. Vincent de Paul Society, Oromocto, Mr. D. A. Holland.

St. Mary's Society, Kingston, Mr. R. M'Laughlin.

St. Stephen's Society, St. Stephen, Mr. John Commins.

St. Mary's Society, Cork Settlement, Mr. Patrick Maloney.

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The newly elected Officers then received the Badges of their respective Offices, and all, in brief speeches, returned thanks for the honor conferred on them, and promised to do their duty to the best of their ability. The Spiritual Director also made an eloquent speech.

The question of Representation at the Third General Convention of the Catholic Total Abstinence Union of America, to be held in New York on October 8th, 1873, was next in order. It was unanimously resolved that the New Brunswick Union be represented at the New York Convention by one Delegate. The President was nominated as the Delegate, but declined. The Spiritual Director being nominated, on motion, nominations closed, and the Rev. Father Michaud was declared elected.

The following votes of thanks were passed:—To the retiring Officers of the Union, including the Sergeant-at-Arms *pro. tem.*, for their valuable services and untiring zeal; to the Very Rev. Father Connolly, for delivering the eloquent and appropriate Sermon to the Delegates at High Mass; to the Rev. Father M'Devitt, for causing High Mass to be celebrated in St. Dunstan's Church for the Convention; to the Rev. Father Farrell, for his unremitting attendance at the Convention; to St. Dunstan's Society, for the use of their Hall during the sittings of the Convention; to St. Dunstan's Church Choir, for assisting at High Mass.

On motion of Mr. Duffy, it was resolved, that the Societies of the Union be strongly recommended to insert in their Local Constitutions, a provision recognizing the authority of the Constitutions and By-Laws of the Catholic Total Abstinence Unions of New Brunswick and of America.

On motion of the Vice-President, it was ordered, that the Proceedings of the Convention be published in the newspapers.

At 11 o'clock, p. m., the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

The proceedings closed as they had begun, with prayer.

REMARKS.

The Convention was most successful in attaining the objects for which it met. The Temperance cause in New Brunswick was placed on a firmer footing than ever; the Provincial and General Unions were greatly strengthened; many measures were adopted whose influence for good will continue to be felt for many years to come; harmony pervaded its deliberations throughout; and every Delegate felt, when its labors were over, that no efforts he could put forth, no sacrifices he could make, would be greater than were warranted and merited by the humane and noble character of the great cause he had espoused.



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CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION,

ST. JOHN, NEW BRUNSWICK,

July 15th, 1872.

We have examined the Constitution and By-Laws of the
Catholic Total Abstinence Union of New Brunswick, and hereby
approve of them.

(Signed)

†J. SWEENEY,

Bp. of St. John.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Catholic Total Abstinence Union of New Brunswick.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This organization shall be known as the CATHOLIC TOTAL ABSTINENCE UNION OF NEW BRUNSWICK, and shall be subject to the Constitution and By-Laws of the CATHOLIC TOTAL ABSTINENCE UNION OF AMERICA.

ARTICLE II.—OBJECTS.

The objects of this Union shall be to establish Catholic Temperance Societies in localities where they do not now exist; to stimulate to increased activity the Societies already existing; to foster a spirit of friendship and co-operation between the various local Societies; and, in fine, to promote the cause of Total Abstinence by every available means.

ARTICLE III.—MEMBERSHIP.

This Union shall consist of such Catholic Temperance Societies established in the Province of New Brunswick as are recognized by Ecclesiastical authority.

ARTICLE IV.—OFFICERS.

Sec. 1. The Officers of the Union shall consist of a Spiritual Director, who shall be the Right Rev. Bishop of St. John, or a clergyman to be named by his Lordship; a President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant-at-Arms, and a Local Deputy for each Society in the Union.

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Sec. 2. The above Officers, with the exception of the Local Deputies, shall form the Council of the Union; and the Council, together with the Local Deputies, shall form the Board of Government.

Sec. 3. All the Officers, except the Spiritual Director, shall be elected by ballot at the Annual Convention of the Union, the Local Deputies being nominated by the Delegates of their respective Societies; and they shall hold office till the next Annual Convention.

Sec. 4. The Council shall have power to fill vacancies in office occurring between the Annual Conventions of the Union, subject to the approval of the Board of Government; except in the case of a vacancy occurring in the Presidency, which the Board of Government only shall have power to fill at its next regular meeting; and in the case of Local Deputies, who shall be appointed by the Society in which the vacancy occurs.

ARTICLE V.—DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

Sec. 1. The Spiritual Director shall have charge of the religious affairs of the Union, and shall open and close all Conventions with prayer.

Sec. 2. The President shall preside at all Conventions of the Union, and all meetings of the Council and Board of Government; shall be responsible for the carrying out of all laws, and for the discharge of their duties by all the Officers of the Union; shall sign all bills duly audited; and shall submit an Annual Written Report to the Convention of the Union, setting forth the general condition and requirements of the organization.

Sec. 3. The Vice-President shall perform such duties as may be required of him by the President or Council; shall occupy the Chair in the absence of the President; and in case of the removal, resignation or death of the President, shall perform the duties appertaining to that office until a new President be chosen.

Sec. 4. The Recording Secretary shall attend all Conventions of the Union and all meetings of the Council and Board of

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Government ; shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of those bodies ; and shall perform all other duties pertaining to his office.

Sec. 5. The Corresponding Secretary shall procure from the Officers of the local Societies a quarterly report of their strength and condition, and prepare a condensed statement of the general affairs of the Union ; shall furnish all information and assistance required by local Societies, or by persons desirous of forming new Societies ; shall keep a Roll of Delegates and Officers ; shall collect all moneys due the Union by the Societies composing it, and pay the same over to the Treasurer ; shall conduct all the correspondence of the Union, under the direction of the President ; and shall report, in writing, quarterly to the Board of Government, and annually to the Convention of the Union.

