

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Kingston Sabbath Reformation Society,

ESTABLISHED AT A PUBLIC MEETING HELD IN THE CITY HALL ON
THURSDAY EVENING, THE 25TH APRIL, 1850—HIS WORSHIP THE
MAYOR IN THE CHAIR.

I.—The name of the Association shall be "The Kingston Sabbath Reformation Society."

II.—The object shall be to employ every legitimate instrumentality for promoting the sanctification of the Sabbath.

III.—The Society shall be composed of individuals belonging to all religious denominations who desire the accomplishment of this important object, and who cast into the treasury a sum of 2s. 6d. annually.

IV.—The oversight of the affairs of this Association shall be entrusted to a Board consisting of President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary, and a Committee, with power to add to their number.

V.—That all Ministers of the Gospel who are duly qualified members of the Society be *ex-officio* members of the Committee.

VI.—That the Board of Management shall meet once a quarter for the transaction of business, and oftener if it be deemed advisable, on official requisition signed by the President, Vice-President, or three members of Committee.

VII.—That an Annual Meeting shall be held in January, when a Report of the proceedings of the Society shall be submitted to a new Board of Management.

VIII.—That the following be a general outline of the duties of the said Board.

1. To collect information as to the different ways in which the Sabbath is desecrated, and the means which have been successfully made use of in other places for securing its better observance.

2. Respectfully to solicit ministers of all evangelical denominations to bring the important subject directly under the notice of those committed to their spiritual oversight, and likewise Superintendents of Sabbath Schools amongst those over whom their influence extends.

3. Either through the channel of Tract Societies, already in existence, or otherwise, to promote the circulation of some of the best Tracts, or small publications bearing on the subject.

4. To endeavour to secure the services of Clergymen, or other qualified Lecturers, to visit as many localities in the vicinity as possible, with the view of directing public attention to the subject and getting kindred societies formed.

5. To correspond with similar institutions elsewhere.

6. To endeavour, as soon as possible, to get a Canada Sabbath Alliance instituted, which shall consist of delegates from the individual local societies throughout the Province.

7. To keep a watchful eye on the proceedings of the public authorities on this important question, and to superintend the framing of memorials in favor of the abolition of Sabbath labour in the various departments of the public service.

8. To employ any other means for the promotion of Sabbath observance which circumstances or experience may suggest, provided that such means be strictly moral and not compulsory.