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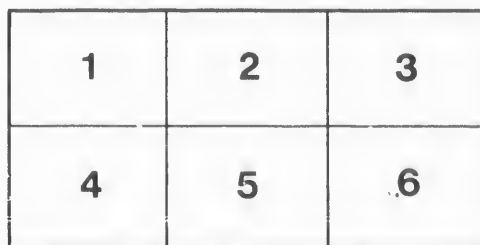
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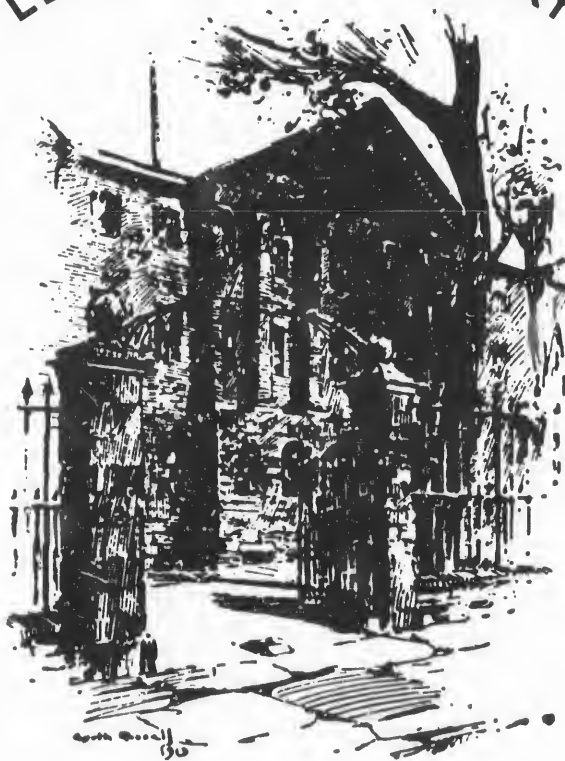
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## PLEDGE.

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Do you solemnly promise, on your sacred word and honor, without any qualification or mental reservation, that you will not use any alcoholic or intoxicating liquors as a beverage; and that you will use your best endeavors to discourage the manufacture, sale and use of all alcoholic and intoxicating drinks during your connection with this Order? Answer—I DO.

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## FORM OF PETITION FOR NEW CLUB.

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SEVEN MALE SIGNATURES ARE NECESSARY TO FORM A CLUB.

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*To the S. O. of Provincial Club, Temperance Watchmen of  
Nova Scotia:*

SIR,—

We, the undersigned, residents of——, being desirous to promote the good cause of Temperance, and believing your organization efficient, respectfully request you to visit us on——the——, and assist us in establishing a Temperance Watchman Club in this place.

As in duty bound will ever pray. Dated at——

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### ARTICLE I.—NAME.

Sect. 1. This institution shall be denominated the "Brotherhood of Temperance Watchmen;" and each branch shall be known as a Temperance Watchman Club.

Sect. 2. This branch shall be called the——Club No.—, of Temperance Watchmen of Nova Scotia.

### ARTICLE II.—OFFICERS.

Sect 1. The Officers of this Club shall be a S. O., J. O., C., R. S., C. S., T., M., and A. M., to be elected as the *last* regular meeting in December, March, June, and September, and installed at the *first* regular meeting in January, April, July and October.

Sect. 2. After a Club has been organized *three terms* no person shall be eligible to the office of S. O., unless he has held an office during some preceding term.

Sect. The duties of the officers shall be such as are specified in the installation charge; and they shall retain their offices until their successors are installed.

### ARTICLE III.—MEMBERSHIP.

Sect. 1. The age of candidates for membership shall be regulated by each Club at discretion.

Sect. 2. The name of a person offered for membership shall be proposed by a member in writing, stating residence and occupation; and the subject referred to *three* brothers as an Investigating Committee, who shall investigate, and report at next meeting.

Sect. 3. In balloting for new members, the ballot box shall be placed in view of all the Club; if less than one third appear against the candidate, he shall be elected; but if one third, or more appear, he shall be rejected, and so declared:

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nor shall a rejected candidate be proposed again within three months.

Sect. 4. The name of a rejected candidate shall not be made public.

Sect. 5. If a candidate neglect to present himself for initiation within *four* weeks after being notified by the C. S. of his election. (unless prevented by sickness, or other unavoidable causes), his election shall become void.

Sect. 6. The admission fee for male members shall not be less than (\$0.20) twenty cents; the fee for female members to be regulated by Clubs respectively.

## ARTICLE IV.—FUNDS.

Sect. 1. The regular dues to defray necessary expenses in each Club shall not be less than two cents per month for each male member.

Sect. 2. If it is found necessary to raise a larger sum for contingent expenses, than may be in fund from the regular dues, a *per capita* tax shall be levied; but a motion to raise money by a *per capita* tax shall lie over till next meeting.

## ARTICLE V.—SICKNESS.

Sect. 1. When necessary, watchers for sick members may be provided by the Club, and on decease of a member, the Club may attend, and, (if friends consent) take charge of the funeral.

