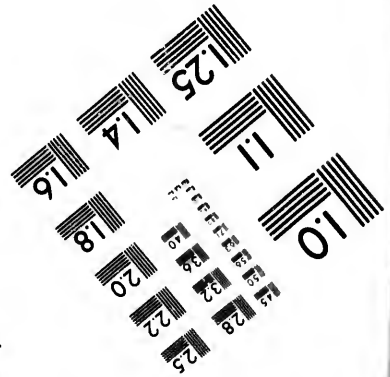
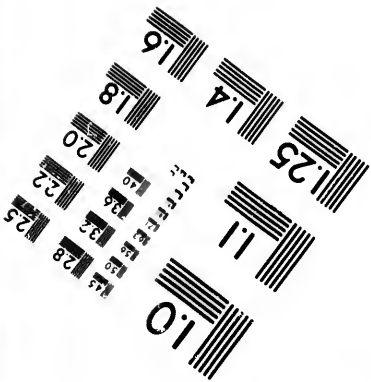
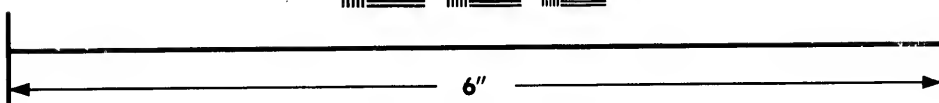
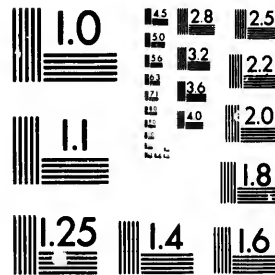


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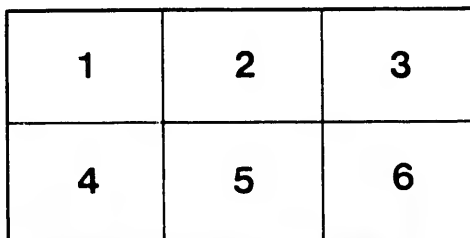
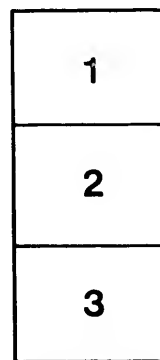
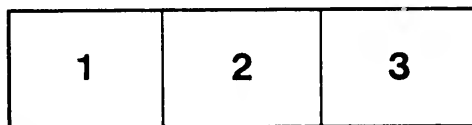
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CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS,
AND
RULES OF ORDER,
OF
LEADING STAR UNION,
No. 33,
DAUGHTERS OF TEMPERANCE,
OF THE
Province of Canada.

INSTITUTED OCTOBER 22ND, 1851.

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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

This Society shall be known by the name and title of "LEADING STAR UNION, No. 33, DAUGHTERS OF TEMPERANCE," of the Province of Canada.

ARTICLE II.

PLEDGE.

No sister shall make, buy, sell or use as a beverage, any Spirituous or Malt Liquors, Wine, or Cider; but shall, in all ways, discountenance the use of them in the community.

ARTICLE III.

OFFICERS.

The officers shall consist of a Presiding Sister, Associate Sister, Recording Scribe, Assistant Recording Scribe, Financial Scribe, Treasurer, Conductress, Assistant Conductress, Guardian, and Assistant Guardian, and Past P. Sister; all of whom, except the P. P. S. shall be elected by ballot every three months, viz: on the last days

of meeting in the months of 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 Presiding Sister to preside in the Union and enforce a due observance of the Constitution and By-Laws, to see that all officers perform their respective duties, to appoint all committees and officers not otherwise provided for, to give the casting vote on all matters before the Union, when a tie may occur, to inspect and announce the result of all balloting or other votes, to direct the S. Recording Scribe to call special meetings when deemed necessary by five members of the Union, to draw upon the Treasurer for all sums necessary to pay the benefits provided for by the Constitution and By-Laws, and other appropriations made by the Union. She shall at the meeting she vacates the chair, see that the Quarterly Returns are prepared for the Grand Union, and the per centage appropriated, and forward the same in time for the Quarterly Sessions, certified by her, with the seal of the Union. She shall perform such other duties as the Union or her charge shall require.

