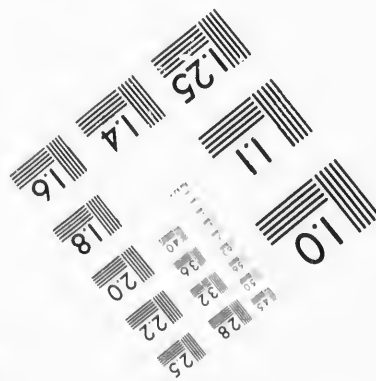
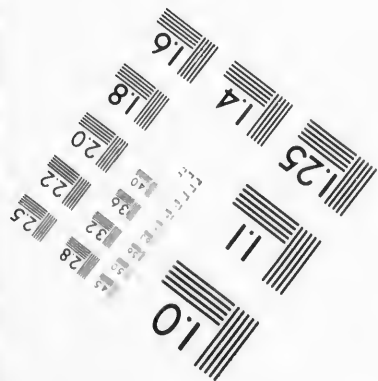
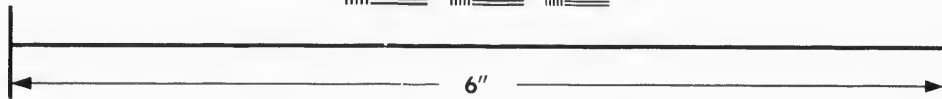
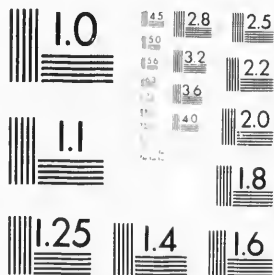


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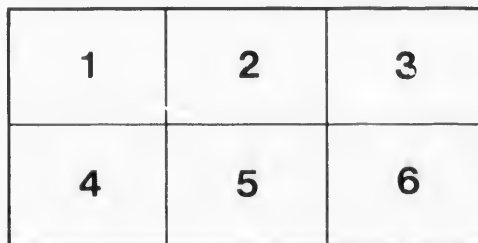
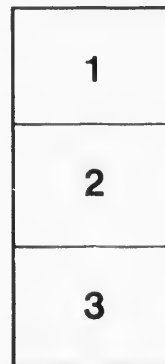
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At the Medical Convention of the Province of Nova Scotia, assembled at Halifax, in September, 1867, the formation of District or County Medical Societies, affiliated with the Provincial Society, was strongly urged by the Medical men present; and the usefulness of such Societies in bringing together the Medical men of a district, for the discussion of Medical subjects, the interchange of ideas, and for concerting measures suitable to the local requirements of each District or County, were pointed out.

In accordance with such recommendation, a meeting of the Medical men of the County of Halifax, was held in the City of Halifax, on the 5th day of November, 1867. A Society was then formed,—and a committee was appointed to prepare a Constitution and Bye-Laws. On the 19th November, the committee reported the following, which were adopted as the Constitution and Bye-Laws of "THE HALIFAX MEDICAL SOCIETY."

CHAS. J. GOSSIP, M. D.,
Secretary.

January, 1868.

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CONSTITUTION.

I.

NAME.—This Association shall be called "THE HALIFAX MEDICAL SOCIETY."

II.

OBJECTS.—The objects of the Society shall be:—the advancement of Medical Science; the discussion of all subjects pertaining to the profession; and the protection of the rights of its members.

III.

MEMBERS.—All legally qualified regular practitioners in Medicine and Surgery of good moral standing in the county of Halifax, shall be eligible as members of this Society.

IV.

OFFICERS.—The officers of the Society shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and a Council of five members, one of which shall be the Secretary.

V.

PRESIDENT.—The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society; enforce a strict observance of the Constitution and Bye-Laws; call special meetings; sign all orders for monies to be paid by the Treasurer; with the Secretary examine qualifications of candidates for membership; and perform such other duties as may be assigned to him.

NOTE.—At the Annual Meeting it is expected that the retiring President will deliver an address, which shall refer more particularly to the advance made in the Science of Medicine during the past year.

VI.

VICE-PRESIDENT.—In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall perform his duties.

VII.

SECRETARY.—The Secretary shall keep a record of all the proceedings of the Society and Council; prepare ballots at the election of officers; notify members of the Annual and Special Meetings; and perform such other duties as may be assigned to him.

VIII.

TREASURER.—The Treasurer shall demand and receive all monies due to the Society; keep an accurate account of all receipts and expenditures; when in funds, pay all orders drawn on him by the Society, when signed by the President; and make an annual statement to the Society of the appropriation of its funds.

IX.

COUNCIL.—The Council shall adjudicate upon all disputed questions of a professional nature, and perform such other duties as a majority at any Annual Meeting may assign to them. The decision of a majority of the Council at any meeting, shall not be considered final until ratified by the Society.

X.

A standing committee of three members shall be appointed yearly at the annual meeting, to which all matters may be referred not otherwise provided for by the Constitution and Bye-Laws.

BYE-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.—MEETINGS.

SECT. 1.—The Annual Meetings of the Society shall be held at Halifax, on the first Tuesday in October in each year.

SECT. 2.—The Regular Meetings of the Society shall be held every alternate Tuesday from October 1st, to May 1st, and on the first Tuesday of each month from May 1st to October 1st, from year to year.

SECT. 3.—Special Meetings may be called at any time by the President, upon the requisition of three members.

SECT. 4.—Any seven members shall form a quorum at any regular or special meeting, and eleven at the annual meeting; and three members shall form a quorum at any meeting of Council.

SECT. 5.—A Chairman, (being a member,) may be appointed to preside at any meeting, in the absence of the President and Vice-President.

