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**NEW CONSTITUTION OF THE SONS OF TEMPERANCE.**—We have thought that since a great interest is being felt of late in our Parish, relative to the principles of the Sons of Temperance, it would be profitable and acceptable to many of our citizens to read their Constitution and By-Laws. With this view we publish below the Constitution of this Order, containing all the amendments made by the National Division at its late sitting at Cincinnati.

We shall publish the By-Laws of Teche Division, No. 45, of Franklin, in this parish, next week. Every citizen should inform himself in regard to the principles of this benevolent and flourishing Order.

## Sons of Temperance.

To maintain uniformity, the NATIONAL DIVISION OF THE UNITED STATES Ordains the following Constitution for the government of Subordinate Divisions, at the same time empowering them to make such By-Laws as do not contravene it or the Rules of the Order.

## PREAMBLE.

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 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 the "Division," No. —, OF THE SONS OF TEMPERANCE of the State of Louisiana.

**ART. 2.—Pledge.**—No brother shall make, buy, sell, or use as a beverage any Spirituous or Malt Liquors, Wine or Cider.

**ART. 3.—Officers.**—The Officers shall consist of a W. P., W. A., R. S., A. R. S., F. S., T., C., A. C., I. S., and O. S.—all of whom shall be elected by ballot every three months, viz: last regular meeting 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 Worthy Patriarch to preside in Divisions, 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 Recording Scribe to call special meetings when application shall be made in writing by five members of the Division; 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 Division. He shall, on the night he vacates the chair, see that all Quarterly Returns are prepared for the Grand Division, and the per centage 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 of him.

**Sec. 2.** It shall be the duty of the Worthy Associate to render the Worthy Patriarch 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 Recording Scribe 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 one week after, of the name, occupation 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, for the Grand Division, which shall embrace the number of members initiated, admitted by card, initiated by disputation, suspended, reinstated, and who have withdrawn, during his term—also the names and occupations of those suspended, expelled, and rejected, with the dates, and causes of expulsion, the number who violated the pledge, how many sign over, and how many violate it 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 centage due the Grand Division—the amount expended for benevolence, with the amount on hand—the Worthy Patriarch's certificate 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 Assistant Recording Scribe

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 duties, as he or the Division may require of him.

**Sec. 5.** It shall be the duty of the Financial Scribe 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 two months or more in arrears, of the amount due by him to the Division, adding twelve and a half cents to each notice. At the end of his term he shall make 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 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 shall 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 Treasurer 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 the term, unless otherwise ordered by the Division. He shall keep a full and correct account of all monies received or 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 specially 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 Conductor to introduce for initiation, persons who have been previously elected. He shall introduce visitors, and furnish them with suitable regalia. He shall with the aid of the Assistant Conductor 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 otherwise be 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 Assistant Conductor to render such services as the C. or Division may require of him.

**Sec. 9.** It shall be the duty of the Inside Sentinel to attend the door—to admit none but members of the Order, and candidates for initiation.

**Sec. 10.** The Outside Sentinel shall guard the door outside, and keep off intruders.

## ARTICLE V.—ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP.

**Section 1.** No person shall be initiated into this Division under eighteen years of age, nor for a less sum than two dollars.

**Sec. 2.** No person shall be admitted into this Division who does not possess a good moral character, or who is in any way incapacitated from earning a livelihood, or who has no visible means of support.

**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 ballot—and if not more than seven 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, cannot be reconsidered.

**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 Division.

**Sec. 7.** Any brother applying for membership by depositing his card, shall be subject to the same ballot as a new applicant.

## ARTICLE VI.—CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS.

**Sec. 1.** The regular dues of this Division shall not be less than five cents per week.

**Sec. 2.** Every bona fide member, who shall be qualified, as required by the Constitution and By-Laws of this Division, shall, in case 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-thirds vote of the members present at a regular meeting, after two weeks' previous notice of such notice.

