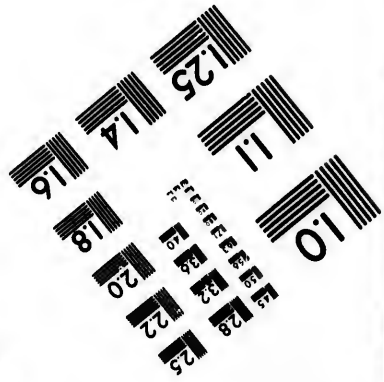
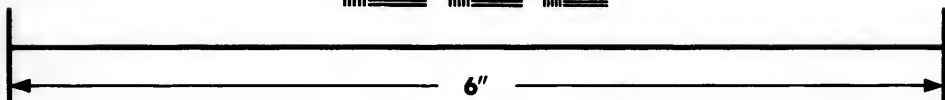
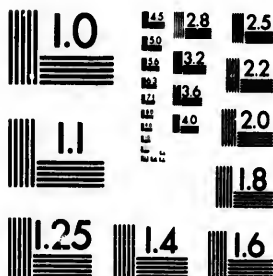


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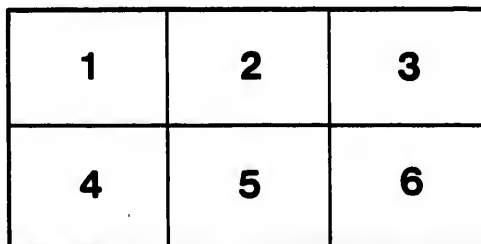
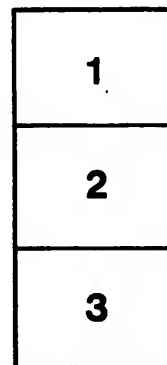
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NO. 16,

SONS OF TEMPERANCE, C. E.

INSTITUTED, 13TH FEBRUARY, 1852; INCORPORATED BY ACT OF
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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Opening of the Division.
2. Roll of Officers called.
3. Reading Minutes of last meeting.
4. Has any Brother a Friend to propose as a proper person to become a Son of Temperance.
5. Reports of Investigating Committee.
6. Balloting for Candidates.
7. Initiation of Candidates.
8. Reception of Reports of Visiting Committee.
9. Are any of the Brethren sick?
10. Has any brother violated the pledge?
11. Does any Brother know of a Brother who has violated the pledge?
12. Reports of Standing Committees.
13. Reports of Special Committees.
14. Reception of Communications.
15. Reading List of Fines.
16. Payment of Dues.
17. Application for Degrees.
18. Deferred Business.
19. New Business.
20. Closing the Division.

INTRODUCTION.

THE Order of the SONS OF TEMPERANCE,—of which the Division whose Constitution and By-Laws are in the following pages presented, is but one organization of many hundreds of similar import throughout the country,—is an institution, founded in the year 1842, whose objects are moral and benevolent, and whose peculiar design is to ensure, by concentration of effort, success and strength to the great moral reform of Temperance. Organization,—complete, thorough, systematic organization,—is the principle of its power; and while the fullest confidence is manifested in the adequacy of the Order for the purposes contemplated by its institution, it is in no wise designed to supersede or diminish the highly useful operations of other temperance associations, which cannot, from their peculiar organization, or from the conscientious views of their members, unite with us; but seeks by its own means, and in its own way, to further the common object.

Prominent among the results desired and objects contemplated by our organization, may be mentioned a universal temperance reformation—a brotherhood in love, purity and fidelity—the encouragement of morality—the pecuniary relief of sick brethren—and the diffusion of good will to all mankind. All our purposes, plans and movements, are based upon THE PLEDGE, relying for its fulfilment upon the honor of each brother, *as a man*, not to make, buy, sell or use as a beverage, any spirituous or malt liquors, wine or cider. This simply is our obligation. We have no oaths, no unmeaning rites. Our privacy is only such as prudence, manliness and kindness require, consisting principally of pass-words, the bestowal of benefits without the publicity of the world, accompanied with the necessary injunction that the affairs of the Order be not spoken of in the presence of those who are not Brethren. The ceremonies in which we indulge are those that give dignity and impressiveness to the pledge which is taken, and are sensible in purport and appropriate in conception.

While all subjects of political and religious controversy are excluded from our meetings, the great truths of the Christian religion are fully recognized and inculcated, and a fraternal spirit continually exhibited, enforced and insisted upon, as essential to harmony, happiness and success. The Order demands that every Brother shall sustain a good moral character. Integrity, honor, truth and virtue, are held up as standard

moral principles, and an implicit obedience to the laws of the civil government as the duty of every good citizen. Brothers are particularly recommended by the highest official authority to be individually active in the field of general usefulness. The genius of our cause is Temperance, robed in love, purity and fidelity, associated with benevolence, charity and good will to all.

The organized, controlling authority of our Order is simple, and consists of a National Division, Grand Divisions, and Subordinate Divisions. Grand Divisions receive their charters from the National Division, and are under the constitutional jurisdiction of the same; Subordinate Divisions hold their charters from Grand Divisions, and are under their jurisdiction. Individuals are received into Subordinate Divisions, and are, in general, immediately under their constitutional government. The Subordinate Divisions are popular and primary; the Grand Divisions and the National Division are representative. The former is composed of such acting and past superior officers of subordinate Divisions as may be elected delegates; the latter of such acting and past superior officers of Grand Divisions as likewise may be elected delegates. The Subordinates have regular meetings weekly, the Grand Divisions quarterly, and the National Division yearly. The officers of the Subordinate Divisions serve quarterly, those of the Grand Division yearly, and those of the National Division bi-yearly terms.

