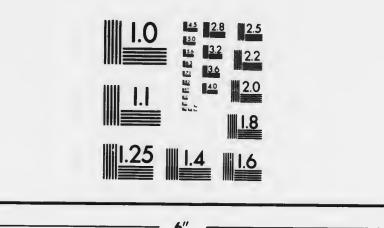
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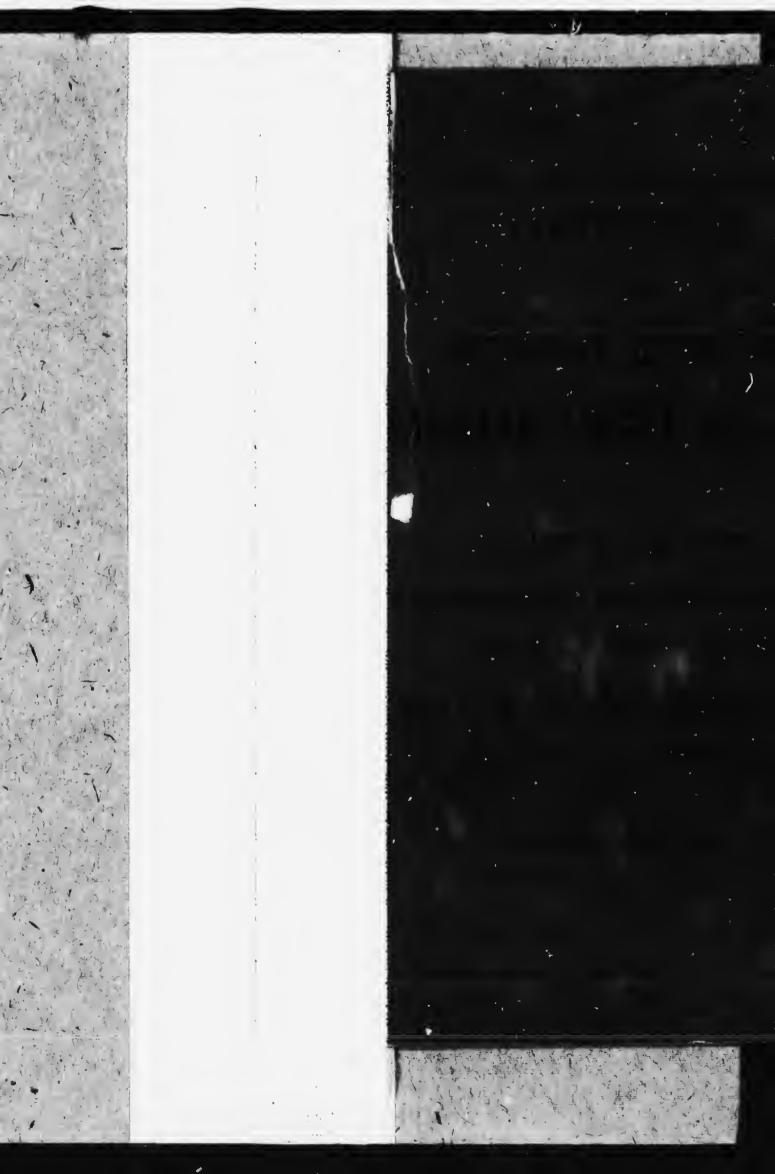
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CONSTITUTION

OF THE

WESLEYAN METHODIST SABBATH SCHOOL SOCIETY,

FOR THE

HALIFAX CIRCUIT,

In connection with the British Wesleyan Conference;

AS ADOPTED AT A PUBLIC MEETING,

HELD IN THE BRUNSWICK STREET CHAPEL,

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CONSTITUTION, &c.

ARTICLE I.

This Society shall consist of all persons paying annually Two Shillings and Six Pence, or upwards, in aid of its funds.

ARTICLE II.

The Anniversary of this Society shall be held, when practicable, on the last Thursday in May, with power,—

1st. To receive the Report of the Committee, and to sanction its publication.

2nd. To appoint a Treasurer, and a general Secretary, for the ensuing year, who shall be, ex officio, members of the Committee of Management.