Sec. 2.—It shall be the duty of the Associate Sister to render the Presiding Sister such assist-

ance as she may require of her, and, in the absence of the Presiding Sister, the Associate Sister shall perform her duties.

Sec. 3.—It shall be the duty of the Past Presiding Sister to give candidates the advice of initiation, and to members who wish to retire before adjournment, she shall give the password for the day.

Sec. 4.—The S. Recording Scribe shall keep a fair and impartial record of the proceedings of the Union, write communications, notify all Subordinate Unions not more than ten miles off its place of meeting, within one week after, of the name and residence of every person suspended, rejected or expelled from this Union—fill up certificates, notify meetings when ordered by the Presiding Sister, attest to all moneys ordered to be paid at a regular meeting, and none other. She shall make out at the end of her term, for the Union, a full report of the proceedings for the Quarter, and also the quarterly returns for the Grand Union, as required in Art. IV of the Constitution; she shall perform such other duties as may be required of her by the Union or her charge, and deliver up to her successor in office, at the expiration of her term, all books, papers, or other property in her possession belonging to her office.

Sec. 5.—It shall be the duty of the Assistant Recording Scribe to render the Recording Scribe

such assistance as she may require of her, and, in the absence of the Recording Scribe, she shall perform her duty.

Sec. 6.—It shall be the duty of the S. Financial Scribe to keep just and true accounts between the Union and its members, credit the amounts paid, and pay the same over to the Treasurer, immediately taking her receipt; she shall, just previous to the close of her term, notify every member who is three months or more in arrears, of the amount due by them to the Union. At the end of her term, she shall make out for the Union, a full report, and deliver up to her successor in office all matters appertaining to her office in her possession.

Sec. 7.—It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to pay all orders drawn on her by the Presiding Sister, attested by the Recording Scribe, and none other; she shall receive all moneys of the Union, and hold the same until the expiration of her term; she shall keep a full and correct account of all moneys received and expended; she shall give the Union a monthly statement of the funds, and deliver up, when legally called upon, all moneys, books, papers, and other property of the Union to her successor in office, or to whom the Union may specially appoint, and perform such other duties as may be required of her by the Union.

Sec. 8.—It shall be the duty of the Conductress to introduce for initiation persons who have been previously elected, also visitors from other Unions; she shall have charge of the property of the Union not otherwise provided for, and report quarterly to the Union; she shall, with the aid of the Assistant Conductress, examine those present at the opening of the Session.

Sec. 9.—It shall be the duty of the Assistant Conductress to render such assistance to the Conductress as may be required of her, and, in the absence of the Conductress, the Assistant shall perform her duty.

Sec. 10.—It shall be the duty of the Guardian to attend the door, to admit none but members, unless otherwise ordered by the Union.

Sec. 11.—It shall be the duty of the Assistant Guardian to attend in the ante-room, and also to render the Guardian such assistance as may be required.

ARTICLE V.

ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP.

Sec. 1.—No person shall be received into this Union under fifteen years of age, nor for a less sum than five shillings.

Sec. 2.—No person shall be admitted into this Union who does not possess a good moral character, or who may, by sickness or otherwise, be prevented from earning a livelihood.

Sec. 3.—Every candidate, before being initiated, shall sign a certificate of health.

Sec. 4.—The name of a person offered in membership, must be proposed by a member in writing, stating her name and residence, which shall be referred to three sisters for investigation, who shall report in writing at the succeeding meeting, when the candidate may be balloted for, and if not more than *four* black balls appear, she shall be declared elected; but if *five* or more appear, she shall be rejected. No person so rejected, shall be again proposed under six months.

ARTICLE VI.

CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS.

Sec. 1.—The regular dues of this Union shall not be less than 2d per week.

Sec. 2.—Every *bona fide* member, who shall be qualified as required by the Constitution and By-Laws of this Union, shall in case of sickness or disability, (excepting confinement, &c., for which no sister shall receive any benefit,) be

entitled to, and receive weekly, no less a sum than one dollar. It shall be lawful for any Subordinate Union, which has less than one hundred dollars in its Treasury, to suspend the payment of benefits, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, two weeks previous notice having been given previous to the vote being taken.