As an Order, we hold that kindness, reason, argument, the pecuniary benefit conferred, the spirit of brotherhood enkindled, as well as persuasor, and a good and pure example, are our legitimate means of increase,—pursuing our course mildly but firmly, and on all proper occasions raising our hands and voices to repress or prevent the terrible evils under which society labors from indulgence in strong drink, and which we are pledged and banded to eradicate as far as possible.

This, then, is our Order; this the simplicity of the organization under which we have prospered and strengthened, until, from the pioneer brotherhood of sixteen individuals in an "upper room," we have extended and number about seven hundred and forty five thousand pledged and true men, and can tell of sixteen thousand five hundred independent Subordinate Divisions! As an organized Association, we court investigation and scrutiny. We ask of the uninitiated to peruse the following pages in a spirit of candor, and with an unprejudiced eye; and if what is here presented seemeth to them "good," that they will unite with us, that we may, with increased energy and strength, hasten the glad consummation of our labours.

CONSTITUTION.

PREAMBLE.

We, whose names are annexed, desirous of forming a society to protect ourselves and others from the evils of intemperance, afford mutual assistance in case of sickness, and elevate our characters as men, do pledge ourselves to be governed by the following Constitution and By-Laws.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE. I.

NAME.

This Association shall be known as **ST. LAWRENCE DIVISION, No. 16, OF THE SONS OF TEMPERANCE, of Canada East.**

ARTICLE II.

PLEDGE.

No Brother shall make, buy, sell, or use, as a beverage, any Spirituous or Malt Liquors, Wine or Cider.*

* The following resolution, explanatory of the Pledge of the Order, was unanimously adopted at the fourth annual session of the National Division:

Resolved,—That the National Division hereby declare that the true intent and meaning of the Pledge is to prohibit the manufacture, purchase, sale and use of all alcoholic or intoxicating liquors as a beverage, whether enumerated by name in the Pledge or not.—**M.W.S.**

ARTICLE III.

OFFICERS.

The officers shall consist of a W.P., W.A., R.S., A.R.S., F.S., T., Chap., C., A.C., I.S., and O.S., all of whom shall be elected by ballot every three months, viz: last regular meetings in September, December, March and June; and installed the first regular meetings in October, January, April and July.*

ARTICLE IV.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

Sec. 1.—It shall be the duty of the W.P. to preside in the Division, enforce a due observance of the Constitution and By-Laws, and exact a compliance to the rules and usages of the Order; to see that all officers perform their respective duties; appoint all committees and officers not otherwise provided for; give the casting vote on all matters before the Division when a tie may occur; inspect and announce the result of all balloting or other votes; direct the R.S. to call a special meeting when application shall be made in writing by five members of the Division; draw upon the T. for all sums necessary to pay the benefits provided for by the Constitution and By-Laws, and other appropriations made by the Division. He shall, on the night he vacates the chair, see that the Quarterly Returns are prepared for the Grand Division and the percentage appropriated, and forward the same in time for the Quarterly Session, certified by him with the seal of the Division. He shall perform such other duties as the Division or his charge shall require.

Sec. 2.—It shall be the duty of the W.A. to render the W.P. such assistance as he may require of him, and in the absence of the W.P., the W.A. shall perform his duties.

Sec. 3.—The R.S. shall keep a fair and impartial record of the proceedings of the Division; write communications; notify all Subordinate Divisions, not more than ten miles of its place of meeting, within four weeks after, of the name, occupation

* A P.W.P. is not a constitutional officer.

and residence of every person suspended, rejected or expelled from this Division. He shall fill up certificates; notify meetings when ordered by the W.P., attest to all monies ordered to be paid at a regular meeting, and none other. He shall make out at the end of his term for the Division, a full report of the proceedings during his term, and also the quarterly returns to the Grand Division, which shall embrace the number of members initiated, admitted by card, initiated by dispensation, suspended, reinstated, and who have withdrawn during his term, together with the names and occupations of those suspended, expelled and rejected, with the dates and causes of expulsion, the number who violate the pledge, how many sign over, and how many violate the second time, the number of deaths, and the whole number of actual contributing members, the amount of receipts for initiation fees and dues, with the *per capita tax* due the Grand Division, the amount expended for benefits, with the amount on hand, and with the W.P.-certify to the same. He shall perform such other duties as may be required of him by the Division or his charge, and deliver up to his successor, within one week from the expiration of his term, all books, papers or other property in his possession, belonging to his office.

Sec. 4.—The A.R.S. shall be an aid to the R.S., under whose direction he shall act. He shall render such assistance to the R.S. in the performance of his duty, as he or the Division may require of him.

Sec. 5.—It shall be the duty of the F.S. to keep just and true accounts between the Division and its members, credit the amounts paid, and pay the same over to the T. immediately, taking his receipt. He shall, just previous to the close of his term, notify every member who is three months or more in arrears, of the amount due by him to the Division, adding ten cents for each notice. At the end of his term he shall make out for the Division, a full report, and furnish the R.S. with the amount of receipts for initiation fees and dues during his term, with any other information connected with his office,

necessary to enable the R.S. to prepare correct returns for the Grand Division. He shall perform such other duties as the Division or his charge may require of him. He shall deliver up to his successor all matters appertaining to his office in his possession.

Sec. 6.—It shall be the duty of the T. to pay all orders drawn on him by the W.P., attested by the R.S. and none others; he shall receive all monies of the Division, and hold the same until the expiration of his term, unless otherwise ordered by the Division. He shall keep a full and correct account of all monies received and expended. He shall give the Division a monthly statement of the funds, and deliver up, when legally called upon, all monies, books, papers, and other property of the Division to his successor in office, or to whom the Division may especially appoint. He shall perform such other duties as may be required of him by the Division or his charge.