Sect. 2. As soon as the sickness of a member becomes known to any brother he shall report the case to the Club; and the Committee on sickness shall visit the member as soon as practicable, and report to the Club at every regular meeting during the continuance of the illness.

## ARTICLE VI.—VIOLATIONS.

Sect. 1. Any member who shall offend against the Constitution and Bye-Laws, shall be liable to be fined, reprimanded, suspended or expelled, as *the majority* of the members present at any regular meeting shall determine.

Sect. 2. Every member shall be entitled to a fair and formal trial for offence involving fine, reprimand, suspension or expulsion; but no member shall be put on trial, until a charge.

specifying his offence shall have been submitted in writing by a member of the Club.

Sect. 3. When a charge has been preferred against a member, it shall be referred to a committee of five members, to be appointed by the S. O., who shall, with as little delay as possible, summon the parties, examine and determine the question, and make a written report to the club, subject to its decision.

Sect. 4. It shall be the duty of the person preferring the charge to substantiate the same, before the committee, either by verbal or written testimony.

Sect. 5. When the committee have reported, their report shall lie on the table for one week, and the C S shall inform the party of the nature of the said report, and request his attendance at next meeting, when the same shall be decided.

Sect. 6. When, on a charge involving expulsion being preferred against a member, he comes forward and acknowledges the same, his name shall be erased; but the club may, by a ballot vote of the majority present, reinstate the offender on the same evening if he desires, by his taking again the pledge, and enrolling his name as a new member.

#### ARTICLE VII.—APPEALS.

Sect. 1. Any member or members dissatisfied with the action or decision of the club shall have the privilege of appeal to the Provincial Club.

Sect. 2. Notice of an appeal must be given to the Club in writing, and entered upon the books of the R S within two regular meetings from the time of the decision in the case.

#### ARTICLE VIII.—PEMOVALS, WITHDRAWALS, &c., &c.

Sect. 1. Any member requesting a transfer from one club to another shall, on paying up all arrears, and the additional sum of twelve and a half cents to the treasurer, receive a certificate of his standing up to the date of transfer, signed by the S O and R S of his Club, and addressed to the club which he wishes to join.

Sect. 2. The certificate of transfer can secure admission only into the club specified, and must be presented within *four weeks* from its date.

Sect. 3. A member of one club, on presenting a certificate

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of transfer, may become a member of another by a vote of the majority, at the next regular meeting.

Sect. 4. Any member in good standing wishing to remove to a distance, or to travel in his own or a foreign country, may, by depositing the sum of twelve and a half cents in the treasury of his club, receive a certificate of his standing up to the date thereof, which certificate shall entitle him to admission as a visitor to any club, providing he is not known to have been guilty of improper conduct after date of said certificate.

Sect. 5. Any member wishing a card of withdrawal from the Order, shall give notice to his Club in writing, which shall lie on the table till next regular meeting, when, if no charge appear against him, and he be free from the financial books, he shall receive said certificate.

## ARTICLE IX —DEFUNCT CLUBS.

Sect. 1. Should a club fail to meet for six months, it shall be considered as having gone down.

Sect. 2. In the event of a club ceasing to exist, the S O, in whose possession the private books are, shall deliver up to the Provincial Club or any person appointed by Provincial Club to receive them, all the Rituals or private books, and the Book of Records, belonging to the Club at the time of its existence.

Sect. 3. All known consistent members of clubs that have ceased to be may become members of any other Club, without initiation fees, upon their being elected in the usual manner, and subscribing the books of the club.

Sect. 4. Members transferred from one club to another shall carry with them whatever honors they may have attained.

## ARTICLE X.—ATTENDANCE,

Sect. 1. Members shall attend the meetings of the Club regularly.

Sect. 2. Should any resident member absent himself from the meeting of his club, or be three months without any communication with the Club, he shall be liable to expulsion.

## ARTICLE XI.—EXPULSIONS.

Sect. 1. Should a club find it necessary to expel a mem-



her, the C S shall immediately notify the clubs in the vicinity, of the said expulsion.

#### ARTICLE XII —BYE-LAWS,

Sec. 1. Every club shall have power to form Bye Laws agreeable to itself, provided they be not at variance with the preceding Constitution.

#### ARTICLE XIII.—AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution may be revised or amended by the Provincial Club at its annual session.

#### ARTICLE XIV —DEP. PROV. SO,

Each club shall annually nominate one of their number, whom the Pre. Obs. shall commission as his Deputy, provided always that he approve of the nomination.

#### ARTICLE XV.—DUES TO PROV. CLUB.

All subordinate clubs shall pay quarterly to Provincial Club the sum of three cents for each contributing male member: the same to be forwarded to the Provincial Secretary and Treasurer with the Quarterly Returns.

#### ARTICLE XVI.—HONORARY MEMBERS.

All brothers licensed to preach the gospel shall be honorary members of this Order.

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## BYE-LAWS.

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### ARTICLE I.—MEETINGS.

