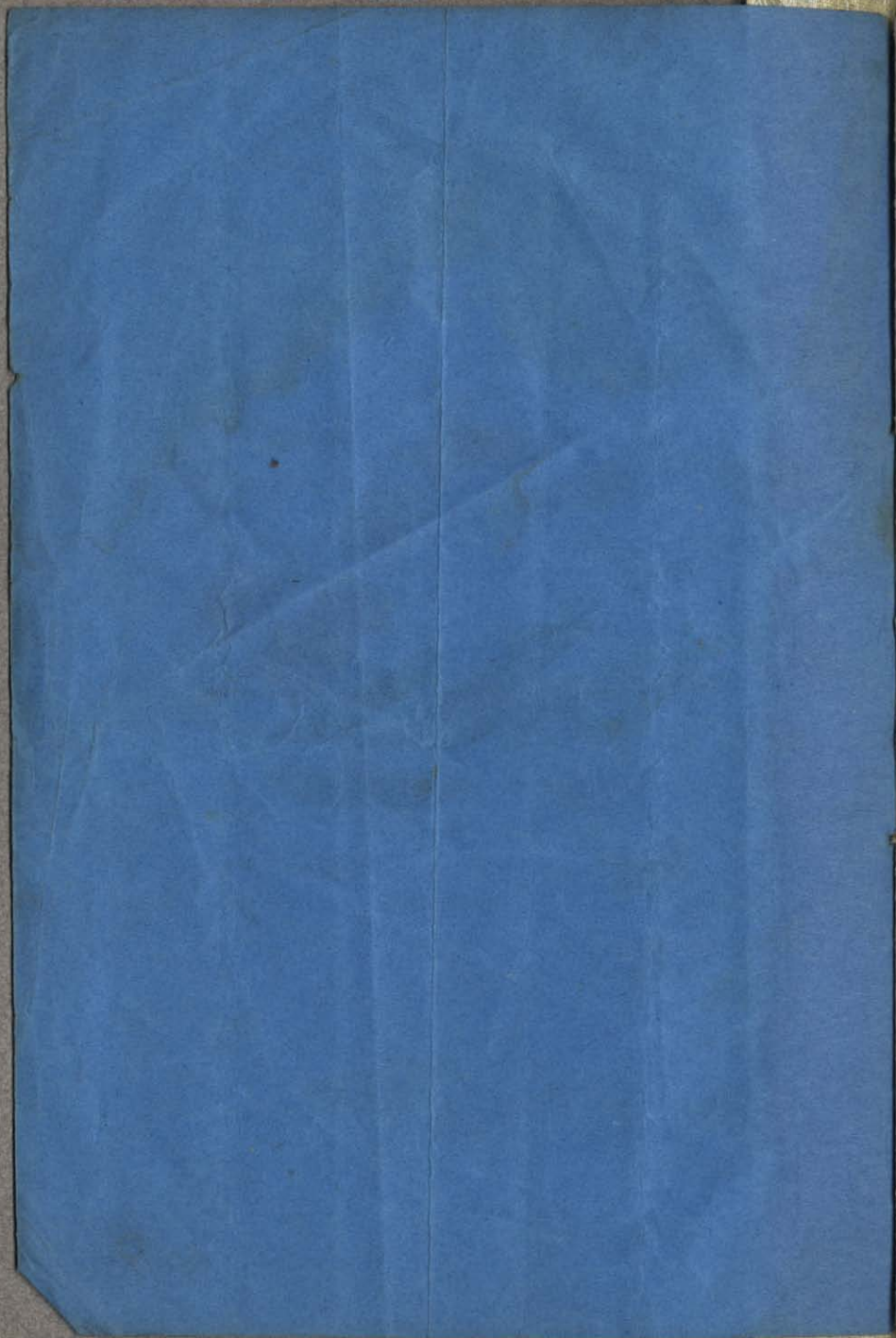


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## CONSTITUTION.

We whose names are annexed, desirous of forming a Society to shield us from the evils of Intemperance, afford mutual assistance in case of sickness, and elevate our character as men, do pledge ourselves to be governed by the following Constitution and By-Laws:

### ARTICLE I.—*Name.*

This association shall be known as FRIENDS OF TEMPERANCE, No. 1, of the State of Tennessee.

### ARTICLE II.—*Pledge.*

No member shall make, buy, sell, or use as a beverage any Spiritous or Malt Liiquor, Wine or Cider.

### ARTICLE III.—*Officers.*

The officers of this association shall consist of a President, Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, and Financial Secretary, consisting of Sons of Temperance who shall be nominated and elected Quarterly, beginning on the first regular meeting in May, August, November, and February, an out-side Guard, First and Secend Guides and Chaplain.