Sec. 7.—It shall be the duty of the C. to introduce for initiation persons who have been previously elected. He shall also introduce visitors, and furnish them with suitable regalia. He shall, with the aid of the A.C., examine those present at the opening of the Division. He shall see that the officers' regalia are in their proper places at the opening of the Division, and take charge of the same at the close. He shall have charge of such property of the Division as may not be otherwise provided for, and render a full report to the Division at the end of his term.

Sec. 8.—It shall be the duty of the A.C. to render such services as the C. or Division may require of him.

Sec. 9.—It shall be the duty of the I.S. to attend the door—to admit none but members of the Order and candidates for initiation.

Sec. 10.—The O.S. shall guard the door outside, and keep off intruders.

ARTICLE V.

ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP.

Sec. 1.—No person shall be initiated into the Division under fourteen years of age ; provided, that no youth shall have the right to vote in Division on any proposition, or hold office, or receive the degrees until he shall have arrived at the age of eighteen years ; and to this end, on the proposal of any youth under eighteen years of age, the day and year of his birth shall be stated as near as may be.

Sec. 2.—No person shall be admitted into the Division who does not possess a good moral character, or as a benefit member, one who is in any way incapacitated from earning a livelihood, or who has no visible means of support ; provided, that persons of old age, or under disability or sickness may be admitted, but remain in the position of members not entitled to benefits.

Sec. 3.—The name of a person offered for membership must be proposed by a member in writing, stating age, residence and business, which must be entered on the record, and the subject referred to three brothers for investigation, who shall report in writing at a succeeding meeting, when the candidate shall be balloted for with ball ballots, and if not more than *four* black balls appear against him, he shall be declared elected ; but if *five* or more black balls appear, he shall be rejected, and so declared. No person so rejected shall be again proposed in any Division of the Order, under six months.*

Sec. 4.—A proposition for membership shall not be withdrawn after it has been referred to a committee for investigation, without the consent of a majority of the members present.

Sec. 5.—A vote of rejection may be reconsidered within three meetings, exclusive of the meeting at which the vote was taken. But a vote that has resulted in an election shall not be reconsidered.

* A proposition for membership may be received at a special meeting.—M.W.S.

Sec. 6.—The name of a candidate or brother constitutionally suspended, rejected or expelled, shall not be published in any other manner than the usual notice to the Divisions.

Sec. 7.—Any brother applying for membership by deposit of card, shall be subject to the same ballot as a new applicant.

Sec. 8.—Persons may be admitted as honorary members, not to hold office or vote upon financial questions, as the By-Laws may prescribe.

ARTICLE VI.

CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS.

Sec. 1.—The amount of initiatory fees and weekly dues shall be regulated by each Division.

Sec. 2.—Every *bona fide* member, who shall be qualified as required by the Constitution and By-Laws of this Division, shall, in all cases of sickness or disability, be entitled to, and receive weekly, not less than one dollar, except it be shown that such sickness or disability be brought on by his own improper conduct; nevertheless this Division may suspend benefits by a two-third vote of the members present at a regular meeting, after two weeks' notice of such action.

Sec. 3.—No brother residing within five miles of the Division of which he is a member, shall be entitled to *benefits* of more than one week previous to his case being reported to such Division. No benefits shall be granted for less time than one week. All arrears, either for dues or fines, shall in every case be deducted from the first payment.

Sec. 4.—In case of the death of a brother entitled to benefits, the sum of not less than fifteen dollars shall be appropriated as a funeral benefit. The W.P., in the absence of competent relations or friends, shall take charge of the funeral, and keep an account of the disbursements.

Sec. 5.—On the death of the wife of a brother, also beneficial, he shall be entitled to the sum of not less than ten dollars as a funeral benefit.

ARTICLE VII.

OFFENCES.

Sec. 1.—Any member who shall offend against these Articles, or the By-Laws, shall be subject to be fined, reprimanded, suspended or expelled, as two-thirds of the members present at any regular meeting, may determine.

Sec. 2.—Every member shall be entitled to a fair trial for any offence involving reprimand, suspension or expulsion. But no member shall be put on trial, unless charges, duly specifying his offence, be submitted in writing by a member of the Division.

Sec. 3.—When charges have been preferred against a brother in a proper manner, or any matters of grievance between brothers are brought before the Division, they shall be referred to a special committee of five members, who shall, with as little delay as the case will admit, summon the parties, examine and determine the matter in question, and if their decision does not involve the suspension or expulsion of a member, and no appeal be taken from it to the Division, it shall be final, without other action. Should the committee be convinced of the necessity of suspending or expelling a member, they shall submit a motion for the purpose to the Division, for action.

Sec. 4.—When a motion for the expulsion or suspension of a member shall have been submitted in due form, it shall be announced at one regular meeting previous to action being taken; and the accused shall be summoned to be in attendance at the Division, at the time when it may have been determined to consider the question—at which time, whether the implicated member be present or not, the Division may proceed to consider and determine it. Two-thirds of the members present voting in favor of the motion, it shall be carried; but the Division shall be fully competent, while such motion is under consideration, to vary the penalty from the original motion.*

* A member suspended for the period of six months or longer, or non-payment of dues, may be admitted as a new member.—
M.W.S.

Sec. 5.—When the decision of a committee appointed under Section 3, of this Article, otherwise final, shall not be satisfactory to all parties, either of those interested shall have the privilege of appeal to the Division—and at the time appointed for trying the appeal, the committee shall present to the Division, in writing, the grounds on which their decision was founded; and the parties shall have the privilege of being heard before the Division—and the Division shall determine the correctness of the decision of the committee by a majority of the votes present.

