

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

RELIEF SOCIETY OF TORONTO

ARTICLE I.—This Society shall be called the "RELIEF SOCIETY OF TORONTO," and it shall be in connection with the "Women's Christian Association."

ARTICLE II.—The object of this Society shall be to obtain and dispense assistance for the really needy; it shall investigate all cases of distress reported to it; it shall endeavor, by consultation and co-operation with other societies, to prevent imposture; it shall seek to discourage a pauper spirit by helping people to help themselves, and it shall aim at the moral and spiritual improvement of those assisted.

ARTICLE III.—For the furtherance of the above object, the City shall be apportioned into Divisions; each of which shall be under the care of a Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent (if desired), a Secretary, as many presiding ladies as may be necessary, and a Representative to the Industrial Room. These shall be called the Committee of the Division. Each Division shall be divided into Districts, each of which shall be under the care of a presiding lady. All members of this Committee shall have a vote at the meetings of the Board of Managers. Other visitors may be employed if necessary, but they shall not have a vote.

ARTICLE IV.—This Society shall endeavor to maintain an Industrial Room to provide work for women applying for assistance. This enterprise shall be governed by a Committee composed of a Convener appointed at the annual meeting, and a representative from each Division who shall be appointed by the Committee of the Division.

ARTICLE V.—All persons contributing to the funds of this Society shall be considered as members, and all ladies contributing, either themselves or through friends, shall be eligible for election on the Board of Management.

ARTICLE VI.—The business of the Society shall be conducted by a Board of Managers, composed of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and an Assistant Treasurer, if necessary (who shall be members of the "Women's Christian Association"), the Superintendents and Secretaries of Divisions, the Presiding Ladies of Districts, and the Convener, Secretary and Treasurer of the Industrial Room Committee. Of these Managers, the General Officers, the Superintendents of Divisions, and the Convener of the Industrial Room Committee shall be elected by ballot, at a public meeting to be called annually for the transaction of business in the beginning of May. The Secretaries of Divisions, the Presiding Ladies of