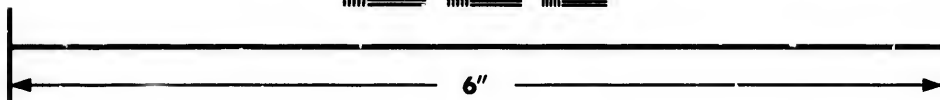
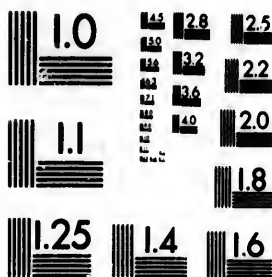


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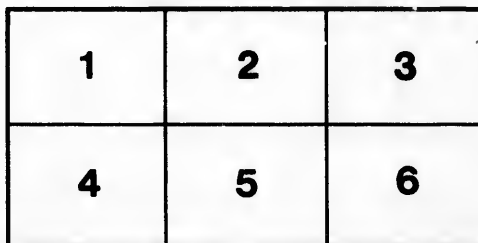
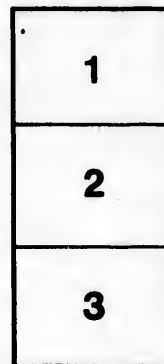
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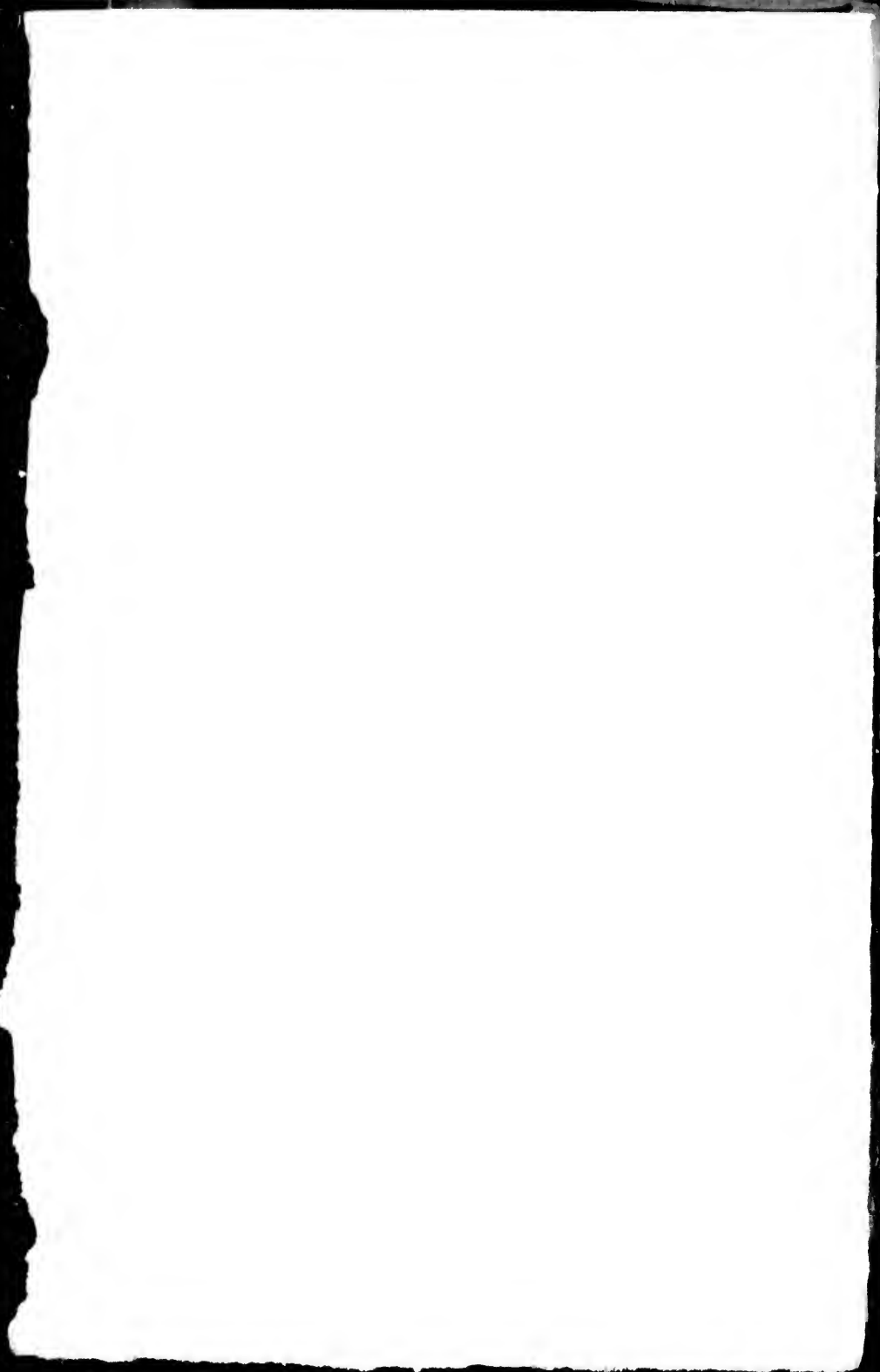
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CONSTITUTION
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St. Andrew's Church, Kingston,

