

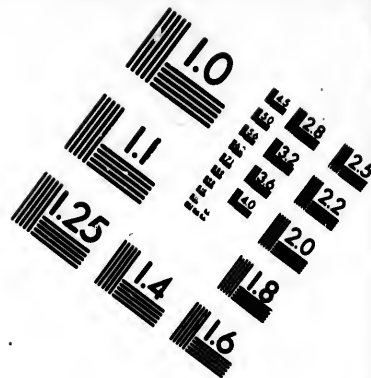
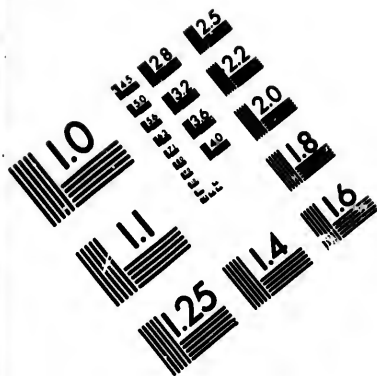
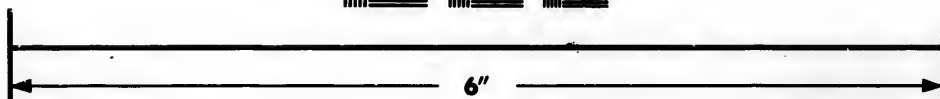
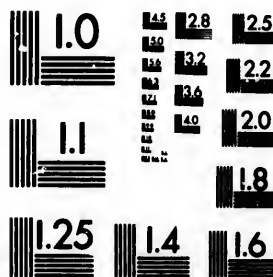


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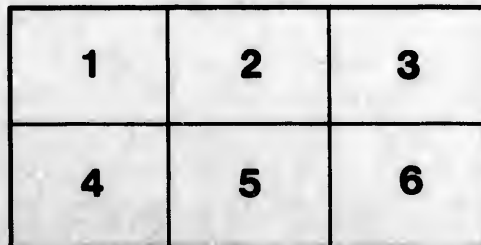
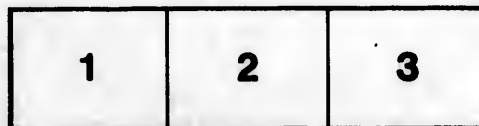
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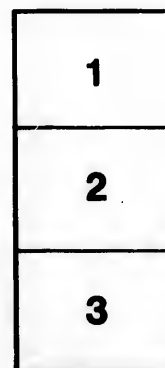
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Librarian:
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CONSTITUTION.

ART. I.

This Society shall be known as the "~~ONTARIO~~
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ART. II.

This Society has for its object the cultivation of Literature and Public Speaking.

ART. III.

SEC. 1. This Society shall consist of Honorary, Corresponding, and Ordinary Members.

SEC. 2. All Candidates for membership shall be proposed by a Member in writing, stating name, occupation and residence; and shall be ballotted for at the next ordinary meeting, a three-fourth vote being requisite to constitute an election.

ART. IV.

SEC. 1. The Officers shall consist of a President, 1st. and 2nd. Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Libra-

rian and four Members of Committee, who shall be elected by ballot semi-annually, at the last ordinary meetings in June and December; and in case of a vacancy occurring in any office, the Society shall proceed to an immediate election to fill the same.

SEC. 2. All the Candidates for office shall be nominated at the first ordinary meeting preceding the time of election.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the President, or in his absence, of one of the Vice-Presidents, to preside at all meetings of the Society, and to preserve order and decorum. In their absence a Chairman shall be chosen by the meeting. At the first meeting after the semi-annual general meeting, an introductory address shall be delivered by the President elect.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to collect all monies due; pay all bills ordered to be paid by the Society; keep an account of all monies received and expended; and at the last regular meeting in June and December, present a Report of the financial condition of the Society.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep the minutes of the Society; notify Members of meetings, when instructed so to do; and perform such other duties pertaining to his office, as the

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Society may require of him ; and at the last regular meeting in June and December, present a Report of the general condition of the Society.

SEC. 6. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to conduct all the Correspondence of the Society.

SEC. 7. It shall be the duty of the Assistant Secretary to notify Candidates for membership of their election ; register the name of the Members ; give all Members appointed as Debaters, Essayists or Readers, notice of their appointment as such, stating the subject and the time when they are expected to be present ; call meetings of the Managing Committee when instructed so to do by the President ; and perform such other duties pertaining to his office as the Society may require of him.

