CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS
OF THE
LAFAYETTE CLUB

ARTICLE I

Section 1. This association is known as "Club Lafayette, of Lowell Mass." Its purpose is the social recreation and intellectual advancement of its members.

Section 2. French will be the official language at the meetings of the club.

ARTICLE II

Section 1. The officers of the Club shall be a President, who shall be ex-officio President of the Executive Committee, a Vice-President, a Treasurer, a Secretary, who shall be ex-officio Secretary of the Executive Committee, and five (5) Directors, who together shall constitute the Executive Committee of the Club.

Section 2. At the meeting at which the Club is organized, there shall be chosen by ballot three (3) members of the Executive Committee to serve until January 1, 1917; three (3) members to serve until January 1, 1916; and three (3) members to serve until January 1, 1915. At every annual meeting thereafter there shall be chosen by ballot three (3) members of said Committee to serve for three years from the first day of the following January, and thereafter until their successors shall have been chosen and qualified.

Section 3. As soon as convenient after the annual election of the Executive Committee, said Committee shall meet and choose among their own number the President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary, above provided for, which officers shall serve in such capacity for one year, beginning with the first of January following the annual meeting, or until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

Section 4. Any vacancy in the offices of the Club may be filled by the Executive Committee for the remainder of the term of office of such officer so vacated.

Section 5. The President shall be the presiding officer of the Club and Executive Committee; and also, shall be ex-officio, a member of all sub-committees. He shall sign and seal in the name and behalf of the Club, all contracts, deeds or leases required to be signed and sealed. He shall appoint from the members of the Executive Committee such sub-committees as he deems advisable for the proper management of the Club House and affairs.

Section 6. In case of the absence or disability of the President, it shall be the duty of the Vice-President to act in his stead.

Section 7. The Treasurer shall be charged with the collection and custody of the funds of the Club, and their disbursement under the direction of the Executive Committee, and shall deposit said funds in a bank approved by the Executive Committee. He shall keep the accounts of the Club in books belonging to it, and shall exhibit said accounts at the regular monthly meetings of the Executive Committee, and at the annual meeting of the Club. Said accounts shall be audited annually by a Committee appointed for that purpose by the Executive Committee. His books, at all times, shall be open to the inspection of the Executive Committee, and he may be removed either by the club or by the Executive Committee. It shall be his duty to render on the first day of each month, to each member of the Club, a statement of the amount then owing from such member.
Section 8 The secretary shall keep a record of all the meetings of the Club, and of the proceedings of the Executive Committee. He shall notify all persons of their election to membership in the Club, and of their election to office or appointment on Committees. He shall have custody of all documents, periodicals and correspondence of the Club.

Section 9 The Executive Committee shall have the management and control of all property, effects and assets of the Club, and shall exercise a general superintendence of its interests and welfare. It shall make rules concerning the use of the rooms and all other property of the Club by its members and the ladies of their families. It shall have no power to transfer or sell any property belonging to the Club unless authorized by a majority of the bond-holding members. It shall have the authority to expel members. All questions are decided by a vote of the majority of the members of the Executive Committee present. Five members shall constitute a quorum. Meetings shall be held once a month.

Section 10 They shall make or authorize all necessary contracts and purchases, but shall have no power, unless especially authorized, to render the Club liable for any debt or debts beyond the amount of money which shall be at the time of contracting such debt or debts, in the Treasury, and not needed for the discharge of prior debts or liabilities. Said Committee, or any sub-committee appointed for the purpose by the President subject to the approval of the Executive Committee, may make rules and regulations for the use of the Club House by the members and for their conduct therein. Any other committee not mentioned in the constitution is appointed by the President. Any officer absent from three (3) consecutive meetings will be replaced by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE III
Auditors.

Section 1 Auditors are chosen annually by the Executive Committee. Their work consists in auditing the books of the Treasurer, and report at semi-annual meetings of the Club.

ARTICLE IV
Membership

Section 1 Any male person twenty-one years of age may become a member of the Club upon election by the Executive Committee, and payment within thirty days after such election, of the entrance fee.

ARTICLE V
Assessments

Section 1 The entrance fee shall be twenty-five dollars ($25.00).

Section 2 Annual dues to the amount of twenty-five dollars ($25.00), are payable in advance, in quarterly payments of six dollars and twenty-five cents ($6.25) each.