3rd. To appoint at least twelve persons as members of a Committee of Management for the ensuing year; one-fourth of whom, at least, shall be teachers, members of the Wesleyan Methodist Church; one-half, subscribers, also members of the said Church; and the remainder, may be subscribers, not members of the said Church.

4th. To make any alterations in the Constitution of this Society, which may be originated and recommended by the Committee of Management. Provided, however, that no alterations shall be made, than such as tend to conform the

management of the Society and the Schools under its direction, to the system which now is, or from time to time, shall be, recommended by the said Conference.

ARTICLE III.

The management of this Society shall be vested in the Wesleyan Ministers of the Halifax Circuit, (the Superintendent Minister being President, and his Colleagues, Vice Presidents of the Society), the above named officers and members of Committee, with the Superintendents, Visitors, Librarians, and Local Secretaries of the Schools.

ARTICLE IV.

The Committee shall meet quarterly (and oftener if required by three of its members, with the concurrence of the President), and seven shall form a quorum for the transaction of business. It shall be the duty of the Committee,—

1st. Annually, at the first meeting in each calendar year, to appoint a Superintendent, one or more Visitors, and a sufficient number of Teachers to each School, under their management.

2nd. To change or remove any of the Officers or Teachers of the Schools, when deemed advisable or necessary.

3rd. To devise means for raising funds to purchase books, and other requisites for the Schools.

4th. To make an equitable appropriation of the funds, according to the circumstances of the respective Schools.

5th. To relinquish existing Schools, and establish new ones, as they may judge expedient, with the consent of the President.

6th. To fill up vacancies in their own body, when any such occur. And

7th. To exercise a vigilant and prudent control over, and aim at the efficient operation and extension of the Sabbath School system.

ARTICLE V.

There shall be a Monthly Teachers' Meeting for each School, consisting of the Superintendent, Visitors, and Teachers, at which meeting persons may be proposed and admitted as Teachers, until sanctioned or disallowed by the Committee. Arrangements shall be made to canvas for Scholars, and visit sick or absent scholars. The Teachers' Meetings shall have authority to make rules and regulations for their own proceedings, subject to the revisal of the Committee, as well as to recommend to the Committee such rules and regulations for the government of the Schools, as they may from time to time, deem advisable. Each Teachers' Meeting shall appoint a Librarian and a Local Secretary, from its own number. It shall be the duty of the Secretary,—

1st. To keep a record of the proceedings of each meeting, to be laid before the Committee at its next meeting.

2nd. To make minutes, under the direction of the Superintendent, of any interesting circumstances connected with the School, and renew the Class-books when necessary.

3rd. To give notice of the Monthly Teachers' Meetings.

4th. To report the state of the School to the Committee, when required.

The Librarian shall have charge of the Library, and other books used in the School, and shall superintend and keep account of their distribution.

ARTICLE VI.

There shall be a General Meeting of the Committee, and the members of the Teachers' Meetings, in January, April, July, and October; in order to converse on the state of the Schools,—to contribute for mutual edification, the result of individual experience and observation on methods of teaching,—to en-

courage each other to zeal and perseverance,—and to implore the Divine blessing upon their exertions.

ARTICLE VII.

The General Secretary shall attend the Meetings of the Committee and Society, and keep records of their proceedings. He shall give, or cause to be given, due notice of the periodical and special meetings of the Committee and Society. He shall sign all orders on the Treasurer for monies, under the direction of the Committee, and to his order only shall the Treasurer have authority to pay the monies of the Society.

ARTICLE VIII.

The Visitors shall attend the several Schools as often as practicable, and shall afford to the Superintendents and Teachers, such counsel and encouragement as may to them seem suitable. They shall report, at the meetings of the Committee, the result of their observations on the state of the Schools.

ARTICLE IX.

All Libraries, and other books connected with the Schools, shall be regarded as belonging to the Society, and shall be at the disposal of the Committee, for the benefit of the Schools generally. No book shall be purchased, or admitted as a Library or School Book, to which the Committee or Superintendent of the Circuit shall object, as unsuitable.

ARTICLE X.

No person shall be permitted to hold a situation as officer or member of the Committee, or of any Teachers' Meeting, whose moral character or religious opinions shall render him, in the judgment of the Committee, or the Quarterly Meeting of the Circuit, unfit for such situation.

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