

8. As ardent spirits have invariably proved the bane of every community into which they have been introduced, we solemnly pledge ourselves that we will neither buy, nor sell, nor use this article, except for medical purposes, and we will use all lawful means to keep it utterly out of the settlement.

9. As we must necessarily endure many of those trials and privations which are incident to a settlement in a new country, we agree that we will do all in our power to befriend each other; we will esteem it not only a duty, but a privilege to sympathize with each other under all our trials, to do good and lend, hoping for nothing again, and to assist each other on all necessary occasions."

These basic declarations clearly set forth the secular and religious purposes of the Vermontville Colonists and express the New England ideas of one hundred years ago.

For the historical data contained in these articles acknowledgment is made of the use of the pamphlet "Vermontville Colony" by Hon. E. W. Barber written in 1887.

## ARTICLE II

These "Rules and Regulations of Union Colony" (as published in our first article) were drafted back in Vermont, and formally signed there by forty-two men.

But a plan of operation was needed as well as a statement of their aspirations to found a new community where religious education and social privileges were to be of first importance.

This "code of laws" was also drawn up in Vermont this winter of 1835-1836 and we incorporate it here as their procedure carefully following its provisos.

### Code of Laws for the Colony

"The following votes and resolutions have been passed at the regular meetings of the colony and are binding upon its members:

"1. VOTED, That a committee of two be appointed, whose duty it shall be to make enquiry concerning the character of individuals who may wish to unite with the colony, and no person shall be admitted without the consent of this committee. (S. Cochrane and I. C. Culver were appointed a committee for this purpose).

2. VOTED, That three agents be appointed to go into the western country and select a suitable location for the use of the colony, and purchase the same. (Col. J. B. Scovell of Orwell, Deacon S. S. Church of Sudbury, and Wm. G. Henry of Bennington were appointed a standing committee for this purpose).