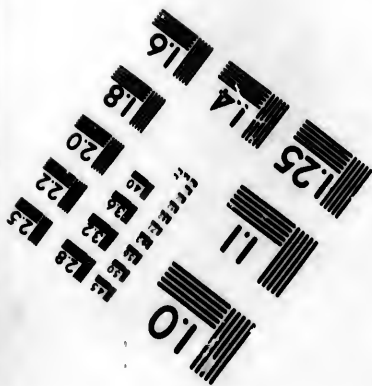
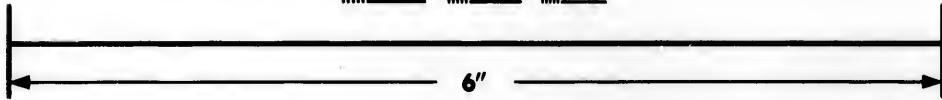
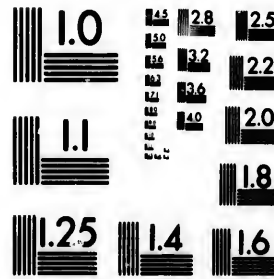


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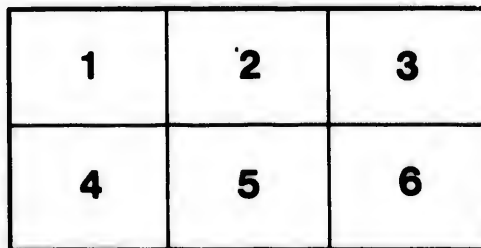
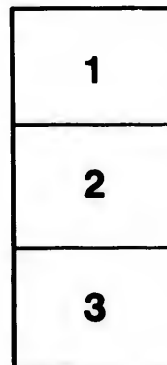
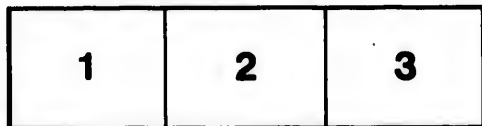
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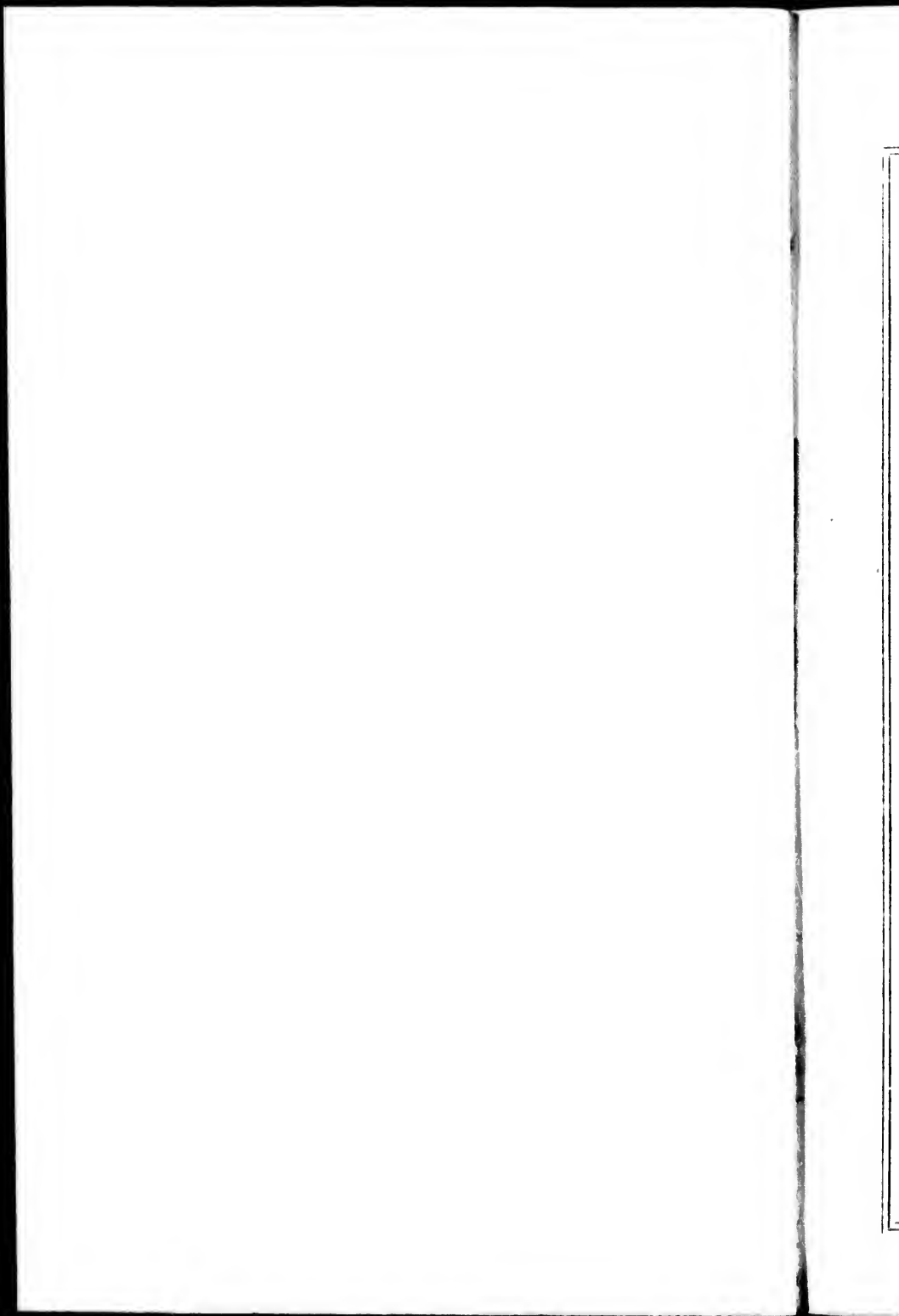
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CAP. XCIII.