Sec. 3.—No sister residing within five miles of the location of this Union, shall be entitled to relief for more than one week previous to her case being reported to this Union. No relief shall be granted for a less time than one week. All arrears either for dues or fines due the Union, (if any,) shall in every case be deducted from the first payment.

Sec. 4.—In case of the death of a sister, a sum not less than three pounds shall be appropriated to defray funeral expenses. The P. Sister, in the absence of competent relations or friends, shall superintend the funeral, and keep an account of the disbursements.

Sec. 5.—Every Subordinate Union shall keep a book to record the names of candidates, with the signature of the investigating committee attached to each candidate. Also a book to enter the names of rejected candidates.

ARTICLE VII.

OFFENCE.

Sec. 1.—Any member who shall offend against these Articles or 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 her offence, be submitted in writing by a member of the Order in good standing.

Sec. 3.—When charges have been preferred against a sister in a proper manner, or any matter of grievance between sisters be brought before this Union, they shall be referred to a special committee of five members, and they shall, with as little delay as the case will admit, summon the parties, examine and determine the matter in question ; and, if not involving the suspension or expulsion of a member, or no appeal be taken from their decision to the Union, it shall be final without further 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 Union 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 Union, 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 Union may proceed to consider and determine it. Two-thirds of the members present voting in favor of the motion, it shall be carried; and the Union shall be fully competent, while such motion is under consideration, to vary the penalty from the original motion.

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

Sec. 6.—Any sister having been expelled or suspended, notice thereof shall be sent to all the

Unions in the vicinity; and any sister who has been legally expelled, shall not be again admitted to membership without the consent of the Grand Union,

ARTICLE VIII.

CARDS.

Sec. 1.—When any worthy member of this Union desires to withdraw from the same, she shall signify her determination to do so in the Union, and if clear of the books, she shall be entitled to, and receive, a *Card of Clearance*, on paying for the same 7½d.

Sec. 2.—When any worthy member of this Union may desire a *Visiting Card*, she shall, if clear of the books, and a majority of the members present agree thereto, be entitled to the same by paying up her dues to the end of the time for which the Card is given, (*which in no case shall exceed one year,*) and paying for the same 7½d.

Sec. 3.—A Card of Clearance shall not be received by this Union after the expiration of six months from its date. A person holding such a Card after the expiration of its date (six months) can only be admitted as a new member.

ARTICLE IX.

ELIGIBILITY FOR OFFICE.

Sec. 1.—After the Union has been instituted three Terms, no sister shall be eligible for the office of P. S., unless she has served a regular term as A. S. After the third Term, no sister shall serve two terms in succession as P. S.

Sec. 2.—Officers elected previous to the expiration of half the Term, shall be entitled to the full honors of it ; those elected after the half term has expired, shall not count the honors, except where it may be to fill vacancies occasioned by resignation, expulsion or death, in which case the sister who serves the residue of the term, shall be entitled to the full honors of it.

ARTICLE X.

VIOLATING ARTICLE II.

Sec. 1.—Any sister violating Art. II. of the Constitution, shall cease to be a member, and her name shall be erased from the books.—Nevertheless, it shall be in the power of two-thirds of the members present at a regular meeting, to re-admit her on her re-signing and paying a fine of five shillings—for the second offence they shall have power to re-instate her, on her re-signing and

paying a fine of ten shillings—for the third offence, she can only be admitted by application to the Grand Union. The above fines must in all cases, be paid to the Financial Scribe before the re-admission of the member.

Sec. 2.—Any sister knowing of an officer or sister having violated Article II. and neglecting to inform the Presiding Sister, for two weeks after, shall be fined five shillings.

ARTICLE XI.

TERMS.

Sec. 1.—Regular quarterly terms shall commence on the first meeting of October, January, April and July; and end on the day on which the succeeding ones commenced.

RETURNS.

