

St. Peter's Male School.

Baltimore, Md., June 13, 1900.

The First Biennial Convention of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Ancient Order of Hibernians of the State of Maryland was called to order by M. J. Gaffney.

The State Chaplain Rev. P. M. Manning was present.

President stated that the object of the meeting was to elect State Officers, and transact such other business as might be deemed necessary.

President Gaffney appointed Miss Catharine Mooney Sentinel Pro-tem.

The Committee on Credentials reported the following delegates entitled to seats in the Convention.

Allegany County, Div. No. 1.

Mrs. Annie Carney,
Mrs. Annie E. Bell,
Mrs. Mamie E. Niland,
Div. No. 2.
Mrs. Annie X. Walsh,
Mrs. Ellen Carey.

Baltimore, Div. No. 1.

Mrs. Violette D. Conway,
Miss Margaret Clark,
Miss Mamie McGovern,
Mrs. Elizabeth Ward,
Miss Elizabeth Tool,
Div. No. 2.
Miss Sue L. Currie.
Miss Charlotte Tracy,
Miss Nera Murray,
Miss Margaret Cashman
Miss Kate H. Cummings.

Mrs. Rose Keating,
Miss Lavina Norton,
Miss Celia Curley,
Mrs. John Thompson,
Miss Mamie Broening,

Div. No. 4.

Miss Annie M. Roche,
Mrs. Richard Curtis,
Mrs. Thomas Cavanaugh,
Miss Gertrude Hanlon,
Miss Josie Galway,

Div. No. 5.

Bessie T. Coyne,
Mary Holmes,
Katharine Foley,
Mary Donnelly,
Mrs. Mary McGonigle,

Div. No. 6,

Mrs. Wm. T. Stricher,
Mrs. Chas. P. Monaghan,
Mrs. Katharine O'Meara,
Mrs. Wm. J. McDonnell,
Mrs. P. Pearson,

Div. No. 7.

Catharine Mooney,
Mary Burns,
Alice D. Brady,
Mary P. Voglein,
Mary E. Sullivan,

On motion it was ordered that Mrs. Mary Ward Ruckle be given a half vote in the Convention.

President Carney stated that it was then in order to elect State Officers. Mrs. Rose Keating, and Mrs. Violette D. Conway were nominated for State President.

Miss Margaret Clark, of Div. No. 1, and Miss Mamie Broening of Div. No. 3, of Baltimore were appointed as Tellers.

Mrs. Rose Keating received twenty five (25) votes, and Mrs. Violette D. Conway fifteen (15).

Miss Rose Keating was declared elected.

Mrs. Annie X. Walsh, and Mrs. Wm. F. Stricker were nominated for State Secretary. Mrs. Annie X. Walsh received thirty (30) votes, and Mrs. Wm. F. Stricker ten (10).

Mrs. Annie X. Walsh was declared elected.

Mrs. Sue L. Currie and Mrs. P. Pearson were nominated for State Treasurer.

Mrs. Sue L. Currie was declared elected on the first ballot.

President Gaffney then installed the officers, after which Rev. P. Manning delivered a short address.

The meeting took a recess for dinner.

At 1-30 P. M. the Convention re-assembled with State President Mrs. Rose Keating in the Chair.

The Chair appointed committees as follows:

Committee on By Laws:

Miss Mamie Broening, Div. No. 3. Mrs. Violette D. Conway, No. 1 of Baltimore, Miss Annie M. Roche, No. 4. Miss Catharine Mooney, No. 7. Mrs. Ellen Carey, No. 2, of Allegany, Mrs. Mamie E. Niland, No. 1, of Allegany. Mr. Wm. F. Stricker, No. 6. Mrs. Sue Currie, No. 2, of Baltimore. Miss Bessie T. Coyne, No. 5.

The Committee on By-Laws reported as follows:

We, your Committee, respectfully submit the following set of By-Laws.

RESIDENTS ORDERED REPORT THAT IT WAS THEN IN ORDER TO EFFECT

Section 1. The regular Monthly meetings of this Order shall be held at such times as the Division in their judgment think proper.

Section 2. When a question is before the Division, no motion shall be received unless to adjourn: for the previous question; to lie on the table (which motion shall be decided without debate): to postpone indefinitely, to postpone for a certain time, to commit, recommit or amend, which motion shall have precedence in the order herein arranged.