Sec. 6.—The provisions of this Article shall not extend to violation of Article II.

ARTICLE VIII.

TERMS.

Regular Quarterly Terms shall commence on the first of October, January, April and July. Officers elected previous to the expiration of half the Term, shall be entitled to the full honors of the Term; those elected after half the Term has expired, shall not count the honors, except where they be elected to fill vacancies.

ARTICLE IX.

ELIGIBILITY FOR CHIEF OFFICES.

Sec. 1.—After a Division has been instituted three terms, no brother shall be eligible to the office of W.P. unless he has served two terms in a subordinate office or offices.

Sec. 2.—No brother shall be eligible to the office of W.P. W.A., or T., who is under twenty-one years of age, except by dispensation from the Grand Division; provided, nevertheless, that no person elevated to the office of W.P. by such dispensation shall be elected a Representative to the Grand Division, and that no Grand Division shall have the right or authority to grant a dispensation under this act, except to the Division^s located in Colleges or institutions of learning.

ARTICLE X.

VIOLATING ARTICLE II.

Sec. 1.—It shall be the duty of every member who has evidence that another has violated Article 2, to specify the offence to the Division, within three weeks after coming into possession of such evidence.

Sec. 2.—The charge for violation of Article 2, shall be presented in writing, duly signed, when it shall be referred to a committee of five members, who shall, as soon as practicable, summon the parties and investigate the matter.

Sec. 3.—The committee shall organize by appointing a chairman and secretary. The secretary shall make a correct record of the proceeding, with such testimony as may be presented, which record shall be produced to the Division on the call of any member, after the committee have reported.

Sec. 4.—If the committee agree that the charge is sustained, they shall report the fact to the Division, by resolution, with a second resolution to the effect that the member be reinstated, if they think proper, which report and resolution shall lie upon the table at least one week, and the offending member shall be notified of the character of the resolutions by the R.S. and requested to be present at the time appointed for considering the same, with a view of giving an opportunity to make a defense.

Sec. 5.—If the committee agree that the charge is not sustained, they shall report a resolution to that effect, and if the resolution be adopted, the charge shall be dismissed.

Sec. 6.—When the committee report the charge sustained, and a majority of the members present at a regular meeting ballot in favor thereof, the offending member shall forfeit membership, and the W.P. shall direct the name to be erased from the Constitution. If a majority of the Division vote in opposition to the resolution, all further proceedings shall be stayed, subject to appeal.

Sec. 7.—If two-thirds of those voting are in favor of reinstating a member who has been found guilty of violating Article

2, such member shall be restored to membership by being obligated and re-signing the Constitution. The power to re-instate shall not, however, extend over the term of one month from the time of receipt of notice by the offending member that the charge has been proved. But if a member neglect to come forward to sign the Constitution for one month after receiving notice of re-instatement, or if a member is not re-instated, the W.P. shall declare such member expelled.

Sec. 8.—The forfeiture of membership under this article shall involve the forfeiture of all honors possessed by the member when the name was erased from the Constitution.

Sec. 9.—If a member come forward and acknowledge a violation of Article 2, the Division, after erasure of the name, may, at their option, re-instate the member on the same evening, in the manner prescribed in Section 7.

Sec. 10.—No member against whom a charge has been brought under this Article shall be present when any vote is taken in the case, either in Committee or in Division.

ARTICLE XI.

No alteration or addition shall be made to this Constitution unless by a two-third vote of the National Division.

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RULES OF ORDER.

THE CHAIR.

The W. P. shall state every question coming before the Division, and immediately before putting it to vote, shall ask, "Is the Division ready for the question?" Should no brother rise to speak, the W. P. shall proceed to state the question, and after he has risen, no brother shall be permitted to speak upon it. He shall announce the decision of the Division on all subjects. Should his decision be appealed from, the question shall be put thus, "Will the Division sustain the Chair in its decision?"

The W. P. shall not make or second any motion or resolution, neither shall he take any part in debate while in the Chair.

DEBATE.

1. No question shall be entertained, unless moved and seconded; and all resolutions shall be submitted in writing and signed by the brother offering the same, when required by the W. P.

2. No question shall be open for debate until stated by the W. P.

3. While a question is before the Division, no other shall be entertained, except, first to amend—and but two amendments to a resolution will be received;—second, to divide;—third, to postpone;—fourth, to lie on the table;—fifth, the previous question;—and sixth, to adjourn.

4. Any question, containing two or more distinct propositions, may be divided by a majority vote without debate.

5. A motion to lie on the table shall be decided without debate.

6. When the previous question is moved and seconded, the W. P. shall say, "The previous question has been moved and seconded, those in favor of the motion will signify," &c. If carried, the main question shall be put without further debate.

7. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, except when

a brother has the floor, and shall be decided without debate, unless a time is mentioned, in which case the time is debateable.

8. No brother shall speak more than twice on the same question without permission of the W.P.

9. When a blank is to be filled, the question shall first be taken on the lowest sum proposed.

10. When the reading of a paper is called for, and the same is objected to by any member, it shall be determined by a vote, without debate.

11. When a member appeals from the decision of the Chair, he shall rise and say, "W. P., I respectfully appeal from your decision." If the appeal is seconded, the W. P. shall put the question.

12. All votes shall be taken by show of hands, and when a question is called for, and a division demanded, those in favor of the motion shall be counted by the R. S., and those opposed to it shall be counted in like manner, and the result entered on the minutes and announced by the W. P.

