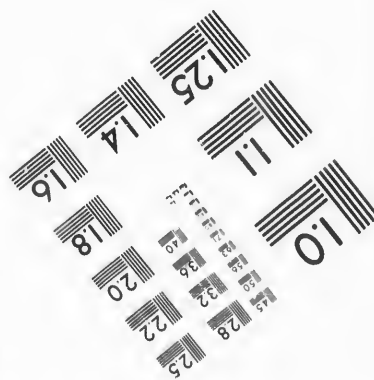
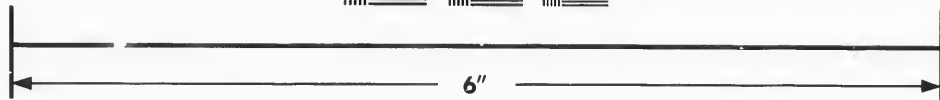
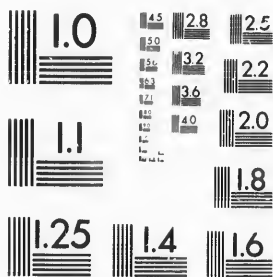


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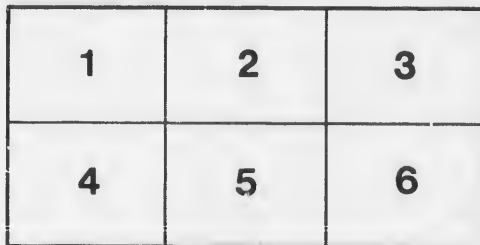
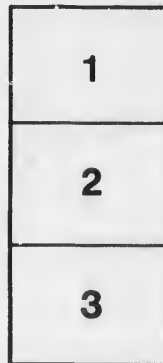
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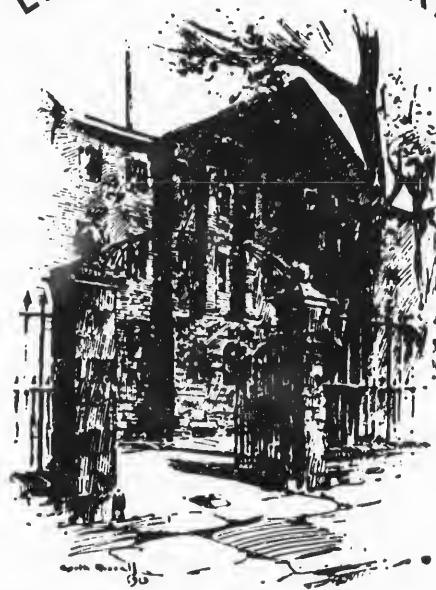
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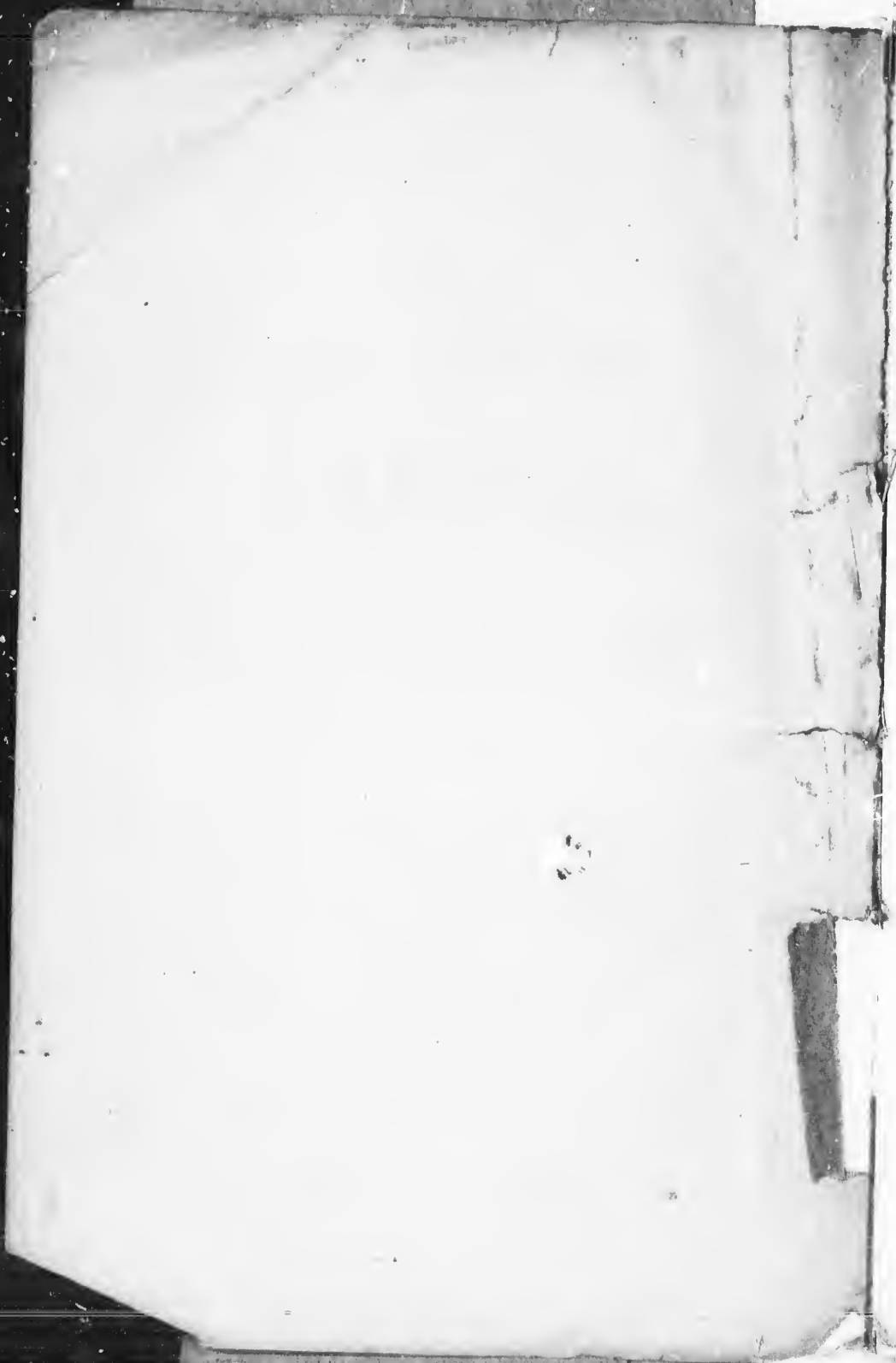
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In this, as in every other community of its size and nature, there unhappily exist an immense number of temptations, which in various phases present themselves to those just emerging from guardianship into independence; or, further advanced, are entering upon the duties of life. Amusements of every kind are provided for the satisfying of man's natural appetites, and even the most vicious tastes of corrupt human nature are pardoned to by the crafty and designing. Young men, more especially those who have left the country and reside in town, for the purpose of learning some branch of business, too often find themselves becoming gradually entangled in a net of fascinating sin, or perhaps completely involved in a whirl of revelry, before one year has rolled away. Without specifying the evils which predominate in this place, it can truly be said, that from many an anxious parent and many a Christian friend, who know them too well, tears and prayers have mingled before the mercy seat of God. In a number of Christians there has been a strong feeling awakened to bring some powerful counteracting influence to bear against the existing evil: this feeling has grown, and is now matured into an Association.