Sec. 2.—It shall be the duty of the last Past Officers to prepare and forward immediately to the Grand Union the result of the elections, and a regular report of the work of the quarterly term, including the number of those initiated, admitted by card, rejected, withdrawn by card, suspended or expelled, and the cause thereof, re-instated and deceased, together with the whole number in membership, the amount of receipts, and the

result of the election of officers, accompanied by whatever amount may be due the Grand Union,

Sec. 3.—It shall be the duty of this Union also to forward to the Grand Union in like manner, at its Session in October, annually, a full return of the members of the Union, a statement of the number of sisters relieved by the Union during the past year, and the number of sisters buried with the amount of money applied to each of these purposes.

FORFEITURE OF CHARTER.

Sec. 4.—Should this Union fail to make its returns as required by Sec. 2, of this Article, for two successive terms, it shall thereby forfeit its Charter, and become extinct; and it shall become the duty of the last installed officers to submit or surrender to the Grand Scribe, or such other sister as may be appointed by the Grand Union to receive them, the Charter, &c., of the Union.

ARTICLE XII.

REGALIA.

Sec. 1.—The Regalia shall consist of a white linen collar, with blue fringe of silk, scarlet cord and tassels, with scarlet and blue rosettes for officers.

Sec. 2.—Any Subordinate Union who may desire emblems to designate their officers, may have the same, if two-thirds of said Union, at a regular Session, vote therefor, the emblems, in all cases, to be subject to the approval of the Grand Union under whose jurisdiction they exist.

ARTICLE XIII.

POWER TO MAKE BY-LAWS.

This Union shall have power to adopt By-Laws, or Resolutions from time to time, as may be deemed expedient, provided they do not in any wise contravene any part of this Constitution.

ARTICLE XIV.

AMENDMENTS.

Sec. 1.—When doubts arise as to the true meaning of any part of these articles, they shall be determined by the Grand Union.

Sec. 2.—These articles, nor any part thereof, shall be altered, amended, suspended, or annulled, except on motion made in the Grand Union, exercising the supreme power of the Order, and adopted by the Representatives of the majority of the Union present.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

MEETINGS.

This Union shall meet once a week for the transaction of business, and the diffusion of the principles of Temperance and Benevolence; and shall be opened within ten minutes of the appointed time, with reading a Psalm, and the Lord's Prayer.

In the absence of the P. S., the A. S., or a P. P. S. shall preside in her place, *pro. tem.*

Five members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERSHIP.

Sec. 1st.—Every Sister who proposes a Candidate, shall deposite 2s. 6d. with the F. S., as a part of the initiation fee, and shall give two respectable references. If the candidate be rejected, the amount shall be returned,—if elected, and she neglect to appear for initiation for two months after notice of her election, unless sickness or absence from the town prevent, the amount.

shall be forfeited. All moneys received on propositions, shall pass into the treasury as other moneys.

Sec. 2nd.—The initiation fee for all persons from the age of 15 to 50 shall be 5s.

Sec. 3rd.—Persons over the age of 50 years, and those who cannot sign a certificate of good health, may be admitted into this Union as *honorary* members, on paying 2s. 6d. initiation fee, and 1s. 3d. annually; but they will not be entitled to any pecuniary benefits whatever; they shall, however, be eligible to office, and shall receive the attendance of the Sisters during sickness, and at their funeral

ARTICLE III.

COMMITTEES.

Sec. 1st.—The P. S. shall, on the day of her installation, appoint a Committee of Finance, to consist of three members, whose duty it shall be to approve of bills presented to the Union for payment, and examine the accounts of the T. and F. S. during the last week of the term, and report at the first meeting of the next term before the installation of officers.

Sec. 2nd.—A Committee of Visitation shall consist of the P. S., A. S., A. R. S., T., C., A. C., and G.; of which the P. S. shall be Chairman.