An Act to Incorporate *The Mechanics' Institute of Montreal.*

[29th March, 1845.]

**W**HEREAS an Association hath been formed in Preamble.  
the City of Montreal, in this Province, by divers persons engaged as Mechanics and otherwise, resident in that City and the neighbourhood thereof, under the name of *The Mechanics' Institute of Montreal*, for the purpose of forming a Library and Reading Room, and of organizing a system of instruction by means of Lectures and Classes, for the use and benefit of those who are or may hereafter become members of the said Association; And whereas the persons hereinafter named Office-bearers of the said Association, acting in behalf of the members thereof, have by their Petition to the Legislature, represented that the said Association was originally founded in the year eighteen hundred and twenty-eight, with the object of affording instruction to its members in the principles of the Arts, and in the various branches of Science and useful knowledge, necessary or advantageous to the said Associates in their pursuits in life; And the Petitioners have further represented,

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that the benefits derivable from the said Association, would not only be secured, but be greatly enhanced, by the incorporation of the members thereof, and have prayed that they may be so incorporated; And whereas it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said Petitioners, subject to the provisions and enactments hereinafter made: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and intituled, *An Act to Re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, and for the Government of Canada*, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That John Ostell, Thomas McGinn, William Footner, William Telfer, Charles Garth, Andrew Cowan, George Dickenson, John Fletcher, William M. Milln, John Lambert, John Hilton, James Morice, William Watson, Charles Shrimpton, Donald M'Nevan, James Turner, John George, and Joseph Busby Bronsdon, with all such other persons as now are, or, being duly competent, may hereafter be associated with them for the purposes herein before mentioned, and their successors forever, shall be one Body Politic and Corporate, in deed and in name, by the name and style of *The Mechanics' Institute of Montreal*, and shall by that name have perpetual succession, and a Common Seal, and shall have power, from time to time, to alter, renew, or change such Common Seal at their pleasure, and shall by the same name, from time to time, and at all times hereafter, be able and capable to have, take, receive, purchase, acquire, hold, possess and enjoy, to them and their successors as aforesaid, to and for the uses and purposes of the said Corporation, any messuages, lands, tenements and hereditaments of what nature, kind or quality soever, situate, lying and being within this Province, not exceeding in yearly value the sum of one thousand pounds currency,—and also to take, receive, purchase, acquire, have, hold and possess, (provided the same do not exceed a like sum in yearly va-

Certain persons incorporated as the "Mechanics' Institute of Montreal."