It is purposed that this shall be a social organization of all those who love the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity and

in truth: having the same mind that was in HIM "who went about doing good;"—a union of all those who with "one heart are striving together for the faith of the Gospel." It is hoped that this truly Christian feature of the Institution—the combination of Christ's people, of whatever evangelical Church—will gather around it many large-hearted and zealous supporters. A Christian fellowship, so often fervently desired, is thus, as in other instances, realized amongst us, and many Soldiers of the Cross, who for years fought single-handed, are now found standing side by side, and in a broad phalanx waging war against the great enemy of souls, "having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind."

The design of the Association will be fully seen in the "Objects" and "Rules" which follow.

A Library will be formed, from which sound, useful and religious books may be had, and to which easy access may be obtained, at a charge within the compass of most all. Lectures, at once instructive and calculated to lead the mind to God, will be delivered by persons duly qualified, and invited by the Association, at stated periods, during the winter season. A Reading Room will be open where all useful and solid periodicals may be read: and above all it is humbly hoped that the genial influence of true religion will work its silent way, upon those who may be brought within its reach, testifying to them, that "godliness has the promise of the life that now is, as well as of that which is to come."

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## Constitution.

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### ARTICLE I.

That this Association be called the "Halifax Young Men's Christian Association."

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### ARTICLE II.

That the objects of the Association shall be

FIRST.—The improvement of the spiritual and mental condition of Young Men.

SECOND.—The formation of a Christian Library and Reading Room.

THIRD.—Rooms and accommodation for Bible Classes and social prayer meetings.

FOURTH.—Courses of lectures on Religious subjects, as well as secular having reference to religion, and the employment of every other available means whereby the increase of real vital religion may be promoted.

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### ARTICLE III.