13. Every elected officer and brother shall be designated in debate, or otherwise, by his proper office or title, according to his standing in the order.

14. When a member wishes to speak, he shall rise and address himself to the W. P. When two or more rise together, the W. P. shall announce which shall have the floor, when the other shall immediately be seated. If a member be indisposed, he may be indulged to speak sitting.

15. When a brother obtains the floor, he shall be heard so long as he continues in order; and no other brother shall stand up, or move from place to place, or be allowed to speak or whisper, so as to interrupt the brother speaking.

16. When a brother has been called to order, he shall take his seat, when the point shall be stated, and after it is decided, he may proceed.

17. All points of order shall be decided by the Presiding Officer, subject to an appeal to the body. He may, however, call for the sense of the body on any question of order, which shall be decided without debate.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

MEETINGS.

Sec. 1.—This Division shall meet on Friday evening of each week, for the purpose of transacting general business, and diffusing the principles of Temperance and Benevolence. The Division shall be opened at Eight o'clock, P.M., precisely. The Division shall come to order within ten minutes of the appointed time, and in the absence of the W.P. and W.A., the senior P.W.P. shall take the chair. The Division shall be closed at 10 o'clock precisely, or sooner, if the business be transacted before that time.

Sec. 2.—Seven members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, at any meeting of this Division.

Sec. 3.—No brother shall be permitted to enter the Division, unless clothed in regalia.

Sec. 4.—Special meetings may be called in accordance with article IV. of the Constitution, but no appropriation of money shall be made except at a regular meeting.

ARTICLE II.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Sec. 5.—*Nomination.*—Officers shall be nominated at the meeting preceeding that of the election, and on the night of the election previous to the same being gone into; but no nomination shall be received unless the brother be present and assent, or being absent, the Division shall be satisfied of his acquiescence in the nomination.

Sec. 6.—*Election.*—The election of each officer shall be had separately. At the appointed time of election, the R.S. shall read the names of the nominees for the office of W.P., and the members may then make further nominations for that office.

The W.P. shall then announce the names of all the candidates for the office, and appoint two tellers to assist the C. in scrutinizing the votes. The F.S. shall call the roll, and members entitled to vote, as their names are called, shall hand their ballots to the C., who shall deposit the same in the box. The C., assisted by the tellers, shall then scrutinize the votes given, and report the state of the balloting to the W.P., who shall announce the result to the Division.

Sec. 7.—*Votes.*—The election of the other officers shall be conducted in the same manner as that of the W.P., in the order named in Article III. of the Constitution, provided that the Division may dispense with further calling the roll, after it has once been called at an election of officers. A majority of votes cast shall be necessary to a choice, but blank ballots, and ballots for persons not properly in nomination, shall not be considered or counted as votes.

Sec. 8.—*No Choice.*—If no choice be made at the first balloting, the second balloting shall be confined to the three highest candidates, and if no choice be then made, the third balloting shall be confined to the two highest.

Sec. 9.—*Installation.*—No officer shall be installed into his office unless he is clear of all dues and demands against him, on F.S.'s books.

ARTICLE III.

DUTY OF OFFICERS.

Sec. 10.—It shall be the duty of the J.P.W.P. of this Division to act in the capacity P.W.P., and deliver the charge of his office to candidates, and perform all other duties appertaining to the office, and preside over the Division in the absence of the W.P., W.A., or a senior P.W.P.

Sec. 11.—It shall be the duty of the W.P. on the night of his installation, to name four brothers who, with himself, the W.A., and T., shall constitute a Visiting Committee; also, three brothers, who shall constitute a Committee of Finance and Audit, and three for a Committee of Investigation, when candidates are proposed for membership.

Sec. 12.—The W.P. shall be chairman of the Visiting Committee, and in case of the sickness of a brother he shall appoint, in rotation, two brothers to act as watchers, who shall attend to such duty or provide a substitute, under the penalty of five shillings; provided, always, that the disease be not contagious, infectious or dangerous to others, in which case the committee shall, if necessary, employ a nurse, to be paid from the funds of the Division.

Sec. 13.—It shall be the duty of the R.S. to record in the Black Book the names and residences of all persons rejected, suspended, or expelled from this Division, with the dates and causes of rejection, suspension or expulsion, and also the names of parties reported from other Divisions as rejected, suspended or expelled.

Sec. 14.—Upon the election of any person as member of this Division, the R.S. shall forthwith give written notice thereof to the individual so elected, and such election shall stand good for six weeks and no longer, unless the candidate is unavoidably absent from town, or disabled by sickness.

Sec. 15.—It shall be the duty of the F.S. to receive the Bonds of the Trustees and Treasurer, and hold the same in trust for the Division.

Sec. 16.—The Treasurer, prior to his installation in office, shall give a joint and several Bond to the W.P., or his successor in office, in the sum of Ten Pounds, with two sureties, to be approved of by the Division, for the faithful performance of his duty as Treasurer; and he shall, at the end of each month, deposit in person all monies in his hands over and above Ten Pounds, cy., in the Quebec Provident Savings' Bank, in the name of St. Lawrence Division, No. 16, Sons of Temperance, of Canada East; not to be drawn out unless his draft is countersigned by the W.P. and R.S., under the seal of the Division, and no amount shall be drawn out without the consent of the Division, by a two-third vote at a regular meeting.

Sec. 17.—The Conductor shall place in the Ante-Room, before the Division opens, a sufficient number of regalia to accommo-

date the brethren. He shall also keep at all times, regalia clean and in good order, corresponding with the number of members, at the expense of the Division, to be used at funerals and other special occasions, when required.