Common Seal

Property.

lue) to and for the same uses and purposes, any goods, chattels, gifts, or benefactions whatsoever,— and shall and may, by the same name, be able and capable to sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, in all Courts of Law and places whatsoever, in all and singular actions, causes, pleas, suits, matters and demands whatsoever, in as large, ample and beneficial a manner and form as any other Body Politic and Corporate, or any persons able and capable in Law, may or can sue, implead, or answer, or be sued, impleaded, or answered, in any manner whatsoever.

Suing and being sued.

II. And be it enacted, That in all and every suit or suits in law, which may hereafter be instituted against the said Corporation, service of Process at the residence of the President or either of the Secretaries, shall be sufficient to compel the said Corporation to appear and plead to such suit or suits; any law, custom or usage to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

How Process shall be served on the Corporation.

III. And be it enacted, That for the management of the affairs of the said Corporation, there shall be elected, by the Members of the said Corporation, and by a majority of the votes of the Members present at the Special or Annual Meetings hereafter provided for, the following Officers,—a President, a First Vice-President, a Second Vice-President, a Third Vice-President, a Fourth Vice-President, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, a Librarian, and a Cabinet Keeper, as also twelve other Members, who, together with the Officers hereinbefore named, shall constitute and form the General Committee of the said Corporation, and at least one half of the said General Committee shall be elected from among the operative Mechanics then Members of the Corporation.

What Officers shall be appointed.

General Committee.

IV. And be it enacted, That the Annual Meeting for the election of the said Officers and Members to compose the said General Committee of the said

Annual elections of Officers and Members.

Proviso.

Corporation, shall be held at the place in which the usual meeting of the said Corporation are held, on the first Monday in November in each and every year: Provided always, that whenever the said first Monday in November shall happen on a Holiday or *Fête d'Obligation*, the said Annual Meeting shall take place in manner hereafter provided; and the said Officers and Members thereat elected, shall serve in the said offices during the year then next ensuing, and until others being elected in their stead shall enter upon the discharge of the duties of their offices as hereinafter provided; and if by reason of any matter or thing soever the election so to be had and made on the first Monday of November as aforesaid, shall be prevented, or shall not be had or made, then, and in every such case, it shall be competent to the Members of the said Corporation and their successors, or to the major part of such of them as may be present at a meeting to be called by the President or Vice-President for the time being, in the manner hereinafter prescribed, and held as soon after as shall be convenient, to proceed to and make the election of a President, Vice-Presidents, Secretaries, a Treasurer, a Librarian and Cabinet Keeper, and twelve of the Members, who, with the Officers aforesaid, shall constitute and form the General Committee as aforesaid, and the election so made shall be as valid and effectual as if they had been made on such first Monday in November: Provided always, that the President, Vice-Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurer, Librarian and Cabinet Keepers, with the twelve other Members aforesaid, to be elected at any general election of Officers under and by virtue of the provisions of this Act, shall not enter upon, nor act in the discharge of their respective offices, until the Monday next ensuing after such general election.

Proviso,—  
Members not  
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Present Offi-  
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V. And be it enacted, That until the first election of Officers shall take place as hereinafter provided, the present Officers of the said Association shall be and continue to be the Officers of the Corporation hereby created, and that the President, or, in his

absence from the City of Montreal, the First Vice-President of the said Corporation, shall within three months after the passing of this Act, cause notice to be given to such of the Members of the said Corporation as shall be then resident in the said City of Montreal, (by public advertisement, to be published ten days at least previously in one or more newspapers at Montreal,) to meet at the place in which the usual meetings of the said Corporation are held at such time as he shall, in and by such notice, appoint; and the said Members, or the major part of such of them as shall be then present, shall at the time so appointed, proceed to the election of a President, a First Vice-President, a Second Vice-President, a Third Vice-President, and a Fourth Vice-President, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, a Librarian and Cabinet Keeper, as also twelve other Members to form with the Officers aforesaid the General Committee of the said Corporation, and of such other Officers and servants as to them shall seem meet; which said Officers shall from the time of their election to their respective offices, continue therein until the first Monday of November then next ensuing, and from thenceforth until others be chosen in their places and shall enter upon the duties of their offices in the manner aforesaid.

First election.

Such Officers to continue in office until the first annual election.