### ARTICLE IV.—*Duties of Officers.*

It shall be the duty of the President to preside over the deliberations of the meetings and enforce a due observance to the rules and regulations of the associatio; he shall sign all orders on the Treasurer, when attested by the R. S.; he shall appoint all committees not otherwise provided for; give the casting vote when a tie occurs, and otherwise have due authority over all the officers and members.

The Vice President shall preside in the absence of the President, and be, in virtue of his office, Treasurer of this association.

The Recording Secretary shall keep a fair and impartial record of the proceedings of each meeting, and attend to all other business implied by his office. He shall sign all orders drawn by the President on the Treasurer, when ordered by the meeting, and none other, and at the end of his term make out a quarterly report of all moneys paid out, and received, with the number of those initiated, suspended, reinstated, and expelled.

The Financial Secretary shall keep a just and impartial account between the association and its members, credit the amounts paid, and pay the same over to the Treasurer immediately, taking his receipt therefor; he shall make out at the end of his term for the association a full report of all moneys due by the members and the amount paid over to the Treasurer.

The Guard shall guard the outer door; admit none into the meeting without the authorized card of membership; keep order outside, and report all irregularities to the President.

The first and second Guides shall introduce candidates who have been previously elected.

ARTICLE V.—*Qualifications for Membership.*

No person shall be admitted into this association under twelve years of age, and without being proposed by a member of this association.

ARTICLE VI.—*Fees.*

The initiation fee shall be 50 cents, which shall

always accompany the petition for membership. The regular dues of this association shall be ten cents per month.

ARTICLE VII.—*Benefits.*

Every member in good standing for the term of twelve months shall in case of sickness be entitled to receive not less than 50 cents per week, provided he is not more than one month in arrears for dues or fines, and such sickness is not brought on by his own misconduct.

ARTICLE VIII.—*Violating the Pledge.*

Any member violating the Pledge shall be charged and tried, and on conviction shall be suspended or expelled as a two-third majority shall determine.—Every member shall be required by his honor to report any member who shall be known to break his pledge.

ARTICLE IX.—*Regular Meetings.*

The regular meetings of this association shall be held on Tuesday night in each week at early candle-lighting; and no meeting shall be lawful in the absence of the presiding officer.



## BY-LAWS.

*Section 1.* The meetings of this association shall be held on every Tuesday night in each week at early candle-lighting.

*Sec. 2.* Ten members must be present at each meeting to transact business.

*Sec. 3.* No subject not connected with Temperance shall be allowed to be introduced before the association.

*Sec. 4.* The monthly dues of each member shall be ten cents. If a member should be in arrears for dues or fines to the amount of fifty cents, or under charge for violating Pledge, his card of membership shall be taken in possession by the R. S., and if said member does not come forward at the next special meeting and pay up all arrearages, he may be suspended or expelled as the meeting may determine.

*Sec. 5.* Either of the Guides or Guard being absent at a special meeting, shall be fined five cents, if their excuse is not satisfactory.

*Sec. 6.* A committee of Enquiry, consisting of three members, shall be appointed by the President, whose duty shall be to enquire into the character of each person proposed for membership, who shall report at the same or next meeting whether the candidate is a suitable person for membership or not.

*Sec. 7.* The initiation fee shall always accompany

the proposition for membership. If the candidate is rejected, his fee shall be returned to him.

*Sec. 8.* Any member of this association who may be found guilty of cock-fighting, or any kind of gambling on the Sabbath-day, he shall be fined one dollar.

*Sec. 9.* The widows of deceased brethren, who have been members in good standing for eighteen months, when sick shall be entitled to fifty cents per week as long as they remain widows in good standing.

*Sec. 10.* If any member be accused with violating the laws of this association by any respectable person not a member, he shall be subject to be charged and tried for the same.

*Sec. 11.* Any member telling the private proceedings of this association shall be fined one dollar.

*Sec. 12.* Any member refusing in the presence of the President to pay any fine for violating the laws of this association, shall be expelled forthwith.

*Sec. 13.* When any member ceases to be a member voluntarily or otherwise and knows himself indebted to the association, he shall not be re-admitted until he pays all arrearages.

*Sec. 14.* When any member is addressing the President and is interrupted by another, the offending brother shall be fined twenty-five cents.

*Sec. 15.* If any brother shall come to the association as often as twice without his card or regalia, he shall be fined ten cents for each subsequent offence.

*Sec. 16.* No member of the Grand Division shall be allowed to pass into a subordinate Division without a card.

*Sec. 17.* Every member shall go to church at least

once every Sunday; in case of default hereof, and the delinquent brother shall be known to have been on the streets in a disorderly manner, so as to violate the corporation laws or the law of the land, on conviction shall be fined fifty cents.

*Sec. 18.* If any brother shall be charged in a subordinate Division and found guilty, and appeals to the Grand Division, and the Grand Division shall confirm the action of the subordinate Division, if the penalty be a fine, then it shall be double the original amount.