ARTICLE IV.

ADMISSION OF MEMBERS.

Sec. 18.—Every brother, on being admitted, shall sign the Constitution and By-Laws of this Division, and thereby agree to support the same, and pay all legal demands against him, so long as he remains a member. He shall also furnish the F.S. with his residence, and in the case of changing or removing, he shall notify him thereof, within one month thereafter, under the penalty of One Shilling and Three Pence.

Sec. 19.—Females may be admitted by ballot as Visiting Members, but shall not be entitled to benefits, permitted to vote on any question, or be elected to fill any offices in the Division.

Sec. 20.—Persons connected with the army will be admitted on the payment of one-half the usual initiation fee, according to age, but cannot become beneficial until they are members for twelve months.

Sec. 21.—Should it appear that a brother is laboring under a hereditary or intermittent disease, and that on his admission he conceals the fact from the Division, it shall debar him from receiving any benefits in case of disability resulting or having origin from such disease; and should any brother receive benefits from the Division by feigning sickness or disability, he shall be fined, suspended or expelled, as the Division may determine.

Sec. 22.—A brother, after receiving his Withdrawal Card, cannot go in and out of the Division when he pleases, even although vouched for by a brother, except he is re-admitted according to Art. V., Sec. 7, of the Constitution.

ARTICLE V.

COMMITTEES.

Sec. 23.—*Visiting Committee.*—It shall be the duty of the Visiting Committee to visit brothers reported sick, to render

them such assistance as the case may require, except the brother is sick of some infectious disease. They shall visit the sick in the following order:—The Treasurer on Saturday, Sick Committee, No. 1, on Sunday; Sick Committee, No. 2, on Monday; Sick Committee, No. 3, on Tuesday; Sick Committee, No. 4, on Wednesday; the W.A. on Thursday, and the W.P. on Friday; all of whom shall render a verbal report at each meeting of the Division, until the brother is declared well; and either of the Committee failing to visit the sick on the day appointed for him so to do, shall be fined one shilling and three pence for each case; sickness or absence from the city only excepted. The Visiting Committee shall be exempt from watching with the sick.

Sec. 24.—*Investigating Committee.*—It shall be the duty of the Investigating Committee to examine the propositions for membership, and if not personally acquainted with the candidates, they shall call upon the references, and ascertain their character and health, and make their reports to the Division; they shall have access to the Black Book, and make themselves acquainted with the matters therein recorded.

Sec. 25.—*Committee of Finance and Audit.*—It shall be the duty of this Committee to examine all Bills and Accounts against the Division, and if in their opinion correct, they shall endorse their names upon the same, and submit them to the Division at its regular meeting for their approval and order for payment. They shall audit the accounts of the F.S. and T., and report at the next meeting after their appointment.

Sec. 26.—*Special Committees.*—All Committees appointed for special purposes shall report their doings, in writing, to the Division, signed by a majority; and no person shall be appointed Chairman of any Committee unless he be present at the time of appointment.

Sec. 27.—Should a vacancy occur in any Committee, the same shall be filled at the next meeting of the Division.

ARTICLE VI.

FEES AND DUES.

Sec. 28.—The Initiation Fee of this Division shall be ten shillings for all persons between the age of 18 and 30; twelve shillings and sixpence from 30 to 40; and fifteen shillings from 40 to 50. Persons over 50, and youths from 14 to 18 years of age, shall be admitted as non-benefit members, on payment of 5s. initiation fee and 7½d. monthly dues; but youths on attaining the age of 18 shall become liable to the same dues as other members, otherwise their connection with the Division shall cease. The initiation fee in all cases to be paid in advance.

Sec. 29.—The regular dues to the Division shall be one shilling and eightpence per month, for each benefit member, payable on the third Friday in each month, and no brother will be entitled to receive the quarterly pass-word, until he is clear of the books of the F.S.* Any member may, however, pay any number of months in advance.

Sec. 30.—On the death of a brother beneficial, should the funds so far decrease as to render it necessary, the Division shall have power, by a two-third vote, to assess each adult member not exceeding two shillings and sixpence, in addition to the monthly dues; and on the death of a brother's wife, a sum not exceeding one shilling and threepence.

ARTICLE VII.

BENEFITS.

Sec. 31.—No Brother shall be entitled to benefits until he shall have been a member of this Division six months.

Sec. 32.—The benefits of this Division shall not be less than ten shillings per week for a sick or disabled brother. But in no case to receive over ten pounds, cy., in any one year.

* Any member over three months' dues in arrears, or being under suspension, shall not be considered in good standing, until after the lapse of thirteen regular nights of meeting, from the date of his paying the same; nor shall any brother who has been suspended and re-elected be considered in good standing for a like period after his re-election.

Sec. 33.—In case of the death of a brother entitled to benefits, the sum of five pounds shall be appropriated for the funeral expenses; and for the wife of a beneficial brother, the sum of two pounds ten shillings.

ARTICLE VIII.

FINES AND PENALTIES.

Sec. 34.—Every elected officer, who shall absent himself from the Division at the time of its opening, shall be subject to and pay a fine of seven pence half-penny. Should either the W.P., R.S., or F.S. fail to have their books in the Division at the opening of the same, he shall forfeit and pay the sum of two shillings and sixpence. Should the officers, when duly notified, fail to attend any special meeting when convened by the W.P., they shall be subject to the same fines as at regular meetings.

Sec. 35.—Any elected officer absenting himself for three successive nights of meeting (except in case of sickness or absence from town) shall be liable to have his seat declared vacant by a vote of the Division.