**Sec. 3.** No brother residing within five miles of the Division of which he is a member, shall be entitled to benefits for more than one week previous to his case being reported to such Division. No benefits shall be granted for a 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 thirty 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 fifteen dollars, as a funeral benefit.

## ARTICLE VII.—OFFICERS.

**Sec. 1.** Any member who shall offend against these articles or the By-Laws, except Article 2, shall be subject to be fined, reprimanded, suspended or expelled, as two-thirds of the mem-

bers 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, and 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.

**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 an appeal to the Division—and at the time appointed for taking 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 votes present.

**Sec. 6.** Any member having been expelled, shall not be proposed for membership under six months from the date of expulsion.

**Sec. 7.** The provisions of this Article shall not extend to violations of Article 2.

## ARTICLE VIII.—TERMS.

Regular Quarterly Terms shall commence on the 1st 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 may be shown to be merited by resignation, suspension, expulsion or death, in which case the brother who serves the residue of the term shall be entitled to the full honors, and he who resigns, or is suspended or expelled, shall forfeit his claim.

**ARTICLE IX.—ELIGIBILITY FOR CHIEF OFFICERS.**

**Sec. 1.** After a Division has been instituted three Terms, no brother shall be eligible for the office of Worthy Patriarch unless he has served a regular Quarterly Term as Worthy Associate; nor shall any brother be eligible to the office of Worthy Associate unless he has served two terms in a subordinate office or offices.

**Sec. 2.** No brother shall serve two terms in the same office, during the term of one year, except in the offices of R. S., F. S., and T.

**Sec. 3.** No brother shall be eligible to offices of W. P., W. A., or T., who is under twenty-one years of age.

## ARTICLE X.—VIOLATING ARTICLE 2.

**Sec. 1.** Any member who knows a brother to have violated Article 2, and neglects to prefer the charge and specify the offence to the Division within three weeks after violation shall have come to his knowledge, shall be fined one dollar.

**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 proceedings, 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 brother be reinstated or expelled, as the case may be—which report and resolutions shall lie upon the table at least one week, and the offending brother 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 him an opportunity to make a defence.

**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 person shall forfeit his membership, and the W. P. shall direct his name to be erased from the Constitution. If a majority of a 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, he shall be restored to membership by re-signing the Constitution, and paying for the first offence one Dollar, and for the second offence Two Dollars, which shall be paid to the F. S. by the meeting succeeding the vote, or the member to stand suspended until the fine is paid. The power to reinstate, however, shall not extend over the

term of one month from the time the offence was proven.

**Sec. 8.** When the Division vote in favor of reinstatement, and the member neglects to come forward to sign the constitution for one month thereafter, he may be declared expelled by a two-thirds vote.

**Sec. 9.** If a Division refuse to reinstate a member, he shall be declared expelled by the W. P., and the R. S. shall give the usual notice.

**Sec. 10.** A member convicted for the third time of having violated Article 2, shall lose the privilege of reinstatement, and shall be declared expelled, and the R. S. shall give the usual notice.

**Sec. 11.** If a brother comes forward and acknowledge that he has violated Article 2, (except it be third offence,) the Division after erasure of name, &c., may at their option reinstate him on the same evening, if two thirds of the members voting are in favor thereof.

**Sec. 12.** An officer or representative to the Grand Division violating Article 2, shall not be eligible to fill any official position for 12 months from the time he is reinstated.

**Sec. 13.** A member expelled under this Article shall not be eligible for membership under six months thereafter.

## ARTICLE XI.—ALTERATION.

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

**THE CAUSE OF BAD TEETH.**—Dr. Redfield says that the principal cause of bad teeth is the use of hot food and drink. He referred to the dislike which little children showed to taking food of a higher temperature than milk, warm, and of the attempt of nurses to satisfy them, and said that by habitually taking food of too high a temperature the mouth becomes insensible of what would scald an infant. If the membrane of the mouth which is a comparatively poor conductor of caloric, suffered from this cause, the teeth suffered much more, for they were excellent conductors, and the heat being conveyed to the nerves of the teeth, caused debility and loss of vitality, and, of course, rottenness of the teeth. Food that was so hot as to burn the tongue, was thrust between the teeth, and held there till it had parted with its excessive caloric, and this rendered the destruction of the teeth inevitable; and as the grinders were most subject to this influence they were the greatest sufferers. By a total reform in society, in respect to this simple law Dr. Redfield believes man would be exempt from the tooth-ache, and from the necessity of the substituting artificial teeth for natural ones.