Sec. 3rd.—It shall be the duty of the chairman of said committee to visit all Sisters reported sick or in distress residing within the bounds of the City of Quebec, within twenty-four hours after receiving information of the same. It shall be the duty of the members of the Committee, one each day, according to the order in which they stand in office, to visit the sick Sisters, and they must in all cases see them, unless they are sick of infectious diseases, of which some respectable physician shall be the judge. Should watchers be required, the P. S. shall cause to be notified, two Sisters as they stand upon the list, to attend each sick member during the night. If the diseases are contagious, and attendance is required, the committee shall employ, for each Sister so circumstanced, a nurse, who shall be paid from the funds of the Union.

ARTICLE IV.

DUES, FINES AND PENALTIES.

Sec. 1st.—Every Sister shall pay into the funds of this Union 2d. per week.

Sec. 2nd.—No member who is over thirteen weeks in arrears for dues shall be entitled to receive weekly benefits until three months after she has paid the same; nor shall she be privileged to vote at the election of officers, or entitled to the quarterly Pass-word.

Sec. 3rd.—Every officer, except the P. S., who may be required to state her duties or to deliver any charge, shall commit her part to memory within two weeks from the time of her installation; and in default thereof, shall be fined 1s. 3d. for each and every week so remaining unqualified.

Sec. 4th.—Any member who shall, in or out of the Union, speak disrespectfully of a Sister, or the Union, pronounce the Pass-word in the hearing of any one not authorized to receive it, divulge the name of any Sister who has voted against a person proposed to become a Daughter of Temperance, or reveal the private affairs of the Union or its meetings to any person not a member, shall be fined, suspended, or expelled, as a majority of the Union shall direct.

Sec. 5th.—Every Sister who accepts office, shall attend at the time and place appointed for meeting. If either the Recording or Financial Scribe neglect to have her books present at any

regular meeting, she shall be fined 1s. 3d.; and if any officer be absent at roll-call she shall be fined 1s. 3d., unless excused by a two-third vote of the Union.

Sec. 6th.—The seat of any officer absenting herself for three successive meetings, may be declared vacant by a vote of the Union.

Sec. 7th.—Any Sister who accepts an appointment on a Committee, and neglects the duties of the same, shall be subject to a fine of 7½d.; and any Sister knowing of another being sick, and neglecting to report it to the Union or some member of the Visiting Committee, shall be fined 1s. 3d.

Sec. 8th.—No member shall vote or speak, unless clothed in regalia; and any Sister appearing in the Union room during the meeting, without regalia, after it shall have been provided for her, shall pay a fine of 4d.

Sec. 9th.—Any Sister neglecting or refusing to attend a sick Sister when duly notified, or to furnish a substitute, shall be fined not less than 2s. 6d., unless prevented by sickness or death in her own family, or in cases of contagious diseases.

Sec. 10th.—Any member who may be found imposing upon the Union by *feigning* sickness

or disability, and receive benefits, shall be fined, suspended, or expelled, as the Union may determine.

Sec. 11th.—Any Sister who shall knowingly propose unworthy characters for membership, shall be fined, suspended, or expelled.

Sec. 12th.—At the decease of a Sister, the P. S. shall direct the R. S. to notify the members to attend the funeral, and any Sister neglecting to attend, unless prevented by sickness, shall be fined 7½d.

Sec. 13th.—It shall be the duty of the P. S. to enforce all fines and penalties on every member who renders herself liable.

ARTICLE V.

BENEFITS.

Sec. 1st.—No Sister shall be entitled to benefits until she shall have been a member one year.

Sec. 2nd.—Every *bonâ fide* member who shall be qualified as required by the Constitution and By-Laws of this Union, shall in case of sickness or disability receive weekly the sum of 5s., provided such sickness or disability is not occasioned by any bodily infirmity which shall have been wilfully concealed at the time of her admission.

ARTICLE VI.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Sec. 1st.—Nominations for officers of this Union, except in cases of vacancies, shall be made one week previous to election, and two weeks previous to installation.

Sec. 2nd.—No nominations for any office shall be received, unless the Sisters be present and signify their consent thereto, except in case of imperative absence, when they may signify it by writing, and all officers must be clear of the books at the time of installation.

Sec. 3rd.—When only one Sister is nominated for an office, it shall be the duty of the P. S. to declare her duly elected, without the formality of balloting.