SEC. 8. It shall be the duty of the Librarian to take charge of all books, papers and other property of the Society handed to him for safe keeping ; to give out books to the Members when required ; to keep a correct list of all books so given out ; see that they are properly returned ; and perform such other duties pertaining to his office as the Society may require of him. He shall also present a Report to the Society at the last regular meetings in June and December, of the condition of the library under his charge.

SEC. 9. Any Officer absenting himself for three consecutive meetings, without giving to the Society a good and sufficient reason, either verbally or in writing, shall vacate his office.

ART. V.

No alterations, additions, or amendments, shall be made to this Constitution, nor any part thereof suspended, or repealed, except at the semi-annual meetings of the Society, of which three-weeks notice shall have been previously given in writing, and subject to a majority of votes of the members then present.



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MEETINGS.

ART. I.

SEC. 1. The ordinary meetings of this Society, shall be held every Tuesday evening, at half-past seven o'clock, unless otherwise ordered by the Society.

SEC. 2. At all ordinary meetings ten Members shall constitute a quorum, and at the semi-annual meetings, twenty.

SEC. 3. The Public Meetings of this Society shall be held on the first Tuesday in each month, unless otherwise directed by the Society.

SEC. 4. Special meetings of the Society may be called by the President, at the written request of any five members, of which due notice shall be given in the daily journals.

SEC. 5. The Society shall meet annually, if practicable, on the fourth of December in each year, to celebrate the Anniversary of its foundation.

DEBATES, ESSAYS, &c.

ART. II.

SEC. 1. All questions proposed for ordinary debates shall be delivered to the Secretary, in writing, for the approval of the Executive Committee.

SEC. 2. Theological questions of a sectarian nature shall not be introduced or discussed at any meeting.

SEC. 3. Each speaker on a debate shall be allowed fifteen minutes; the leaders shall be allowed five minutes for a reply at the close; five minutes shall be allowed for each reading; and twenty-five minutes for an essay.

SEC. 4. The question debated at each ordinary meeting, shall be decided by a majority of the Members present, and Public Debates by a majority of the audience.

SEC. 5. The speakers for each Public Meeting shall be selected by ballot, two weeks previous to such Public Meeting, and the subject of debate shall be chosen at the same time by the Society.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

ART. III.

SEC. 1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Officers of the Society, whose duty it shall be to select the subjects for ordinary debates; appoint speakers, essayists and readers; audit all the accounts; recommend the engagement of lecturers, and make all necessary arrangements for the delivery of their lectures; and act generally as the Executive of the Society.

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SEC. 2. The Executive Committee shall have no power to enter into any contract without first obtaining the consent of the Society thereto.

LIBRARY.

ART. IV.

SEC. 1. The Library shall be open to the Members at every ordinary meeting.

SEC. 2. Any Member, by applying to the Librarian, may obtain from him, and retain for the period of three weeks, a single volume; or, in case a work consist of several volumes, he then may have as much of the work as he may require for the length of time above stated.

SEC. 3. A work may be retained by the Member with the consent of the Librarian, for a longer period than the time above limited, unless an application be meanwhile made for it by another Member.

SEC. 4. If any Member loses or defaces any book belonging to the Society, he shall substitute as good and as valuable a book for that so lost, destroyed or defaced.

PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERSHIP.

ART. V.

SEC. 1. Every person before being entitled to any privileges of Membership, shall pay the entrance

fee, and sign the Constitution, By-laws, and Rules of Order.

SEC. 2. Any Member may withdraw from the Society, after payment of all his dues, by forwarding his resignation in writing to the Secretary.

FEES.

ART. VI.

SEC. 1. The entrance Fee shall be One Dollar, and the yearly subscription One Dollar and Fifty Cents, payable half yearly in advance.

SEC. 2. If any Member of the Society shall fall six months in arrears, the Treasurer shall give him a notice, in writing, requiring payment within one month, and upon default of such payment, the Treasurer shall notify the Member thus in arrears, that at the ensuing ordinary meeting his name will be erased from the roll of the Society, unless payment be made in the meantime.