**A NOVEL USE OF A KISS.**—The girls at Lewiston Falls must be strong teetotalers as the following from the Journal of that place will show. We are inclined to think, however, that they use a rather dangerous test of a man's temperance principles, since one might be tempted to drink, in order to have the pleasure of passing inspection:

"A gentleman not many days since, and not many miles from Lewiston, returning from a sleigh ride, on arriving at the paternal mansion gave and received a kiss of friendship as he supposed; but alas! the sequel will show how much he was mistaken, for the door having been closed he overheard the following conversation:

"Why, Lucy, ain't you ashamed to kiss a man out there all alone with him? When I was a girl I would not have done it for the world."

"No, ma, I am not," answered Lucy; "for I only kissed him to smell of his breath to see if he had been drinking."

**DISEASES OF OTHER TIMES.**—I find the following record among my papers of 1812:

"Spotted Fever."—This fatal disease continued to rage in the interior of New Hampshire. Sixty-two deaths have occurred in Antam a town among the mountains, and 30 in Ackworth, in 15 days. In Londonderry many have died; in some instances whole families have been destroyed. Our last accounts state that 100 were under its operation. It has likewise prevailed to a very alarming degree at Goffstown, Petersburgh, Manchester, N. Salem, and Pelham. They are frequently attacked with a perfect lethargy or loss of sense, sometimes with only an acute local pain; but in most cases the progress of death, however the patient may be attacked, is tremendously rapid."

**A BRAVE JEW.**—In the ranks of the glorious Hungarian Army, fighting for their liberty, says the Jewish Chronicle, is a Jewish officer of high merit, M. Danasbergo, who had served with the Americans in the Mexican war; but no sooner did he hear of the struggle against oppression in his native country, (Hungary) than he proceeded from New York to Bremen, and thence to the scene of war where he is now earning golden laurels.

**Free Use of Water.**—Free baths and cheap wash-rooms, on a large scale, are in contemplation in New York, by some benevolent individuals, for the use of the poor. In London last year the cheap bathing-houses were used by nearly 300,000 persons; over 3,000,000 pieces were washed in the public wash-rooms.

**Education in Massachusetts.**—About 165,000 children, nearly 4,000 of whom were under four years of age, attended school in Massachusetts last year. Over \$754,000 were raised during that time in the state, for education.

**Hotel Chaplain.**—The Adams House in Boston, is an extensive and elegant temperance hotel, where family worship is observed morning and evening. The exercises are conducted by a regularly appointed chaplain.

**Safety of Railroads.**—More than 17,000,000 passengers passed over the railroads in Massachusetts during the past three years. Only fifty-six persons were killed, and sixty-five were injured.

**THE FOLLY OF FRIGHT.**—The Cincinnati Gazette gives the following amusing description of a case of fright, in a person whose nerves were somewhat unstrung by apprehension of cholera:

"A few hours ago, a gentleman of our acquaintance, upon endeavoring to attire himself with a clean pair of white-drilling unmentionables, discovered that he could not button them around his waist, and knowing full well that all his wearing apparel of that peculiar description were fully loose for him, he at once conceived the idea that his stomach had increased in dimensions, and imagining that to be one of the premonitory symptoms of cholera, at once retired to bed, rang the bell and ordered his coachman to go for his physician, who upon arriving and feeling our friend's pulse, and making other peculiar examinations, &c. desired to be informed of the reason that led him to suppose he was laboring under an attack of the prevailing epidemic to which he replied by mentioning the tightness of the aforesaid garment. At the worthy doctor's request, the pantaloons were brought forth and to the great chagrin of our friend and the merriment of those present, it was discovered that the lacing behind had been drawn too tightly, which combined with the starch, had rendered them almost impossible to be buttoned, even upon a much more delicately formed person than our friend possesses."