Sec. 4th.—In balloting for candidates, ball ballots shall be used; for officers, written ballots. The ballot-box shall be placed in full view of the P. S., and shall be examined by her and the A. S.

ARTICLE VII.

RESIDENCE AT A DISTANCE.

Residence at a distance from the City of Quebec shall not disqualify a Sister from receiving

benefits, but it will be necessary for a member so circumstanced to send to the P. S. a true statement of her case, certified by a Justice of the Peace, an officer of the S. of T., or a respectable Physician ; and if it be satisfactory, the benefits may be forwarded as soon as the Union direct.

ARTICLE VIII.

SUSPENDED MEMBERS.

Sec. 1st.—Every member who shall neglect to pay her dues or fines for the space of six months, shall be notified thereof by the F. S., if practicable, and if, after four weeks, her account remains unsettled, she shall be suspended during the pleasure of the Union, or expelled.

Sec. 2nd.—Suspended members, on being reinstated, shall pay the amount standing against them at the time of suspension, together with the whole sum to which they would have been subjected had they not been suspended ; and they shall not be entitled to benefits for three months from the time they are reinstated.

ARTICLE IX.

AMENDMENTS.

No part of these By-Laws shall be repealed, annulled, altered, or suspended, unless a propo-

sition in writing be presented to the Union at least two regular meetings previous to the discussion, when if two-thirds of the members present vote in favour of the motion, it shall be adopted.

RULES OF ORDER.

1st.—Any Sister who may wish to express her views on any question before the Union, shall arise and address the P. S.

2nd.—No member shall speak to another, or otherwise interrupt the business of the meeting, while the minutes, or other papers, are being read, or when any one is speaking in debate.

3rd.—No *officer* shall retire without the permission of the P. S. and P. P. S., and no *member* without the consent of the P. P. S. ; and the G. shall admit no one during the opening exercises or initiation.

4th.—All the officers mentioned or addressed during the meeting of the Union, shall be designated by the title of the office they hold, and not by name.

5th.—The card of a Sister wishing to become a member of this Union must be presented and read before the Union; the Sister is then proposed—committee appointed, who investigate and report forthwith; the election then takes place, after which the Sister is admitted by signing the Constitution and paying half the initiation fee. It is not necessary to *initiate* in this case, but the ode of welcome may be sung while the C. is conducting the Sister to the F. S.

6th.—A Sister withdrawing her card from this Union, can demand admission neither to this Union nor any other, unless consent be given by a vote in strict accordance with *Sec. 4. Article 5.* of the Constitution.

7th.—A beneficial card member may receive the usual benefits allowed in these Laws, after she has been a Member of this Union three months, provided, nevertheless, that she has been a member in good standing in some other Union for nine months previous.

8th.—The P. S. while presiding shall state every question coming before the Union, and immediately before putting the vote, shall ask: "*Is the Union ready for the question?*" Should no member rise to speak, she shall rise to take the question; and after she has risen, no member

shall speak upon it, unless by consent of the Union. She shall pronounce the votes and decision of the Union on all subjects. When her decision has been appealed from, the question shall be put thus: "Will the chair be sustained in its decision?"

9th.—All Committees shall be appointed by the P. S., unless otherwise ordered by the Union. No absent member shall be appointed on any Committee. The Sister first named in the appointment of a Committee shall be Chairman of the same, and shall call the Committee together at such time and place as she may appoint; but when thus convened, any Committee may elect its own Chairman and Scribe.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

After the Union has been opened, the business shall be taken up in the following order :—

1. Roll of Officers called, absentees fined, and their places filled *pro. tem.*
2. Receiving cards of Visiting Sisters.
3. Reading the Minutes of last Meeting.
4. Reports of Committees of Investigation.
5. Balloting for Candidates.
6. Initiation of Candidates.
7. Payment of Dues.
8. Reception of Communications.
9. Unfinished Business.
10. New Business.
11. Are any of the Sisters sick?
12. Report of the Visiting Committee.
13. Has any Sister any thing to offer for the benefits of the Union?
14. Has any Sister a Friend to propose?
15. Has any Sister violated the Pledge?
16. Reports of Special Committees.
17. Nomination, Election, and Installation of Officers.
18. Adjournment by Singing.