Section 3. When five members call for the yeas and nays, they shall be ordered by the President, and recorded on the minutes, and each member shall vote except the President who will vote only when voting is by ballot or marking.

Section 4. When a members speaks she shall rise in her place and respectfully address the President, confine herself to the question under consideration and avoid all personalities or unbecoming language.

Section 4. Should two or more members rise to speak at the same time the President shall decide who shall have the floor.

Section 5. Every member shall have the privilege of speaking twice on any subject, five minutes being allowed each time, but no oftener, unless by unanimous consent.

Section 6. When a member is called to order she shall take her seat until the point of order is decided.

When an appeal is made from the decision of the President, it shall be put thus: "Shall the decision of the President be sustained?" which shall be decided without debate, when it shall require a two thirds vote to over rule the decision of the President.

Section 7. The President shall state the question properly and before putting it to a vote, shall ask: "Is the Division ready for the question?" Should no member offer to speak, she shall rise to put it, and after she has risen no member shall be allowed to speak upon it.

Section 8. All resolutions and reports of Committees shall be in writing.

Section 9. All dues, fines and arrears must be paid personally at regular meetings of Division and cannot be received otherwise, except it be shown that the sister could not attend.

Section 10. On each night of regular monthly meetings the Finance Secretary shall give an account of the money received and paid out for the previous month, in order to afford general satisfaction.

Section 11. When a dispute arises between members the cause of dispute shall be brought before the Standing Committee of the Division, and if by its decision a member is aggrieved, she shall have the right of appeal to the County Board, which shall decide the matter, such decision to be binding.

Section 12. On the examination of a member for any breach of the rules, she shall be allowed to be present during the examination, and ask such questions as she may choose, through the presiding officer: any abusive language to the Board of Witnesses shall be followed by expulsion from the Division.

Section 13. No member shall stand a poll or fill any office except she is capable and has been a member six months.

Section 14. Benefits shall begin with the first week's illness. When a member becomes sick she shall notify the Financial Secretary in writing, accompanied by a Doctor's certificate. The latter shall at once notify the Sick Committee, stating if said applicant is entitled to benefits or otherwise; if any doubt exists as to the sickness of the member, the Committee shall have power to appoint a Doctor. If the member be unable to do her daily labor, the Secretary shall draw an order on the Treasurer, countersigned by the President, for the sum of not less than one dollar (\$1.00) per week, during her illness, such benefits to run only for thirteen weeks in any one year. On the death of a member in good standing, there shall be paid to her husband or legal representative not more than Fifty Dollars (\$50). At the death of the husband of a member in good standing there shall

be paid to her the sum of not more than twenty five dollars (\$25.00).
At the death of a person who has been supporting a widow, or single member, there shall be paid to such widow, or single member/ the sum of not more than twenty five dollars (\$25.00), but in no case shall more than one death benefit be paid said widow or single member.

Section 15. In case of the death of a member, the Secretary shall notify the members in writing, to attend the funeral. The President shall notify the Division at the regular meeting. In case of the death of a member having no immediate relative the Division shall take charge of the funeral, the expenses not to exceed the amount of benefits allowed by the Division.

Section 16. An application for membership must be signed by a member in good standing, who shall be responsible for the good character of the candidate at the time of her initiation.

The application shall be accompanied by the sum of not less than one dollar initiation fee, if said applicant is elected, if not elected, to be returned to her by the proposer, and after the application for membership has been submitted to the Investigating Committee, it cannot be withdrawn until the candidate is balloted for.

Section 17. Five black balls shall reject any candidate, and such candidate cannot apply for membership for six months after her rejection.

Section 18. An applicant for membership may join and belong to a Division in the city or town in which she resides, if the order exists in said city or town. If no Division exists in said city or town, she must join the Division nearest her home.

Section 19. All Division property shall remain at the headquarters designated by the Board of Directors. Any member found guilty of destroying Division property shall be fined five dollars and pay value of property destroyed, said fines to be paid within three months on pain of expulsion.

Section 20. Any dues or arrearages paid by or for a member during the sickness of a member shall not entitle her to benefits during said sickness if she be in arrears at the date when taken sick.

