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CONSTITUTION OF THE SPRINGFIELD TEMPERANCE ASSOCIATION,

ADOPTED, NOVEMBER 24, 1831.

ART. I. This Society shall be called the "Springfield Temperance Association" and shall be auxiliary to the "Hampden County Temperance Society."

ART. II. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Temperance and the suppression of Intemperance; and it shall be the duty of each member of the same to promote this cause by all suita-

ble means in his power.

ART. III. The officers of the Association shall be a President, Secretary, Treasurer, and an Executive Committee, of not less than five persons, and such other officers as the Association shall think necessary. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings—of the Secretary to keep a fair record of the proceedings of the Association—and of the Treasurer, to receive and account for all monies committed to his care; and the committee shall endeavor to use all suitable means, to inculcate the principles of temperance, sobriety and morality, and circulate such information on the subject as may be in their power; shall execute all votes and orders of the Association, not specially made the duty of others to execute, and may appoint agents as assistants in different parts of the town, to carry into effect the objects of the Association.

ART. IV. The members of the Association agree to abstain from the use of ardent spirits themselves, and from offering it to others, except when rendered necessary as a medicine; and also agree in every

suitable way to discountenance intemperance.

ART. V. The members of the Association shall not only teach by example, but urge by precept those of their own families and persons under their charge, to keep themselves at a distance from this insidious and destructive foe.

ART. VI. The stated meetings of the Association shall be held annually on the first Wednesday of November, and at such other times as

the Executive Committee shall judge necessary.

ART. VII. Any person may be a member of this Association who shall sign the Constitution, and observe the rules and regulations of the same, in promoting this work of benevolence, and shall have liberty to withdraw, by leaving his name with the Secretary.

ART. VIII. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any stated meeting of the Society, the alterations having been proposed at

a former stated meeting.

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