ARTICLE II.—ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

SECT. 1.—At the regular meeting, next preceding the annual meeting, persons shall be nominated as office bearers for the ensuing year; and the Secretary shall transmit the names of those nominated, with voting papers, to all the members of the Society for their election, together with a notice of the annual meeting.

SECT. 2.—Members unable to attend the annual meeting, may vote by proxy, sending in their votes in a sealed envelope to the Secretary,—said envelope to be marked PROXY, and not to be opened until the day of the annual meeting.

SECT. 3.—Officers shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting in October; the presiding officer naming two members present to examine the ballots, and declare the results to the meeting.

SECT. 4.—Officers of a previous year shall be eligible to be re-elected.

SECT. 5.—Written ballots shall be used at the election of officers; and it shall require a majority of votes given to constitute an election.

SECT. 6.—Should any vacancies occur, the same shall be filled at the first regular meeting.

ARTICLE III.—ANNUAL DUES.

SECT. 1.—Every member shall pay two dollars and fifty cents, (\$2.50) a year to the funds of the Society, the same to be paid to Treasurer at the annual meeting.

SECT. 2.—Should any member neglect to pay his dues within six months after the annual meeting, he shall thenceforth forfeit the privileges of membership until the amount shall have been paid.

SECT. 3.—Should the funds at any time become exhausted, there shall be made an equal assessment on each and every member, to meet the necessary expenses of the Society.

ARTICLE IV.—MEMBERS.

SECT. 1.—Every candidate for membership shall be proposed by a member of the Society at any regular meeting. He shall then furnish the President and Secretary with evidence of his qualifications, and at the next regular meeting he may be elected.

SECT. 2.—The duties of members shall be:—to promote harmony in the profession; to endeavour to carry out the spirit of the Constitution and Bye-Laws; to practice their profession in accordance with the code of ethics which shall be adopted by this Society; and to submit all disputed questions to the Council of the Society for adjudication.

SECT. 3.—Any member may withdraw from the Society by giving proper notice to the Secretary in writing; all arrears of dues being first paid up.

SECT. 4.—All persons in the general practice of Medicine and Surgery in the county of Halifax, who, not being members (except Military and Naval Medical Officers,) shall practice contrary to the principles of this Society, shall be considered and treated as irregular practitioners.

ARTICLE V.—HONORARY MEMBERS.

SECT. 1.—Any gentleman eminent in Medicine, Surgery, or the Auxiliary sciences may be elected an honorary member of this Society.

SECT. 2.—Honorary members shall be entitled to all the privileges of membership.

ARTICLE VI.—EXPULSION.

SECT. 1.—Should any member be censured more than once by the Council for unprofessional conduct, he may be expelled from the Society by a two-third vote of the members present at any regular meeting.

SECT. 2.—Expulsion of a member shall imply the loss of all the privileges of membership; the erasure of his name from the roll of the Society; and that he be treated as an irregular practitioner.

ARTICLE VII.—ORDER OF BUSINESS.

SECT. 1.—At all the regular meetings of the Society—except the annual meeting—the business of the Society shall be divided into Scientific and General business.

SECT. 2.—The business shall commence at 8 o'clock, P.M., and shall be conducted in the following order :—

A.—Scientific Business :

1. Society constituted.
2. Minutes of preceding meeting read and revised.
3. Reports of Scientific Committees.
4. Medical papers read and discussed.
5. Interesting cases related.
6. Presentation of Pathological specimens.

B.—General Business :

1. Minutes of preceding meeting read and revised.
2. Report of Council.
3. Reports of Committees (not scientific.)
4. New members proposed and elected.
5. Unfinished business.
6. Miscellaneous business.
7. Society adjourned.

SECT. 3.—At the Annual Meeting the order of business shall be as follows :—

1. Society constituted.
2. Minutes of preceding meeting read and revised.
3. Address by the retiring President.
4. Election of officers for the ensuing year.
5. Election of standing committee.
6. Miscellaneous business.
7. Society adjourned.

ARTICLE VIII.—RESOLUTIONS, VOTING, &c.

SECT. 1.—Resolutions may be considered at any regular meeting of the Society ; such resolutions to be read before the Society at the meeting next preceding that on which they will be discussed —Resolutions relative to the subject under debate are excepted, and may be read and considered on the same evening.

SECT. 2.—A copy of every Resolution shall be delivered to the Secretary with the name of the proposer attached.

SECT. 3.—No officer or member personally interested in the subject under debate relative to his office or membership, shall be entitled to vote upon such matter at any meeting.

SECT. 4.—The President shall vote as a member, and be entitled to a casting vote in cases of equality.

ARTICLE IX.—ESSAYS, DISCUSSIONS, &c.

SECT. 1.—All essays and communications, read before the Society, shall become the property of the Society; and shall be regularly endorsed and filed by the Secretary.

SECT. 2.—The President shall be empowered to prevent any member from speaking more than once on the same subject, until an opportunity shall have been afforded to other gentlemen present of expressing their opinions.

SECT. 3.—None but members shall be allowed to take part in any discussion, unless invited by the President.

ARTICLE X.—VISITORS.

SECT. 1.—Every member shall have the privilege of introducing visitors to the meetings of the Society during the transaction of scientific business; but, none but members of the Society shall be allowed to be present during the transaction of general business.

SECT. 2.—Members wishing to introduce non-medical visitors, must first obtain the sanction of the President.

SECT. 3.—Medical students may attend any particular meeting, during the transaction of scientific business, by permission of the President.

ARTICLE XI.

The Constitution and By-Laws of the Society shall not be repealed, added to, or amended, unless by a two-third vote of the members present at the meeting at which the proposed alteration &c. shall be submitted—a notice of the proposed alteration, &c. being given at the meeting next preceding that on which action is taken thereon.

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