ADOPTED BY THE CONGREGATION

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WHEREAS, it having been deemed expedient to revise, amend or alter the Rules and Regulations adopted by the first Trustees of ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, KINGSTON, CANADA, for the management of the affairs of said Church; and whereas, with this view the Trustees of said Church, at a meeting of the Congregation duly called and held therein, on 29th day of March, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty-four, did request the Congregation to take this matter into consideration, and, if necessary, to adopt such new Rules and Regulations, as embodied into a Constitution, should appear best adapted for that purpose; and, whereas, the Congregation did then appoint a Committee to report thereon, at a subsequent meeting to be held in the Church on second Wednesday of July in the same year; and whereas, in conformity therewith, after being duly called and constituted, the congregation have now met, on the day and year appointed, and having received the Report of said Committee, after due consideration of the whole matter, do hereby resolve

FIRST.—That the Rules and Regulations of the first Trustees of this Church, as contained in thirteen articles, and recorded as adopted on the first day of May, eighteen hundred and twenty-two, be, and they are hereby declared to be annulled. Provided always, that nothing shall hereby prejudice, in any way, the existing rights of, or the emoluments guaranteed to the present Minister, and provided also, that the existing rights of the owners of pews that may have been purchased from said Trustees previous to this time, and the conditions of tenure thereof, as described in the deeds granted to such owners, be duly respected and maintained; and provided further, that the present Trustees shall continue as managers of the temporal affairs of this Church, until their successors shall have been appointed, and have entered on the duties of their office, as hereinafter may be provided for—it being understood that the exercise of any right or function hereby reserved or provided for, shall not be at variance with such other provisions of this Constitution, as may hereinafter be made.

SECOND.—That this Church shall be inalienably in connection with, and used only as a place of worship in accordance with the standards of the Synod of Canada, in connection with the established Church of Scotland.

THIRD.—That all real estate that may hereafter be acquired by the Congregation, shall be conveyed to the Trustees for the time being, to be held by them in trust, for the sole use and benefit of said Congregation, in accordance with the terms and provisions of this Constitution.

FOURTH.—The persons who shall be eligible for the office of the Ministry in this Congregation shall be, any Ordained Minister, or duly licensed Probationer of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland. Any Minister or Probationer of the Church of Scotland. Any Minister or Probationer of any Presbyterian body holding the Westminster Confession of Faith, and the larger and shorter Catechisms, who shall be willing to take the ordination vows, and obey the Laws and Rules of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, and who shall have

been received as a Preacher by the Presbytery of the Bounds; it being always understood that such Preacher or Minister shall have undergone such course of Education, Literary, Scientific and Theological as is now, or may hereafter be required by the Synod, or other Supreme Court of this Church.