VI. And be it enacted, That if at any time or times, it shall happen that any of the persons chosen to fill the said offices, respectively, or to be Members of the General Committee, shall die or be removed from the said offices, or resign, during the period for which they shall have been respectively elected, then in every such case it shall be lawful and competent for the remaining Officers and Members of the Committee, or the major part of such of them as may be present at any duly appointed meeting, to choose a Member or Members of the Corporation, to fill the office or offices so vacated or to be a Member or Members of the Committee: Provided always, that the person or persons who may be thus elected, shall retain the said office or offices, and be a Mem-

Mode of filling casual vacancies in the offices of Committee.

Proviso

ber or Members of the Committee only until the Officer or Officers, Member or Members, in whose place he or they shall have been appointed would have gone out of office.

Who shall be Members of the Corporation.

Ordinary Members.

Corresponding Members.

Honorary Members.

VII. And be it enacted, That the said Corporation shall consist of an indefinite number of Ordinary, Corresponding and Honorary Members, all of whom shall be chosen according to the forms and under the restrictions and conditions hereinafter prescribed; the Ordinary Members being those who shall pay and contribute to the funds of the said Corporation, such annual subscription as may, from time to time, be enacted by the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the said Corporation; the Corresponding Members being those who reside at a distance from the City of Montreal, but who shall have no vote at any of the meetings of the said Corporation, and shall not be eligible to any of the offices thereof; and the Honorary Members being those only who being distinguished for their scientific attainments, shall be admitted, without payment, to all the privileges enjoyed by Ordinary Members, except the right of voting at the election of the said General Committee.

How Members shall be proposed and admitted.

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Three fourths of the Members present requisite to an election. Quorum necessary.

VIII. And be it enacted, That all propositions for the election of new Members of the said Corporation, whether Ordinary, Corresponding or Honorary Members, shall be made in writing, at an ordinary meeting of the General Committee, by a Member thereof, and seconded, in writing, by another Member thereof; and the name of the person so proposed, together with those of the proposer and seconder, shall be placed in some conspicuous part of the room or place where the meetings of the said Corporation are usually held, and shall there remain until the next Ordinary, General, or Annual Meeting of the said Corporation, at which time the election on the said proposal shall take place: Provided always, that the affirmative votes of three-fourths of the Members present at any such Meeting of the Corporation, shall be requisite for the due election of any such Member, and the Quorum necessary at any

such meeting to render it competent to proceed to the election of any Ordinary Member shall be ten ; for a Corresponding Member, twelve ; and for an Honorary Member, sixteen.

IX. And be it enacted, That at all Ordinary Meetings of the said General Committee, seven Members shall be a competent *Quorum* to proceed to all the usual business of the said Committee, except in such cases as are herein otherwise specially provided for ; and whatever question, matter, or thing shall be proposed, discussed or considered at any such meeting, or any other meeting of the said Committee or of the said Corporation, shall be finally determined by the majority of votes of the Members present at such meeting, except as herein otherwise provided for.

*Quorum* at meetings of the Committee or of the Corporation.

X. And be it enacted, That the said Corporation and the said General Committee of the said Corporation may hold extraordinary meetings, to be called and summoned in such manner and form as may be fixed by the By-Laws of the Corporation : Provided always, that such extraordinary meetings of the Corporation shall not be competent to proceed to the business to be submitted to the said meeting, unless fifteen Members thereof are present, nor such extraordinary meetings of the Committee unless there be seven Members present.

Committee may hold extraordinary meetings.

Proviso as to *Quorum*.

XI. And be it enacted, That the said Corporation shall, from time to time, for ever hereafter, have power to make, constitute, ordain, and establish, repeal, alter or amend, such By-Laws, Rules and Regulations (not being contrary to this Act or to law) as they shall judge proper for the mode of election of the said General Committee ; for prescribing their functions and the mode of discharging the same ; for the admission of new Members ; for the government of the Officers and Members of the Corporation ; for prescribing the amount, collecting, and appointing the time of payment of the annual contributions of the Ordinary Members to the funds thereof ; for re-

Corporation may make By-Laws for certain purposes.

gulating the times and places, and mode of summoning of the ordinary and extraordinary meetings of the said Corporation, or of the General Committee; for suspending or expelling such Members as shall neglect or refuse to comply with the By-Laws and Regulations; and generally for the managing or directing of the affairs and concerns of the said Corporation: Provided always, that no such By-Law, Rule or Regulation, or any repeal, amendment or alteration thereof, shall have effect, unless the same shall have been announced and read at a meeting of the General Committee, at least fourteen days previous to its being submitted for the adoption thereof by the said Corporation, at a meeting at which at least fifteen Members shall be present, nor unless the same shall be adopted at such last mentioned meeting, by at least three-fourths of the Members then present.