Each club shall meet for the transaction of business on ~~the~~ evening of each week, or of every alternate week, unless adjourned for a longer time; but a special meeting may be called by the S O, (or the J O, in his absence,) on the written request of seven members.

### ARTICLE II.—QUORUM.

Seven members shall constitute a quorum, but a less number may meet and adjourn.

### ARTICLE III.—STANDING COMMITTEES.

Sect. 1. It shall be the duty of the S O, at the commencement of his term of office, to appoint three standing committees, of three members each: one on candidates for admission into the club; one on sickness; and one on finance; who shall serve three months.

Sect. 2. It shall be the duty of standing committee on candidates to receive all applications for admission, to investigate the character and fitness of all applicants, and to report to the club.

Sect. 3. The standing committee on sickness, or any member thereof, shall visit (as soon as practicable) sick members—shall see that watchers are provided, if necessary, and render such assistance as may be in their power; and all the members shall hold themselves in readiness to assist the sick and unfortunate.

Sect. 4. It shall be the duty of the committee on finance to examine and approve all bills before passing them to the treasurer.

## BYE-LAWS.

## ARTICLE IV.—MEMBERSHIP.

No person under — years of age shall be admitted to membership in this club.

## ARTICLE V.—DUTIES.

Sect. 1. No member shall enter the club room during the opening, initiatory, or closing ceremonies.

Sect. 2. Every member shall be clothed with the proper Regalia during club meetings.

Sect. 3. It shall be the duty of the presiding officer, at each regular meeting, to ask the following questions:

Is any member sick? Any report from committee on sickness? Has any member violated his pledge? Does any member know of such violation? Has any member aught to communicate beneficial to the club, or to the general cause? Will any member propose a friend for membership? And all members shall hold themselves in readiness to answer promptly any such questions.

Sect. 4. No member shall fail to report any delinquency or offence known to be committed by any member of his club.

Sect. 5. Should a member of one club know of the violation of the pledge by any member of another club, he shall give such information to the respective club as may lead to the trial and conviction of the offender.

Sect. 6. Members in speaking shall conform to parliamentary usages, and avoid impugning the motives of members and all offensive personalities.

## ARTICLE VI.—OFFENCES AND PENALTIES.

Sect. 1. Any member, guilty of divulging the sayings or doings of club meetings, or of neglecting to pay his dues or tax, may be suspended or expelled by a vote of the majority; but a motion to suspend or expel shall lie over till next regular meeting.

Sect. 2. Any member guilty of using uncourteous language, or of conducting himself disorderly in club meetings, may be reprimanded, suspended, or expelled, as the club may think proper.

ARTICLE VII.—TRIALS.

Sect. 1. Any member accused of any of the offences above specified shall be entitled to a fair constitutional trial.

Sect. 2. Any person of integrity of character, though not a Temperance Watchman, shall be a competent witness in all cases of trial.

ARTICLE VIII.—ADDITIONS.

Each club shall have power to make additional Bye-Laws, not repugnant to the Constitution and Bye-Laws here published.

ARTICLE IX.—AMENDMENTS.

The Bye-Laws may be revised or amended in the same manner as the Constitution.

## DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

S. O.—It shall be the duty of the S O to perform the part assigned him in the Opening, Initiatory, and Closing Services; preserve order; conduct the meetings according to parliamentary usages; install officers elected during his administration; to preserve inviolate the Constitution and Bye Laws; and in the event of the club ceasing to exist, to deliver up the private books and Records of the club to the Provincial Club.

J O.—The J O shall deliver the charge; assist the S O in preserving order, and in his absence preside. In the absence of both the S O and J O, the Senior P S O present shall preside. In the event of the S O, J O, and all P S O's being absent, the club shall elect a chairman *pro tem*.

C.—The C shall perform the part assigned him in the opening, initiatory and closing services, and endeavor, by precept and example, to impress upon the minds of members the important principles of Temperance, Humanity, and Progress.

R S.—1st, It shall be the duty of the R S to preserve all the books and papers of the club, during his term of office, and deliver them to his successor; 2nd, to keep a faithful record of all the business of the club, and be ready to read the same at the request of the S O or of the club; 3rd, to read the Constitution (or a synopsis of it) to candidates, if required, and to present it to them for signature.

C S.—The C S shall take charge of all communications to and from the club; assist the R S in the discharge of his duties, and in his absence perform them. He shall also prepare the Quarterly Return and forward it to the Provincial Club, or to the Deputy Prov. S O in his club; he shall also notify candidates for admission of their election, and perform such other duties as his office may require.

T.—The T shall collect the taxes assessed by the club, pay all demands sanctioned by the club or the Financial Committee, so long as there are funds in the Treasury, be ready at

any time to report the state of the finances, and to deliver all books, papers and monies pertaining to his office, to his successor.

M.—The duties of the M are, 1st, to take charge of the regalia and other property of the club; 2nd, to perform the part appointed to him in the opening, initiatory and closing services; 3rd, to guard the door, and permit none to enter or retire, except in due form:

A M.—The A M shall perform the part assigned him in initiation; assist the M in his labors, and in his absence perform his duties.