Sec. 36.—Should the R.S. refuse or neglect to attend to the duties required of him, under sections 5 and 6 of Article 3, he shall be subject to pay the fine of one shilling and three pence for each offence.

Sec. 37.—If any member be convicted of felony, fraud, or any disgraceful crime, or be guilty of any conduct bringing disgrace or reproach upon the Order, or if he follow any wicked or improper practices, or use any unlawful means in procuring a livelihood, if proof be made thereof, he shall be fined, suspended, or expelled, as the Division may direct.

Sec. 38.—Any member who shall in the Division make use of any profane or indecent language, or refuse to obey the commands of the W.P. when called to order, or use disrespectful expressions towards the officers or members, shall be subject to a fine for each offence not exceeding five shillings.

Sec. 39.—Any member who shall divulge the name of a

brother who has voted against any person proposed to become a Son of Temperance, or misrepresent the discussions of the Division, so as to cause disturbance or angry feelings among the brethren, or reveals private business done in this or any other Division to a person not a Son of Temperance, shall be fined not less than two shillings and sixpence, suspended, or expelled, as the Division may determine.

Sec. 40.—Any brother refusing or neglecting to obey the legal summons of the Division, or of any Committee appointed by the Division, shall be liable to a fine not exceeding five shillings.

Sec. 41.—A brother brought before a committee for violation of Article II of Constitution, and thereby found guilty, and if reinstated by a two-third vote of the Division, shall be fined 5s. for each and every like offence, if again reinstated. If a brother comes forward and acknowledges that he has violated Article II, the Division, after erasure of name, may, at their option, reinstate him the same evening, if two-thirds of the members voting are in favor thereof, paying a fine of 2s. 6d. for each and every like offence.

Sec. 42.—No unfinancial member shall be permitted to vote or speak on any question before the Division.

ARTICLE IX.

TRUSTEES.

Sec. 43.—At the first regular meeting in January, annually, there shall be elected by a majority of votes, three members of this Division, who shall be denominated "Trustees of the Funds and Investments of St. Lawrence Division, Number Sixteen, Sons of Temperance of Canada East," whose duty it shall be to hold in trust for this Division, all stocks, securities, investments, properties and funds; and to transfer, exchange or deposit the same, or any part thereof, whenever required under these laws so to do. The said Trustees shall appoint one of their number to act as Chairman, whose duty it shall be to make a quarterly return of the state of the Bank fund and other property.

Sec. 44.—The said Trustees, previous to entering upon their duties, shall give a joint and several Bond to the Division, in such sums as the Division may from time to time require, with two sureties, to be approved by the Division, for a faithful performance of their duties.

Sec. 45.—Either of the said Trustees for non-performance of his duty, or other misconduct, may be removed from office by a two-third vote of the Division, at any regular meeting, a motion to that effect having laid over at least one week.

Sec. 46.—Neither the W.P., W.A., R.S., F.S., or T., shall be eligible to serve as Trustees.

Sec. 47.—The Funds of this Division shall not be appropriated for any purpose except for benefits, incidental expenses, and the furtherance of the cause of Temperance, and that only by a vote of two-thirds of the members present; provided, however, if a committee appointed by the W.P. should recommend a sum of money for a brother, or the family of a deceased brother, in distress, such an appropriation can be made by a two-third vote of the Division.

ARTICLE X.

WITHDRAWING AND RE-JOINING.

Sec. 48.—Any brother may withdraw from this Division and receive his card, by paying up all dues and demands that may be against him on the Books, unless there are charges against him which are under investigation by the Division at the time of his application to withdraw.

Sec. 49.—Brothers joining this Division by Card shall pay half Initiation Fee, according to age, and at once become beneficial.

Sec. 50.—When a brother from another Division sends in his card and asks to be admitted to membership, it shall take the same course as a proposition, the fee to be paid at the time of admission.

Sec. 51.—When any brother wishes a card of clearance, he shall signify it in writing, and if in good standing, the W.P. shall direct the F.S. to furnish such card at the end of the

quarter, upon his paying all dues against him on the books of the Division.

Sec. 52.—This Division shall have jurisdiction over a brother to whom it has granted a withdrawal card for twelve months, unless notice is received of his card having been accepted by another Division.

Sec. 53.—A brother having occasion to travel, and not wishing to sever his connection with this Division, may be furnished with a travelling card and password, by being found clear on the F.S. books, and likewise paying 12 months' dues in advance.

ARTICLE XI.

BALLOTING.

Sec. 54.—In balloting for members, the ballot box shall be placed in full view of the W.P., and be examined by the W.P. and W.A.

Sec. 55.—All votes for the expulsion, suspension or reinstatement of members, shall be by ballot, and shall be determined by a two-third vote.

ARTICLE XII.

FUNERALS.

Sec. 56.—In case of the death of a brother, information shall be communicated to the W.P., who shall order the R.S. to call a meeting of the Division to attend the funeral, except the brother has died of some infectious disease, or his friends object.

Sec. 57.—The members shall assemble at the Division Room half an hour previous to the time appointed for the funeral, and it is specially enjoined upon the brethren to attend all funerals of members of this Division.

ARTICLE XIII.

APPEALS.

Sec. 58.—Each member of this Division shall have a right of Appeal to the Grand Division.

ARTICLE XIV.

SECTARIANISM.

Sec. 59.—No subject of a sectarian or political nature shall be introduced before the Division.

ARTICLE XV.

AMENDMENTS.

Sec. 60.—No part of these By-Laws shall be repealed, annulled or altered, unless a proposal in writing be presented to the Division at least two regular meetings previous to the discussion; when, if two thirds of the members present vote in favor of the motion, it shall be adopted; but any By-Law may be suspended for the evening by a two-third vote.