FIFTH.—The Minister of this Church shall be a member of the Synod or other Supreme Court of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, and shall acknowledge their Synod, or other Supreme Court, as his Supreme Ecclesiastical Judicatory, so long as he shall continue to be a Minister of this Church.

SIXTH.—In regard to the appointment of a Minister, after the preliminary meetings of the Congregation have been held, wherein the amount of stipend has been determined, and other necessary arrangements effected: the meeting of the Congregation for the final determination and choice of a Minister shall be held, after having been called by authority of the Presbytery, notice to be given from the pulpit after divine service, at least ten days previous; and the person who shall receive the votes of two-thirds, or more, of the males present at such meeting, who are communicants of at least six months standing, and free from Church censure, shall be held as elected, and the subsequent proceedings to complete his induction shall be taken in accordance with the laws and usages of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, and with such regulations as the Presbytery may adopt agreeably thereto.

SEVENTH.—The nomination of members to fill vacancies in the Kirk Session, shall be by the Minister and Session, and their election determined by the majority of the male communicants present at a meeting of the Congregation for that purpose, called at least ten days previously, by intimation from the Pulpit after Divine Service.

EIGHTH.—The temporal affairs of the Church shall be managed by a Committee of five fit and proper persons, being Communicants, who shall be styled "Managers of the Temporal Affairs of the Congregation," and who shall have been elected at the General Annual Meeting of the

Congregation, by the majority of the qualified voters present. At each successive Annual Meeting, the two Managers whose names stand highest on the list shall retire, and the meeting shall choose two in their room, whose names shall be placed at the foot of the list. Retiring Managers shall be eligible for re-election, and shall hold office until their successors shall have been appointed.

Any Manager who shall leave the bounds of the Congregation, or cease to be a member thereof, shall be disqualified from holding Office.

Casual vacancies during the year may be filled up by the remaining Managers, subject to the Confirmation of the Congregation at the next Annual Meeting.

NINTH.—The duties of the Managers shall be—the care of the Church, and other Property of the Congregation in regard to needful repairs, Insurance, &c., and the providing of all things requisite for the decent and orderly performance of Divine Worship, and the comfort of the Congregation; to pay half-yearly in advance the Minister's stipend, which shall be a first charge on the revenues; to pay the Precentor and Church Officers, whose appointments the Session shall have power to make, and determine the duration thereof; the said Managers shall pay all other necessary and current expenses of, or connected with the affairs of the Church, and in general provide ways and means for raising the amount required, with the sanction, and under the direction of the Congregation.

For these purposes they shall have power to fix the pew or seat rents, and to let the same, or other property belonging to the Congregation, to collect, receive and apply all monies arising from or due thereon; to receive the ordinary Sabbath-day collections, and such special collections as may at any time be made for deficiencies of revenue: Provided always, that the special collections made for the poor of the Church, or Charitable or Religious purposes, shall be made by appointment, and be at the disposal of the Session; and Provided also, that it shall not be lawful for said Managers to subject any personal property of the Congregation to any pecuniary obligations, or enter into any arrangement involving the outlay of more than the

ordinary current expenditure, without the sanction of the Congregation be obtained at a previous meeting.

TENTH.—The Committee of Managers shall meet as often as may be necessary for the discharge of their duties as such: they shall elect their own Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be under their guidance and control in all matters pertaining to his office, and his duty shall be to receive and pay all monies, with such a salary attached to the office as by the Committee may be deemed proper.

They shall have power also to adopt such regulations as may be necessary for properly conducting their own proceedings, which shall not be at variance with this Constitution; and they shall present a general report of the temporal affairs of the Church at each Annual Meeting, and at any other meeting of the Congregation when required.