Proviso,—as to the mode of passing such By-Laws.

Corporation may be required to give statements of its receipts and expenditures.

Statements of its property to be laid annually before the Legislature.

Present Property and liabilities of the Association transferred to the Corporation.

XII. And be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Governor, or person administering the Government of the Province for the time being, or for any or either Branches of the Provincial Parliament, from time to time, to require from the said Corporation, or from the General Committee thereof, true statements under oath (which oath any Justice of the Peace is hereby authorized to administer) of the receipts and expenditure of the said Corporation; and a statement of the real and personal Estate held and enjoyed by the said Corporation, shall be laid before each Branch of the Provincial Legislature, within fifteen days after the opening of each Session thereof.

XIII. And be it enacted, That the property, real and personal, now held by the Association hereby incorporated, or by any party in trust for them, shall be and is hereby vested in the said Corporation, which shall be responsible for all debts and obligations of the said Association, and may recover and enforce all claims and obligations in favor thereof.

XIV. And be it enacted, That no Member of the said Corporation, shall, in his private or natural capacity, be liable for any debt or obligation contracted by the said Corporation.

Members not to be individually liable.

XV. And be it enacted, That nothing in the present Act contained shall affect, or be construed to affect in any manner or way whatsoever, the Rights of Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, or of any person or persons, or of any Body Politic or Corporate, such only excepted as are herein mentioned.

Saving of rights not expressly affected.

XVI. And be it enacted, That this Act shall be held and considered to be a public Act, and as such be judicially taken notice of, held and considered, in all Courts of Justice, and by all Judges and Justices of the Peace, and by all others whom it may concern, without being specially pleaded.

This Act be a public Act.



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## MECHANICS' INSTITUTE OF MONTREAL.

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I. The object contemplated in the formation of an Institute under the above title, is the association of Mechanics and others for their mutual improvement in the Arts and Sciences, and the promotion, by every means in their power, of a knowledge of Natural and Experimental Philosophy.

Objects of Institute, &c.

II. For the purpose of carrying these objects into effect, it is proposed to establish a Library of Reference and Circulation, Elementary Schools and Classes, a Reading Room and Museum. Lectures on the Arts and Sciences shall also be delivered whenever practicable.

Library, Schools, &c.

III. To facilitate the attainment of the above-stated objects, it is hereby declared that the Mechanics' Institute of Montreal shall have a Patron, and shall consist of a President, four Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, two Secretaries, a Librarian and Cabinet Keeper, and twelve Members, to be called the Committee of Management, and of an indefinite number of Ordinary, Honorary, and Corresponding Members.

Officers, &c.

IV. The term "Ordinary Members" shall be understood to include Life and Annual Members.

Ordinary Members.

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Patron.

V. The Patron shall be a resident of the Province.

Annual Mem-  
bers only eli-  
gible to office.

VI. All the Officers shall be elected from amongst the Annual Members.

Admission of  
Members.

VII. The admission of New Members shall take place agreeably to the terms of the 5th clause of the Act of Incorporation ; and persons so admitted, shall, on receiving a Card and subscribing to the following Declaration, be Members of the Corporation :—

“ I, — — —, of — — —, do hereby promise to keep and observe all and every the Rules and Regulations of this Institute, of which I have been elected a Member, and that I will use all reasonable means to advance the interests of the same.”

Members to  
produce cards

VIII. No Member shall be admitted either to the Rooms or the meetings of the Institute, unless he produce his Card, if required to do so.

Penalty for  
lending cards.

IX. Any Member lending his Card for the purpose of introducing a person not a Member, shall be fined two skillings and sixpence, and shall be excluded from all the privileges of the Institute until the fine be paid.

Correspon-  
ding Mem-  
bers.

X. No person shall be admitted a Corresponding Member who shall reside within ten miles of the city of Montreal. Annual Members removing beyond the above-named limit, shall, upon application to the Secretary, be ranked as Corresponding Members ; and Corresponding Members coming to reside within the said limits, shall, upon like application, and signing the Rules, &c., be admitted as Ordinary Members.