Section 3 A member owing three months dues shall be notified by the Treasurer. If, by the 15th of the following month full amount has not been paid, the member is suspended, and his name shall be posted until the next meeting of the Executive Committee. If then the member has not paid all his dues, he loses all rights to membership, and the President declares his expulsion from the Club. This article does not apply to non-resident members.
Section 4 Anyone possessing the qualifications enumerated in Article IV and residing outside a radius of 6 miles from the city can become a non-resident member. His entrance fee shall be five ($5.00) dollars; annual dues; six ($6.00) dollars. His application is dealt with in the manner prescribed for resident membership. He enjoys the same privileges possessed by resident members except that he cannot hold office and has no interest in the Club property. A non-resident member coming to live in Lowell can become a resident member by paying ($20.00) twenty dollars and paying the regular dues.

Section 5 A member can tender his resignation at any regular meeting of the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall collect all dues from such member before the next meeting.

Section 6 An application for membership once refused, cannot be filed a second time until at least six months have elapsed from date of its rejection.

Section 7 Application for membership must be made in writing; bear the signatures of two members; the name, address and occupation of the applicant, and must be presented to the Executive Committee. The sum of five dollars, ($5.00) as partial payment of the entrance fee, must accompany such application. This sum paid to the Treasurer who credits the applicant for such amount in case of admission, or refunds the money in case of refusals. The balance of the admission fee must be paid when the new member signs the By-Laws. The Secretary must post the name of the applicant for at least one month before action is taken by the Executive Committee.

Section 8 No member can enjoy the rights and privileges of the Club unless he signs, in the presence of the President, Secretary or Treasurer, the Constitution and By-Laws and the following agreement: "I agree to lose all disbursements, rights and privileges of a member, if, for infraction of the rules or any other reason I am expelled from the Club."

ARTICLE VI
Meetings

Section 1 The annual meeting of the Club shall be held on the first Thursday of December of each year; the semi-annual meeting shall be held on the first Thursday of June of each year. Ten members constitute a quorum.

Section 2 At the annual meeting, three members of the Executive Committee shall be elected by ballot, and a candidate having a majority if the votes in his favor shall be declared elected. Until such time as the Club is free from debt, only those members who are stockholders, will be eligible as officers.

Section 3 A special meeting may be called upon the written request of five members, or at any time, by the President. Notice of and reasons for such meeting shall be given by the Secretary, to all members, at least three days before the date set. Nothing but the subjects mentioned in the call can come before such a meeting.

ARTICLE VII

Section 1 Any member, who, by word or action compromises the honor, dignity or interests of the Club is subject to suspension or expulsion at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

Section 2 Gambling is strictly forbidden.

Section 3 Discussions of Political or Religious questions shall not be allowed at the meetings.
Section 4 The limit of a member's indebtedness to the Steward shall be five dollars ($5.00), and must be paid monthly. Anyone violating this rule shall be notified and if by the first day of the following month he has not complied, his name is posted as suspended and at the next meeting of the Executive Committee his case is heard and disposed of.

ARTICLE VIII

Section 1 Members are responsible for their guests behavior at the Club.

Section 2 Members must register the name and residence of each guest.

Section 3 A resident of Lowell, not a member, cannot be admitted at the Club unless permission is given by one or more of the Executive Committee.

Section 4 Destruction or damage to the property of the Club must be paid for by the member causing same. The cost to be assessed by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IX

Section 1 The following only are to be admitted to the Ladies' Matinee: The wives, mothers, unmarried sisters and daughters of the members. An out-of-town lady can also be admitted when accompanied by one of the above named persons.

ARTICLE X

AMENDMENTS

Section 1 Any proposition to amend the Constitution or By-Laws must be made in writing, read at a regular meeting and left on the table, until the following meeting. It is then read a second time before being discussed, adopted or rejected. Two weeks before the date of this second meeting, the nature of the proposed amendment is to be sent to every member.

Section 2 The present By-Laws can be amended only by a two-third vote of the members present.

Section 3 A motion to reconsider a vote or a decision must be made at the same meeting where such vote or decision was taken and never later than the next meeting.

Section 4 Cushing's Manual shall govern all deliberations.

ARTICLE XI

Section 1 The Club cannot be dissolved and its funds disposed of as long as ten members adhere to its Constitution and By-Laws. This article can only be amended by an unanimous vote of the members of the Club.

AMENDMENT

There shall be a Finance Committee consisting of three men to be elected from the floor. Any expenditure for furnishings and repair of the building, or for any other purpose, amounting to $50.00 or over, must be sanctioned by said Finance Committee before being voted upon by the Directors. The members of said Committee can not be Directors. This Committee shall be elected by the members at the annual meeting—-one man to serve for three years, one for two years and one for one year. One member of the Finance Committee shall be elected each year thereafter.