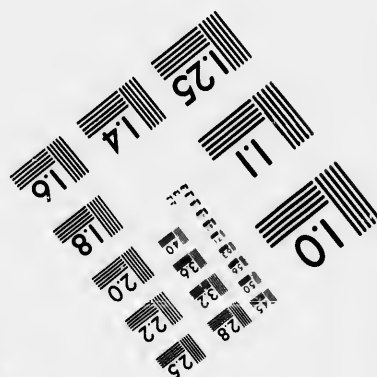
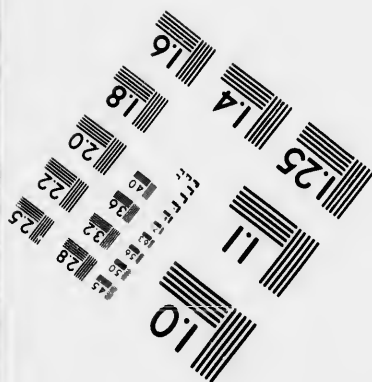
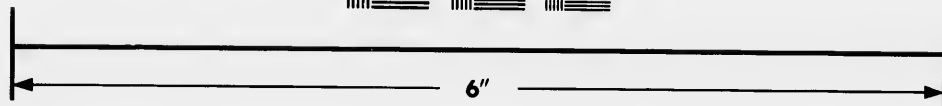
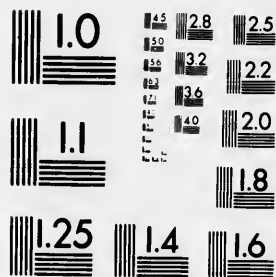


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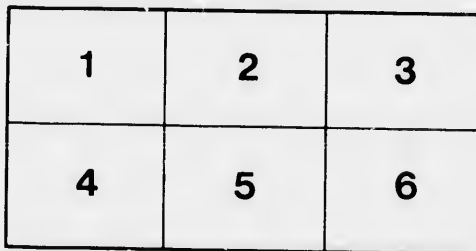
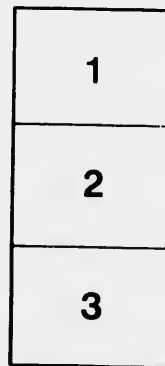
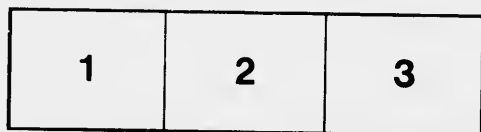
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STANDING RULES

OF THE

DIOCESAN CHURCH SOCIETY

OF

NOVA SCOTIA,

WITH A LIST

OF

PATRONS, OFFICERS, AND STANDING COMMITTEE

OF THE SOCIETY.

BEHOLD, HOW GOOD AND HOW PLEASANT IT IS FOR BROTHERS TO
DWELL TOGETHER IN UNITY.—Psalm CXXXIII. 1.

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STANDING RULES, &c.

On Monday, May 22d, at 3 o'clock, a numerous and highly respectable meeting of Clergy and Laity of the Established Church, which had been called together by notices given in the Parish Churches of Halifax, and otherwise, took place at the National School House. The Lord Bishop took the chair, and proceeded, after prayer for the Divine blessing and help, to lay before the Meeting the plan and objects of a proposed Church Society. Its great objects were stated to be the promotion of an intelligent acquaintance with the Evangelical doctrines and Apostolic order of the Church of England among her members; the increase of a charitable attachment to her doctrines, her ritual, and her ministry, on the part of those professing to be her children; and the knitting together of pastors and people in closer bonds of mutual affection and regard. Its more detailed designs will be the procuring Missionary services for neglected stations—affording assistance to Sunday and other Schools conducted on Church principles, and to deserving young men desirous of education for the Ministry of the Church--and the circulation of Books and Tracts.

For the promotion of these objects it was proposed that a Society should now be organized, to be called the Diocesan Church Society of Nova Scotia, and the persons present appearing favorable to the formation of such a Society and ready to become members by subscribing to its funds, they proceeded to the election of Officers and a Standing Committee; after which the following were unanimously adopted as

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Necessary for the Constitution and Government of the Diocesan Church Society of Nova-Scotia.