That as it is the desire of the Association to admit no one to membership who does not give decided evidence of his conversion to God, therefore no person shall be proposed who shall not be a Member in good standing of one of the

evangelical denominations. He shall be proposed by a member of the Association at one of its Meetings and shall be elected by ballot by the general committee after a satisfactory inquiry as to his eligibility.

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ARTICLE IV.

That all members of the Association subscribing Twenty shillings and upwards shall be admitted to the privileges of the Library, Reading Room, and Lectures.

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ARTICLE V.

That Young Men not members of the Association, shall be admitted to the privileges of the Society's Reading Room, Library and Lectures on payment of Ten shillings annually.

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ARTICLE VI.

Any Member on the payment of Ten Pounds at any one time, shall become a Life Member.

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ARTICLE VII.

The Officers of this Association shall consist of a President, Vice Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, Librarian, and a Standing Committee comprising as far as possible members of each evangelical denomination, all of whom shall be chosen annually by ballot.

## ARTICLE VIII.

## DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

It shall be the duty of the President and of one of the Vice Presidents to preside at all Public Meetings of the Association,

It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to notify the Members of the time and place of meetings, attend the same, to notify all Officers of their election. He to keep a fair and complete record of the transactions of the Association.

The Corresponding Secretary shall be the organ of the Association in its conference with other societies, and shall retain copies of all letters written by him.

The Treasurer shall collect and pay all monies of the Association under direction of the Committee, shall keep a correct account of the same and shall report whenever required to do so to the Committee, and to the Association at least once a year.

It shall be the duty of the Librarian to keep in order all books and documents of the Association, to keep a correct catalogue of the same, and an accurate account of all books delivered to Members.

It shall be the duty of the Committee to manage all the affairs of the Association, to make Bye Laws, appoint special committees, decide on all applications for Memberships, appoint a Recording Secretary and Librarian, and

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take whatever steps may be necessary for the promotion of the objects of the Association.

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ARTICLE IX.

All meetings of the Association and of the committee shall be opened and closed with prayer.

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## Organization.

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At a meeting held at the residence of Mr. Thomas Brown, Dec'r. 10th, 1853. There were present :

H. INCE, Esq., in the chair.

T. F. AIKINS, J. W. RITCHIE, J. A. BROWN, C. ALLISON,  
P. LYNCH, W. HARE, W. MILLER, J. G. A. CREIGHTON,  
S. A. WHITE, DR. PARKER, SAMUEL GRAY, P. C. HILL,  
G. H. STARR, FRANCIS JOHNSON.

The Chairman called on Mr. Creighton to open the proceedings with prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting were then read, after which, the several objects proposed by that meeting for adoption were read and discussed sercetium. The constitution as hereto appended being decided upon and formed.

The following Officers were named.

President.

Hon. H. H. COGSWELL.

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Vice Presidents.

MARTIN G. BLACK,  
DR. AVERY,  
HON. J. W. JOHNSTON,  
J. G. A. CREIGHTON,  
JAMES FORMAN, JUNR.

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*Corresponding Secretary.*  
WILLIAM HARE.

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*Recording Secretary.*  
EDWARD D. MEYNELL.

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*Treasurer.*  
CHARLES ALLISON.

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THE FOLLOWING GENTLEMEN WERE APPOINTED A

*Managing Committee.*

PETER LYNCH,  
J. W. RITCHIE,  
P. C. HILL,  
WM. HARE,  
WM. MILLER,  
SAMUEL GRAY,  
CHAS. ROBSON,  
DAVID CLARK,  
WM. HOWE,  
FRANCIS JOHNSON,  
GEO. H. STARR,  
SAMUEL WHITE,  
T. A. BROWN,  
CHARLES ALLISON,  
DR. PARKER,  
S. L. SHANNON,  
— GORDON,  
DR. DEWOLF,  
NEPEAN CLARKE,  
HENRY INCE,  
T. B. AKINS,  
JAMES FORMAN, 3d.

**By-Laws**  
OF THE  
MANAGING COMMITTEE.

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ARTICLE I.

That the Managing Committee shall meet at least once a fortnight on the evening of every alternate Monday at half-past seven. Special meetings of the Committee when required to be summoned by the Secretary.

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ARTICLE II.

Seven members of the Managing Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and in the absence of the President and all the Vice Presidents a Chairman to be appointed by the Members of the Committee.

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ARTICLE III.

All payments shall be made by the Treasurer, under the authority of the Chairman of the Committee at whose meeting the payments were ordered to be made.

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ARTICLE IV.

These By-Laws may be amended or added to at any time by a vote of two-thirds of the Members of the Managing Committee.