*Sec. 19.* If any member refuse to attend on a sick brother after being notified by the Relief Committee, without a lawful excuse, shall be fined 25 cents.

*Sec. 20.* No committee shall be considered as finally discharged until all the debts contracted by it shall have been paid.

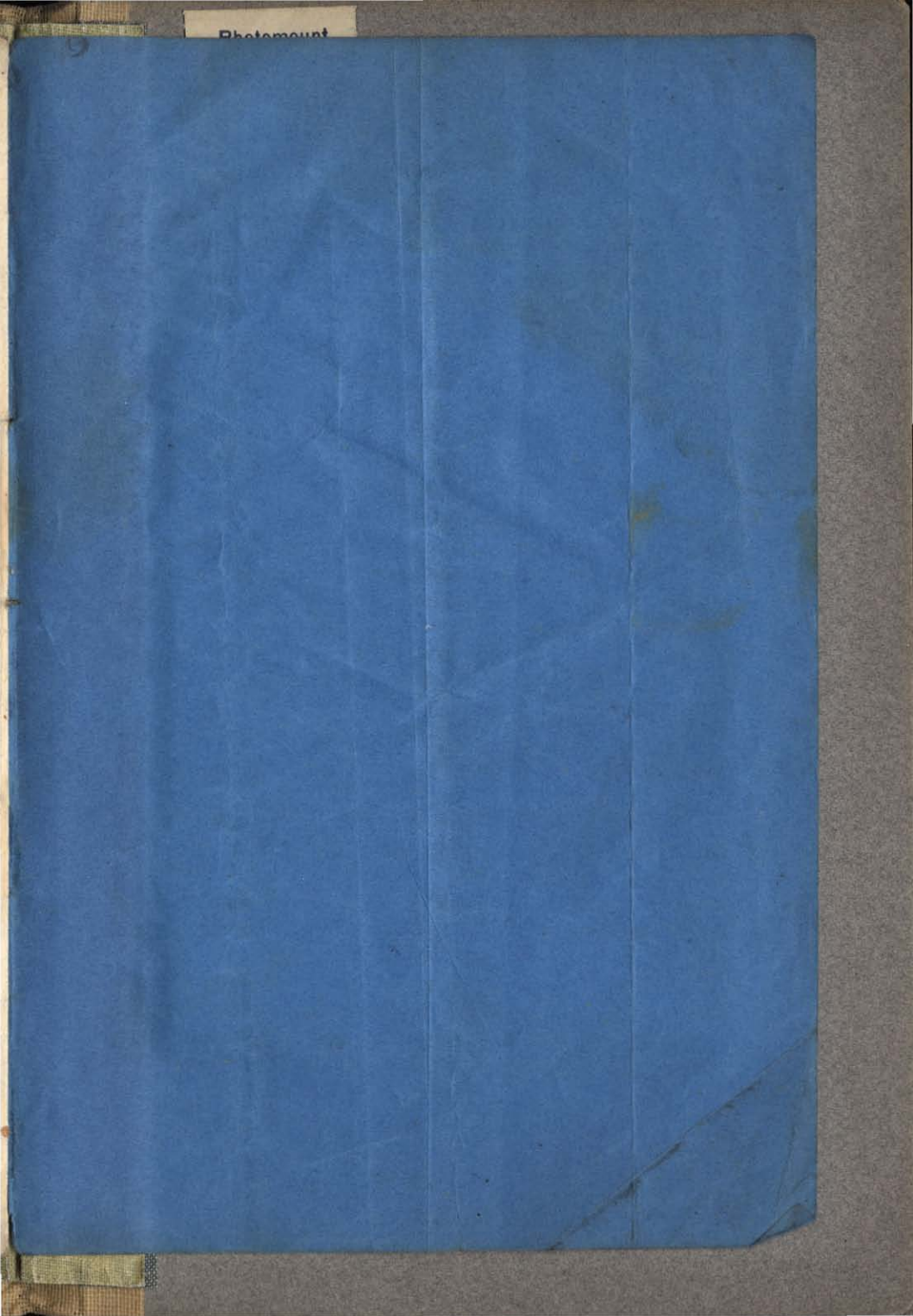
*Sec. 21.* Any brother feigning sickness for the purpose of obtaining benefits from the association, on conviction shall be expelled.

*Sec. 22.* No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject, unless especial lieve be obtained from the chair.

*Sec. 23.* The By-Laws shall be read at the last of every month; and if neglected by the Scribe, he shall be fined 50 cents.

*Sec. 24.* Any member suspended, if reinstated, it shall be with a short prayer, by the first or second chaplain.

*Sec. 25.* In case of the death of a member, the W. P. shall order the R. S. to call a meeting of the Division to attend his funeral, without music, the family of the deceased giving their approval.



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