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of the duty of a person who has been appointed a member of a lodge
to duty to pay the sum of one dollar and twenty cents (\$1.20)

Section 21. No member shall enter or leave the hall during the initiation of members, installation of officers or the taking of a vote on any question; nor shall any member enter or leave the hall during a meeting unless by permission of the President.

Section 22. The State Board is authorized to levy an assessment for the legitimate use of the Order, such assessment to be regulated at the State Convention. Divisions not having paid the same shall stand suspended until the ~~amount~~ ^{assessment} is paid. We would suggest that an assessment of five cents per capita be levied at the beginning of each quarter, and also one three months before each State Convention to defray the expenses of said Convention. This assessment would not refer to the regular charge for merchandise.

Section 23. If any member shall be abused, insulted, or otherwise treated improperly by a Sister, she shall prefer a charge in writing against her at the next stated meeting of the Division. Should the aggrieved member fail to do so, and afterwards prefer a charge for the same occurrence, without satisfactory excuse to the Division for the delay, the charge shall be ignored.

Section 24. Members three months in arrears shall be notified by the Financial Secretary, and if not paid at the next regular meeting, shall stand suspended. Any member six months in arrears shall be stricken from the roll, and such member can only be reinstated as a new member with the consent of the Division.

Section 25. Any person making application for admission into the Order who has ever been rejected, cannot be admitted unless the Division in which she was first proposed granted permission.

A member having left the order, seeking re-admission must make application for admission to the Division to which she formerly belonged, (if it be in existence).

Section 26. The County Board may elect the following officers:

County President, County Recording Secretary, County Financial Secretary, and County Treasurer. Counties having more than five Divisions may select a County Vice-President, whose duty shall be to act in conjunction with the County President in supervising the Divisions in her County.

Section 27. The County President shall have the power to examine the books of the various Divisions in their Counties whenever they so desire. The County President shall visit each Division in her County once a year.

Section 28. Any member suspended for being three months in arrears, or in any amount equal to three months dues, shall not be entitled to any sick benefits for a period of three months from the date of payment of such arrearage.

Section 29. Presidents of Divisions shall call special meetings at the written request of ten members stating distinctly the object of said meeting, which shall be stated in written notice sent to each member, and at such meeting no business except that named in the call shall be transacted, unless by unanimous consent.

Section 30. A majority vote shall be required for the election of officers and delegates, a quorum voting.

Section 31. No member of this society shall be entitled to benefits therefrom until she shall have been a member thereof six months.

Section 32. At the expiration of that period any member in good standing who shall be prevented from following her usual or other business, by reason of sickness or physical disability shall be entitled to receive the sum of not less than one dollar per week, which amount per week shall be decided by each Division.

See 32. But no allowance shall be made for a sickness of less than one weeks duration: and in case of child-birth, or miscarriage, not until four weeks after.

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Section 33. Each Division may send five officers to State and County Conventions, and they shall be entitled to seats in the Convention.

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tion may be fined by the Convention the sum of five dollars for each absent delegate. Divisions sending less than three delegates to a State Convention may be fined five dollars for each absent delegate.

Section 34. Any member receiving sick benefits who absents herself from home later than 8 P. M. on any day during her illness, or who is found doing anything which a reasonable person would know was imprudent for a sick woman to do, shall have no further claims upon the Division for benefits during said illness.

Section 35. No part of these by-laws shall be repealed, altered, or amended, unless by two thirds vote of the delegates of a subsequent State Convention.

Section 36. All by-laws or parts of by-laws conflicting with the Laws as revised at this session are hereby repealed.

Committee on By-Laws:

Miss Mamie Miland, Chairman.

Miss Mary Breening, Secretary.

Mrs. Violette D. Conway,

Mrs. William Stricker,

Miss Annie M. Roche,

Mrs. Sue Currie,

Miss Catharine Mooney,

Miss Bessie Coyne,

Mrs. Ellen Carey.

On motion, it was ordered that the report of the Committee on By-Laws be adopted as read. It was voted that the next State Convention be held whenever the Ancient Order of Hibernians hold their State Convention. A vote of thanks was tendered to the delegates of Western Maryland for their valuable assistance to the State Convention.

On motion, it was ordered that the State Secretary and State Treasurer be bonded with the sum of five hundred dollars each.

It was voted that the State Secretary and State Treasurer be paid the sum of twenty five dollars each per year for the faithful performance of their duties.

Annie X. Walsh, S. S.