The order of business as here arranged, may, at times, be changed by a two-third vote of the Union.

FORMS.

FORM OF PROPOSITION.

Union, No. Daughters of Temperance.
Proposed by Sister Mrs. or Miss
as a proper person to become a member
of this Union, aged years, residence
References.

Date.

FORM OF ORDER UPON TREASURER.

To the Treasurer of Union, No. D. of T.
Pay to the order of the sum of
and charge the same to the
fund.

P. S.

Attested by

R. S.

FORM OF PROPOSITION FOR ALTERING ANY BY-LAW.

Union, No. D. of T. Date.

I hereby give notice that at the next Meeting but one, I intend to move that *Sec.* , Article , be erased, and the following be substituted.

(Signed.)

FORM OF CHARGE.

Union, No. D. of T. Date.

I hereby charge Sister with
violating Article of the Constitution, by

Witness

(Signed.)

ODES.

I.

ODE OF WELCOME.

WELCOME, Sisters, welcome ever
To our social friendly band;
True and faithful, naught can sever
Sisters pledged in heart and hand;
Whilst our Order
Rear'd in Love, shall ever stand.

II.

OUR EMBLEMS.

YE Sisters of the social tie,
By Love and Friendship joined,
Come raise your joyful voices high,
In union sweet combined.
Come join together heart and hand,
Be to each other true;
Exalt the emblems of our band—
The Red, the White, the Blue.

Should pain and sickness e'er assail,
Should sore affliction fall,
Here is a fount that ne'er can fail,
And justly due to all.
Then join together heart and hand,
Be to each other true;
Exalt the emblems of our band—
The Red, the White, the Blue.

III.

C. M.

WITH one accord we Sisters meet,
 Our noble cause to rear—
 With one accord our songs repeat,
 And joy together here.

A hearty welcome here we give
 To high or lowly birth,—
 Who in the cause of Virtue live,
 We elevate for worth.

This grand design shall still advance,
 For Mercy bids us on!
 It is the cause of Temperance,
 Which angels smile upon.

IV.

TUNE—"Flow gently."

OH, water, pure water, how brightly it flows,
 An emblem of virtue wherever it goes:
 The cot and the hamlet, they too are supplied
 By the bright sparkling water that runs by their side.

Oh, water, pure water, thy praises we'll sing,
 And tell of the beauties and comforts you bring:
 That home where was misery thou hast banished its gloom,
 And saved the fond father from the drunkard's sad doom.

Oh, water, pure water, thou bright crystal stream,
 Flow on in thy channel, thy virtues are seen;
 While thousands are praising thy fountain of light,
 And echoing thy goodness from morning to night.

Oh, water, thou emblem of peace to the mind,
 Thou hast caused those to see who by habit were blind;
 Then wend thy way onward, we'll conquer the world,
 With the banner of Temperance forever unfurled.

V.

DISMISSION.

LORD, dismiss us with thy blessing,
 Bid us all in peace depart;
 Let the object of our meeting
Find a place in every heart.

VI.

CLOSING.

HEAVENLY Father! give thy blessing,
 While we now this meeting end;
 On our minds each truth impressing,
 That may to thy glory tend.

VII.

FUNERAL ODE.

WHAT is life? a fleeting vapor,
 Evanescent, quickly gone;
 Like a fast consuming taper,
 Scarcely lighted ere 'tis done.

Sad mementos round us lying,
 Fading flowers and blighted trees!
 Every where the dead and dying!
 Sighs and groans in every breeze!

"Wisdom in our streets is crying,"
 Mark, ye careless sons of clay!
 Life is short, and time is flying!
 All things hasten to decay.

Heed the warning, fellow mortals,
"Work while yet 'tis called to-day;"
Then, when pass'd death's icy portals,
Wing to fairer skies your way.

VIII.

To our hearts with warm affection,
Welcome those who now advance;
Be our motto their selection—
Virtue, Love and Temperance;
Ever trusting
In a gracious Providence.