ELEVENTH.—The Annual Meeting of the Congregation shall be held in the Church on the evening of 1st Wednesday in August. It shall be notified by public intimation on the preceding Sabbath, after divine service, and qualified voters shall consist of all male persons who shall be supporters of the ordinances of religion in this Church, and members or seatholders therein of at least six months' standing.

TWELFTH.—At the Annual Meeting, the qualified voters shall appoint a Chairman and Secretary for the occasion, and the proceedings shall be recorded in the minutes of the Managers; the proceedings of the Managers for the past year shall be submitted for inspection, and approved of or disallowed, as shall seem proper. The accounts of Revenue and Expenditure by the Managers shall be laid before the meeting. Two new Managers shall be elected, and in general all business requisite for the welfare of the Congregation shall then be submitted, provided that nothing be done repugnant to this Constitution, or to the laws of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland.

THIRTEENTH.—Special or extraordinary meetings of the Congregation, for consideration of temporal affairs, or preliminary to the appointment of a Minister or Elders,

may be called at the request of the Trustees and Managers, or on a requisition of at least thirty qualified voters, and held after due public notice given to the Congregation at least ten days previous.

All matters for consideration at meetings of the Congregation shall be determined by a majority of males present, who are members or seatholders of at least six months' standings; provided always that in the election of a Minister, two-thirds at least of the Communicants present shall be requisite to constitute a majority, and in the election of elders, that Communicants only shall be qualified to vote, and provided also, that a majority of two-thirds of the Communicants present at a meeting specially called for that purpose, shall be requisite to make any alteration in this Constitution.

FOURTEENTH.—The whole administration of the affairs of the Congregation shall be subject to the inspection of the Presbytery of the bounds, and any disputes that may arise in said administration shall be referred to them to decide on, in accordance with the spirit of the provisions of this Constitution.

In regard to all things not specified herein, the laws, customs and usages of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, shall be followed.

FIFTEENTH.—The foregoing fourteen articles, after due consideration had thereon, having been adopted by this general meeting of the Congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Kingston, Canada West, they are hereby made and declared to be, standing Rules and Regulations for the administration of the affairs thereof, and to form the Constitution of said Church, and in testimony of the approval and obligation of this Congregation to observe the provisions of said articles, the Chairman and Secretary of this meeting are hereby empowered to subscribe the same in name and in behalf of this Congregation.

JAMES WILLIAMSON, *Chairman.*

W. McIVER, *Secretary.*

COMMITTEE RULES.

I.

The Chairman, or two members of the Committee, may authorize the Secretary to call a meeting of the Committee for the transaction of business. Three members to form a quorum. In the absence of the Chairman the members present shall appoint one of their number Chairman of the meeting. In case of an equality of votes, the chairman shall give the casting vote over and above his proper vote as a member. The minutes of preceding meeting shall be read, and all matters laid over from former meetings disposed of in their order, before transacting any other business.

II.

All rents of pews (whether owned or leased by the holder,) and of sittings in pews, shall be paid in advance to the Treasurer, on one of the evenings appointed in the following regulation for the letting of pews and sittings.

III.

The Treasurer shall attend at the Church in the evening of the two last Wednesdays in the month of August in each year, for the purpose of letting pews and sittings for the ensuing year, (from 1st September,) and of receiving rents of pews and sittings in advance. Notice to be given from the pulpit on the preceding Sabbath.

IV.

Any owner of a pew or pews who shall allow the rent thereof to remain unpaid for twelve months shall forfeit all his right, title and interest in and to such pew or pews, and the same shall revert to, and become the property of the Church, and shall be disposed of to the first applicant, either by sale or lease.

V.

No alteration or addition affecting the present arrangement of the pews will be permitted without the sanction of the Committee, and in all cases where such alteration or addition is allowed, it shall be with the proviso, that when required, the party making application shall replace the said pew or pews in the state it or they were in prior to such alteration or addition.

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