We take the following from the *Pennsylvania* of the 13th instant:

## HOW THE DEVIL APPEARED TO THE TAILOR.

—A Jersey tailor, one Jonas Topfiff declares positively that he has in his shop a suit of clothes which he made for the Devil. He says he was hunting out in the marshes, when he met a strange-looking man, who asked him if he wasn't a tailor. He replied that he was. The strange man then gave him a piece of black cloth, and told him to make a suit of clothes to his measure, and to bring them out to him on the marsh, one week from that day, when he would pay for them. Jonas measured him, agreed to make the clothes, and did make them; but thinking it a strange place to carry clothes, he first crossed himself and sprinkled the clothes with holy water, in the Catholic Church at Newark. He then went out on the marshes, where he saw the strange man; but the moment he came in sight, the man vanished, and he was unable to find him. Some people think Jonas invented this story to attract people to his shop, where he exhibits the clothes, the cloth of them being of a beautiful fine and silky texture. At all events, Jonas' custom has increased wonderfully since he has become tailor to his Satanic Majesty.

**CHEMICAL ANALYSIS OF TEA.**—In the memoirs of the London Chemical Society, there is an interesting paper of Warrington, on the analysis of tea, in which he states that he has not only removed the tannin, but he has been able to analyze the matter removed, and prove it, by chemical evidence, to consist of Prussian blue and gypsum, principally. So that in fact the drinkers of many qualities of green tea, as it comes to the English market, indulge in a beverage of Chinese paint, and might imitate the mixture by dissolving Prussian blue and plaster of Paris in hot water. The Chinese do not drink this painted tea; they only sell it.

**AMERICAN ORANGES.**—The Mobile Herald says that since the destructive hurricane in Cuba a few years since, the Mobile fruit market had been supplied chiefly with Creole oranges now raised in that neighborhood, Pascagoula, and on the "coast" near New Orleans. These oranges are generally larger than those raised in the neighborhood of Havana, and much superior in flavor. The Herald contends that a number of locations might be selected on the bay and neighboring islands.—It instances the case of a person who realises from \$800 to \$1,000 annually cultivated from about thirty orange trees in a garden some miles south of that city. The fruit is said to be delicious and of most exquisite flavor.

(C) They go against grog in Oregon, the legislature refusing to issue licenses to sell liquor. Wait until there are a few more thousand emigrants who come from the latitude of the mint juleps, and you shall see "a change come over the spirit of their dreams."—Ex.—Wait until the Sons of Temperance begin to pour over the mountains, and your boots from the land of "mint juleps" will be scattered like fig before the rising sun.

Somebody, we know not who, in an exchange, says with truth, that a man's advertisement in a newspaper is a locomotive sign board that travels about and is seen by thousands daily. Think of that, ye non-advertisers, and then reflect why it is ye get no custom.

**FREE SOIL AMUSEMENT.**—The Cincinnati Commercial says that the abominable practice of burning live rats exists in that city. The animal is saturated in turpentine, then set on fire and pursued through the streets by his tormentors.

**Toast of Edward Heffernan,** of the Bangor Catholic Total Abstinence Society.

If heaven be pleased when mortals cease to sin, If hell be pleased when villains enter in, If earth be pleased when it entombs a knave, All will be pleased when Rum is in the grave.

A Western paper records the marriage of Mr. Timothy Strange to Miss Rebecca True. Well, this seems strange, but nevertheless 'tis true.—Bee.

It seems true, but nevertheless is strange. Chromotype.

"Sister are you happy?"  
"Yes, Deacon, I feel though I was in Beelzebub's bosom."

"Not in Beelzebub's?"  
"Well some one of the patriarchs; I don't care which."—Knapp's Experience.