SEC. 3. Any Member, who has fallen six months into arrear, shall forfeit the privileges of Membership, until payment.

OFFENCES.

ART. VII.

SEC. 1. Any Member who shall, at the meetings, make use of improper language, refuse to obey the President when called to order, or be guilty of un-

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gentlemanly conduct, shall be liable to suspension or expulsion, upon a motion stating the specific charge.

SEC. 2. No motion for the suspension or expulsion of a Member can be acted upon, without one week's previous notice having been given, and in the case of expulsion, without two-thirds of the Members present agreeing thereto; and no Member shall be suspended for a longer period than six months.

ART. VIII.

No additions, alterations or amendments, shall be made to these By-laws, nor any part thereof suspended or repealed except by resolution at the semi-annual meetings of the Society, of which two weeks' notice shall have been previously given in writing.

RULES OF ORDER.

I.

The President shall preserve order and decorum ; decide questions of order ; and endeavour to conduct all business before the Society to a speedy and proper issue.

II.

The following shall be the order of business, except at Public Meetings.

1. Roll of Officers called.
2. Reading of Minutes.
3. Reading Communications.
4. Report of Committees.
5. Balloting for Candidates.
6. Introduction of Members.
7. Propositions for Membership.
8. Officers Semi-annual Reports.
9. Election of Officers.
10. Essay.
11. Readings.
12. Debate.
13. New business.
14. Adjournment.

III.

The following shall be the order of business at Public meetings.

- 1st. Essay.
- 2nd. Readings.
- 3rd. Debate.
- 4th. Adjournment.

IV.

The Society may at any time by a majority of votes, alter the order of business for that evening.

V.

On a point of order being raised while a member is speaking, the member speaking shall at once take his seat; the point of order shall then be stated by the member objecting; and the Chairman shall without further debate decide thereupon, stating the rule applicable to the case without argument or comment.

VI.

No motion shall be put from the chair, unless submitted in writing, except a motion to adjourn, to lay on the table, or the previous question.

VII.

No Member shall speak unless a motion is before the Society, without permission being given.

VIII.

No Member shall speak to any motion until it has

been delivered to the Chairman in writing, with the names of the mover and seconder ; thereon the mover shall have the first, and the seconder the second, right of speaking to such motion.

IX.

No amendment to a motion can be received, after an amendment to an amendment, nor any motion unless for the previous question, to lay on the table, or to adjourn simply.

X.

A motion to adjourn simply shall take precedence of all motions and amendments ; a motion to lay on the table of all except to adjourn ; a motion for the previous question of all except to adjourn, or to lay on the table.

XI.

The yeas and nays upon any question shall be recorded on the minutes when called for by two Members.

XII.

When a Member intends to speak or submit a motion, he shall rise in his place, and respectfully addressing the chair, confine himself to the question, and avoid personalities.

XIII.

Should more than one Member rise to speak at the same time, the chairman shall at once (and

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XIV.

Members shall have the privilege of speaking twice on any question, but not oftener without the consent of the Society, and no Member shall speak more than once, until every Member wishing to speak shall have done so.

XV.

If any Member shall feel aggrieved by the decision of the chair, he may (except as provided in Rule 13,) appeal from such decision to the Society; the President shall thereupon put the question, thus—"Shall the decision of the chair be sustained?"

XVI.

All questions, unless otherwise provided for, shall be determined by a majority of votes.

XVII.

The previous question shall be put in this form: "Shall the main question be now put?" If this is carried, no further motions, amendments, or debates shall be permitted, but the main question shall be put without delay.

XVIII.

The following motions shall not be debateable: 1st. to adjourn simply, 2nd. to lay on the table, 3rd. the previous question.

XIX.

No amendment to the minutes shall be allowed after their adoption, and no resolution to expunge any part of them shall have any other effect than the erasure of the record, nor shall any motion to expunge be in order until after their adoption.

XX.

A motion to adjourn simply, shall always be in order except—1st. when a Member is in possession of the floor; 2nd. when Members are voting; 3rd. when an adjournment was the last preceding motion; 4th. or when it has been decided the previous question shall be put.

XXI.

No alterations shall be made to these Rules except at the semi-annual meetings, two weeks' notice in writing having been given, but a Rule may be suspended for the evening only.

XXII.

The Rules of Order shall also, as far as possible, apply in committee of the whole.

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