Sec. 6. The Treasurer shall have charge of the funds of the Union, and shall pay all orders signed by the President ; shall receive all moneys from the Corresponding Secretary, and give a receipt for the same ; and shall report, in writing, quarterly to the Board of Government, and annually to the Convention of the Union.

Sec. 7. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall have charge of the Hall in which a Convention of the Union is being held, and shall see that it is properly opened and prepared for its sessions ; he shall see that the Delegates are properly seated ; and shall execute all orders of the presiding Officer with regard to preserving order.

Sec. 8. The Local Deputies shall represent their respective Societies at the meetings of the Board of Government, and shall represent the Union at the meetings of their Societies.

ARTICLE VI.—THE COUNCIL.

The Council may authorize any expenditure not exceeding ten dollars ; it shall recommend to the Board of Government measures to advance the interests of the Union ; shall have power to act, under the Constitution, on the application of any Society for admission to the Union ; and shall exercise such other powers as said Board may at any time constitutionally confer upon it. It shall report its acts at each meeting of said Board.

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ARTICLE VII.—THE BOARD OF GOVERNMENT.

The Board of Government shall meet quarterly for the transaction of business, on such day and at such place as the Council may decide upon, and shall hold special meetings at the call of the President; shall suspend till the next Convention any Officer or Society violating the laws of the Union; shall authorize all expenditures over ten dollars, and shall audit all bills; and shall have the general management of the affairs of the Union in the interim between the Conventions.

ARTICLE VIII.—OFFICERS' BOOKS AND PROPERTY.

All Officers shall carefully preserve all books, papers, and other property of the Union, pertaining to their respective departments; and at the expiration of their term of office, or sooner, if required by the Board of Government, shall transfer all such property to their successors if elected, or to the Board of Government or the President, if no successors are appointed to receive them.

ARTICLE IX.—CONVENTIONS.

Sec. 1. The Societies of this Union shall each year hold an Annual Convention for the purpose of making laws for the Union, devising measures to promote its interests, and electing Officers for the ensuing year, at such place in the Province of New Brunswick and at such time as may be decided on by the previous Convention; and if any Convention shall fail to decide on these points, the time and place of the next Annual Convention shall be fixed by the Board of Government.

Sec. 2. The Board of Government shall have power, by a two-thirds vote, to call a Special Convention of the Union at any time.

Sec. 3. Each Society shall be entitled to an equal number of Delegates at every Convention of the Union; but all other details of representation shall be settled by the Board of Government three months prior to the holding of the Convention.

ARTICLE X.—THE CLERGY.

All Catholic Clergymen connected with Temperance Societies shall be, *ex officio*, vested with all the powers and privileges of Delegates to the Conventions of the Union.

ARTICLE XI.—FINANCES.

Sec. 1. Each Society in the Union shall pay an initiation fee of Ten Dollars the first year, and an assessment of Seven Cents per member each subsequent year.

Sec. 2. A new Society organized by the Union shall be allowed three months from the date of its organization to pay its initiation fee; and if its Officers prove to the satisfaction of the Council that the state of their Society's funds renders it necessary, they may be allowed to pay the said fee in two instalments: one half in three months and the other half in six months from the date of organization.

Sec. 3. The annual assessment on the Societies of Seven Cents per member shall be levied at such time after it is due in advance, and in such manner, as the Council may determine.

Sec. 4. For special purposes ordered by the Annual Convention, or in case of a deficiency occurring in the finances during the year, an assessment in equal shares shall be made on each Society by the Board of Government.

ARTICLE XII.—TRANSFERS.

Sec. 1. Any member in good standing in any Society connected with the Union shall, upon removing to another locality, be entitled to be received into any Society of the Union existing there, on presenting to the President of said Society a certificate, properly signed by the Officers of his old Society, provided it be presented without any unreasonable delay.

Sec. 2. Such member shall be subject to all the duties and benefits of the local laws of the Society which he enters, as soon as he joins it, but will be exempt from the payment of initiation fees.

Sec. 3. The form of Transfer Certificate shall be determined by the Board of Government, who shall have printed and despatched to the several local Societies a sufficient number for use.

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ARTICLE XIII.—TRAVELLING CARDS.

Any member in good standing in the Union, wishing to travel on business or pleasure, shall be entitled to receive a travelling card from the Society of which he is a member, which card shall entitle such member to recognition by all Societies and members of the Union; and if the Society to which such member belongs is a Benevolent or Relief Society; and if while absent he be taken sick (provided such sickness is not occasioned by improper conduct) in any place where there is a Society or Societies of the Union, it shall be the duty of such Society or Societies, upon notification, to have him cared for during his sickness; and in case of his death, it shall be obligatory for such Society or Societies to make such final provisions for his interment as may be prescribed by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Society of which he was a member, and such expenses shall be refunded to such Society or Societies by the Society of which he was a member.

ARTICLE XIV.—FRATERNAL VISITS.

Any member of a Society in the Union shall be entitled to admittance to the meetings of any other Society in the Union, upon his name being conveyed to the Chairman, and his being recognized by that Officer as a member of the Union.

ARTICLE XV.—AMENDMENTS.

Sec. 1. All amendments to this Constitution shall be submitted in writing to the Board of Government, or President, at least one month previous to the assembling of the Annual Convention.

Sec. 2. The President shall cause the Corresponding Secretary to send a copy of the proposed amendment to the several Local Deputies, to be laid before their respective Societies.

Sec. 3. If the proposed amendment be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the Annual Convention, it shall take immediate effect; and if any amendment offered at a Convention, without previous notice, receive a unanimous vote in its favor, it shall be declared adopted.

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