LIBRARY BY-LAWS.

1.—This Library shall be called the "St. Lawrence Division Library."

2.—All members of the Division shall be entitled to receive books from this Library.

3.—The charge for the use of Books in this Library shall be 7½d per quarter, in advance.

4.—All books to be subject to the approval of the Good and Welfare Committee.

5.—It shall be the duty of the Librarian to keep in his possession a book in which he shall enter the names of all brothers receiving books from the Library, and perform all duties which the Good and Welfare Committee shall require of him.

6.—The Library shall be opened for half-an-hour previous to the opening of the Division. It shall remain closed while the Division is in session.

7.—No member shall be entitled to more than one volume at a time from the Library.

8.—No book shall be kept longer than a fortnight, except by permission of the Librarian, and in no case longer than one calendar month.

9.—It shall be the duty of the Librarian to enforce all the rules and regulations against all members who render themselves liable to the same.

10.—Members destroying or in any way defacing any book belonging to the Library, shall forfeit and pay to the Librarian whatever amount the Good and Welfare Committee may have placed upon the said book.

11.—Members violating the foregoing section (10), and refusing to pay the value of the book, shall not receive any book from the Library for one year afterwards.

12.—The Librarian shall keep in his possession a book in which he will enter the name, number, and value of every book in the Library.

13.—The Good and Welfare Committee shall in all cases decide as to the value of books presented by members to the Library, and their decision shall be final.

DEGREE CONSTITUTION.

ART. 1.—Each Grand Division may determine whether it will introduce these Degrees within its jurisdiction, and each Subordinate Division may introduce them or not at its option after its Grand Division has done so.

ART. 2.—A Grand Division introducing the Degrees shall notify the M. W. Scribe of that fact as soon as practicable, and shall procure of him the Degree Books and necessary cards.

ART. 3.—A Brother expelled from his Subordinate Division shall, without further trial, be expelled from each Degree.

ART. 4.—A Brother charged with violating any obligation of either of the Degrees, shall be tried for that offence in the Degree the obligation of which he is charged with violating.

under the regulations adopted in Subordinate Divisions. From any decision thus had, an appeal may be taken to a Standing Committee of Degree Members, to be appointed by the Grand Division.

ART. 5.—The amount to be charged for these Degrees together with all other necessary regulations, shall be adjusted in appropriate By-Laws in each Subordinate Division adopting them, and the necessary Regents to superintend the working of the Degrees shall be appointed by the Grand Worthy Patriarch.

RULES FOR DEGREE DIVISION, AS ADOPTED BY THE GRAND DIVISION OF CANADA EAST, 20TH JUNE, 1885.

That all members of the Order who shall be clear of the F.S. books, and who shall have been Members of the Order in good standing six months, shall be eligible to receive the *first* Degree, and that in three months thereafter they shall be eligible to receive the *second* Degree, and that in three months thereafter they shall be eligible to receive the *third* Degree. Provided that all present Members of the Order, of one year's good standing, shall be entitled to receive all the Degrees at one time.

Application for the Degrees must be made in writing, in open Division, to the Officers and Members of the Degree applied for, for their decision.

Candidates for Degrees shall be balloted for, and admitted or rejected in the same manner, by the Officers and Members of the Degree applied for, as candidates for initiation into the Order.

Expulsion or suspension shall operate as a forfeiture of their standing in the Degree Division, and members so forfeiting their standing shall be subjected to re-election and re-initiation in the Degrees, the same as required by the Constitution of Subordinate Divisions.

There shall be charged and paid by the members initiated for each Degree the following fees, namely:—For the several

Degrees not less than one shilling and three pence each, but that Subordinate Divisions shall be at liberty to increase the initiation fee as they please.

That the several sub-Divisions shall elect from among their W.P.'s or P.W.P.'s a Perfect, who shall appoint the time and confer the Degrees in order to the institution of the Degree Division.

DEGREE BY-LAWS.

ART. 1.—The Officers shall be a Perfect, Vice-Perfect, Past Perfect, Chaplain, Recorder, Auditor, Keeper of the Keys, First and Second Heralds, and First and Second Warders; who shall perform the duties specified in the "Book of Degrees," all being members of the Fidelity Degree.

ART. 2.—The Degree members shall meet at the call of the Perfect.

ART. 3.—There shall be in each year two terms, the one commencing on the first Tuesday in January, and ending on the last Tuesday in June; the other commencing on the first Tuesday on July, and ending on the last Tuesday in December.

ART. 4.—Election for officers shall be governed by the same rules and regulations as are adopted in the Division

ART. 5.—Every Brother receiving the Degrees from this Division shall pay therefor the sum of 1s. 3d. for first, being six months a Son of Temperance; for the second 1s. 10½d., being nine months a S. of T.; and for the third 2s. 6d., being twelve months a S. of T.; for a less period of membership a dispensation from the Regent will be necessary.

ART. 6.—Before securing the Degrees, applicant therefor shall present a certificate as follows:—

This is to certify that Brother _____ is a member of _____ Division, in good standing, and clear on the Books.

Quebec, 186 . R. S.
(Seal.)

ART. 7.—All members proposed shall be balloted for each Degree, four black balls rejecting a member.

ART. 8.—A member of the Degrees having vioiated Art. II., of the Constitution, whether he confess it, or the offence be otherwise proven, shall be expelled the Degrees; and if reinstated by the Division, cannot again join the Degrees, but by the payment of—if in the 1st Degree, 7½d.; if in the 2nd Degree, 1s 3d.; and if in the 3rd Degree, 1s. 10½d.

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