- I. His Excellency, THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF NOVA-SCOTIA for the time being, and THE SOCIETIES FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE GOSPEL, and FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE, shall be respectfully requested to be the Patrons of this Society.
- II. The Bishop of the Diocese shall be the President of the Society, with a control over all their proceedings. His approval shall be necessary for the completion of all important acts of the Society, and especially for the revocation or alteration of any of the standing rules and for making any addition to them.
- III. There shall be two or more Vice Presidents, of whom the Archdeacon of Nova-Scotia shall be the first; a Secretary, an Assistant Secretary when necessary, and a Treasurer.
- IV. There shall be a Standing Committee, consisting of the Officers, all the Clergy, and as many Laymen as it shall be thought convenient to choose at the Annual Meeting of the Society. The Lay Members shall continue in the Committee for a year, or until other Lay Members be chosen in their place; and any or all of them may be re-elected. Seven of the Committee shall be a Quorum, provided four of them be Laymen.
- V. The Society shall be open to all the Members of the Church, all of whom shall be invited to unite with it. Ten pounds paid at any one time shall qualify a person to be a Member

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VI. The members of the Church in every part of the Province shall be invited to co-operate with the Diocesan Society, by joining Committees of it which shall be formed, under the direction of their respective Clergymen, either in each mission or parish, or in more than one mission or parish united, as shall be deemed most convenient, and in strict accordance with the designs and rules of the Diocesan Society; and it is recommended to the Committees to forward their funds, as they may be collected, to the General Committee who will faithfully apply them to the general objects of the Society; but when the Local Committees desire it, they shall receive books at cost and charges to the amount of one fourth of their remittances.

VII. There shall be one general Meeting of the whole Society, including any members of the Local Committees who can conveniently attend, on such day and at such place as the President may name, of which due notice will be given, with an invitation to every Committee to send at least one Clergyman and two Laymen to represent such Committee, and with a recommendation that each Committee shall meet at some convenient time immediately before the General Meeting of the Society, that any necessary suggestions may be offered to the representatives of the Committees for their guidance at the general meeting. And a special General Meeting may be called at any time and in any place, when the President, or, in his absence, two or more Vice Presidents, shall consider it desirable to appoint such special General Meeting.

VIII. The objects to which the attention of the Society shall be directed shall be, generally, those which have engaged the two great Church Societies in England for the Propagation of the Gospel and for Promoting Christian Knowledge and none other.

IX. The following objects shall more particularly engage the attention of the Society, as soon as their means may enable them to afford such attention :

1. Supplies of Books and Tracts from the stores of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, and none other, except in cases where other Books or Tracts, in strict conformity with the principles of the Established Church, and particularly adapted to local circumstances, shall

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first be carefully examined and approved by a Committee of revision, to be appointed by the General Committee, the approval of which General Committee shall be necessary in the next place, after which the books must likewise receive the written approbation of the Bishop.

2. Missionary visits to neglected and destitute places, under the direction of the Bishop.

3. Upholding by all possible and proper means the Collegiate Establishments at Windsor.

4. Assistance to deserving young men desirous of being qualified for the Ministry of the Church, but requiring aid in pursuing their studies at the Collegiate Establishments at Windsor.

5. Aid to Sunday and other Schools, in which due attention is paid to instruction in the principles of the Established Church.

6. Encouragement to the instruction and training of respectable Teachers for Sunday and Daily Schools.

7. Assistance to the erection or enlargement of Churches and Chapels belonging to the Established Religion, in peculiar or extreme cases.

To these objects, generally, the general contributions will be applied; while contributors who desire it may have their individual contributions scrupulously confined to any one or more of these objects. And as some members of the Church, who are not unmindful of the great spiritual wants in their own neighbourhood, still feel constrained, in pious gratitude for the blessings they enjoy, to allot something, however small, from the means with which a gracious Providence has blessed them, towards the spread of the glorious Gospel among the nations which still sit in darkness, it was resolved, that

X. This Society will gladly receive and forward to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, whatever sums may be given for the conversion and instruction of the Heathen, to which object such sums will be strictly confined by the East India Committee of that Society

XI. Books and Tracts will generally be on sale at cost and charges; and whenever in particular cases a deviation from this rule is desired, it must be considered by the Standing Committee, and only permitted when recommended by them and approved by the President, or, in his absence, by two or more of the Vice Presidents,

XII. All Meetings of the Society and of the Committees shall be opened and closed with the prayers used by the two Societies in England, adapted to our situation under the direction of the Bishop.

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The following persons have been chosen as Officers of the Society, and Members of the Standing Committee for the year ending on the 24th day of May, A. D. 1838.

PATRONS

- His Excellency Sir COLIN CAMPBELL, K. C. B. Lieut. Governor.
- THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE GOSPEL.
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The Right Rev. THE LORD BISHOP OF NOVA-SCOTIA

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- The Hon. T. N. JEFFERY.
- The Hon. C. R. PRESCOTT.
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At a meeting of the Standing Committee on Thursday, May 26th, the President of the Society in the chair, the following gentlemen were nominated and appointed as the

STANDING COMMITTEE OF REVISION

The Rev. Dr. WILLIS, Rector of St. Paul's, Halifax.
 The Rev. R. F. UNSACKE, Rector of St. George's, Halifax
 The Rev. A. D. PARKER, Rector of Dartmouth.
 The Rev. EDWIN GILPIN, Rector of Annapolis.
 The Rev. J. C. COCHRAN, Rector of Lunenburg.

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WILLIAM COGSWELL

Secretary

HALIFAX, May 26th, 1857.