XI. Corresponding Members, upon a temporary visit to Montreal, shall be entitled to all the privileges of the Institute, except voting. Privileges of corresponding Members.

XII. The manner of electing officers shall be as follows, viz:—The members being convened agreeably to the 4th Clause of the Act of Incorporation, the chair being taken, printed balloting lists filled up with the titles of the officers required to be elected shall be handed to all the members present qualified to vote, who shall first insert the name of the candidate they propose for *President*. A *second* list shall then be filled up and handed in for the *Vice-Presidents*, *Secretaries*, *Treasurer*, *Librarian*, *Cabinet Keeper*; and a *third* list shall then be filled with such names as they shall think proper to be a *Committee*. The lists so filled up shall be delivered to the *Chairman* in the order above stated, who shall, in their presence, deposit the same in the balloting box. The ballot being closed, the *Chairman* shall appoint three *Scrutineers*, not members of the *Committee*, who shall proceed to cast up the number of votes, and report the same in writing to the *Chairman*, who shall announce the result to the *Members* assembled. Election of Officers.

XIII. In any case wherein there shall be an equality of votes, lots shall be prepared by the *Scrutineers* and drawn by the *Chairman*. Equality of votes.

XIV. The *Secretary* shall cause a list of the *Life* and *Annual Members* to be placed in the *Lecture Room* on the evening of election, and another list to be kept in the *Reading Room* at all times. Lists to be prepared.

Apprentices  
not eligible.

XV. No Apprentice, or Member under the age of twenty-one years, shall be eligible to office, or allowed to vote.

Officers elec-  
ted to be noti-  
fied.

XVI. The Recording Secretary shall, within three days after election, notify the different Officers or their having been elected; and in case of any person who has been elected, refusing to serve, the person having the next greatest number of votes shall be declared duly elected; and so on.

Duties of Offi-  
cers.

XVII. The President shall take the Chair at all meetings of the Institute, and shall keep order. He shall in all cases appoint Special Committees, and in any division where the number of votes shall be equal, except at the election of Officers, he shall have a casting vote. In the absence of the President, the Vice-Presidents, in their order, shall take the Chair, or, in their absence, such member of the Committee as the meeting may appoint. In any case, the person in the Chair, during the time of his presiding, shall have all the power of the President.

Treasurer.

XVIII. All the monies shall be deposited with the Treasurer of the Institute, who shall keep a book of accounts wherein shall be entered all receipts and disbursements, which book shall be laid upon the table of the Committee at any of their meetings, if required.

Drafts to be  
signed and  
counter-  
signed.

XIX. All payments on account of the Institute, shall be made by drafts upon the Treasurer, which shall be signed by one of the Secretaries and counter-signed by the President or a Vice-President.

XX. The Treasurer shall furnish such security as the Committee may require, for the due and faithful performance of the duties of his office. Treasurer to furnish security.

XXI. The Recording Secretary shall attend all Ordinary or Special Meetings of the Institute, and the Meetings of the Committee of Management, record all the proceedings in books kept for that purpose, issue such notices and advertisements as may be required, and make all disbursements under the direction of the Committee. Secretaries.

XXII. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct all the correspondence of the Institute. Correspondence.

XXIII. The General Committee shall make Rules for the management of the Library, Reading Room, Museum, Lectures, Classes, &c. &c. General Committee.

XXIV. They shall also make Rules for their own proceedings, not contrary to the General Rules of the Institute or to the Act of Incorporation, and shall decide all doubts and difficulties not herein provided for, and generally shall have the care, superintendance and control of the funds, property and proceedings of the Institute. They shall appoint a Superintendent and such other Sub-Officers as they deem necessary, with suitable salaries. They shall also have the power to discharge any servant of the Institute. Sub-Committees shall be appointed from the General Committee, for the dispatch of business, but their decision shall not be considered final, unless confirmed by the General Committee. Sub Committees.

XXV. Three-fourths of the Committee, not less than eight being present, may suspend any Member from the privileges of the Institute, or expel him for Power to suspend or expel Members.

improper conduct, by an order entered on their minutes, reserving to such Member the right of appeal to the next General Meeting.

General Meetings.

XXVI. There shall be one General Meeting of the Institute in every year, which shall be held as the Act of Incorporation directs. At every General Meeting, business shall commence at 7 o'clock, p. m. precisely.

Admission of Honorary Members.

XXVII. It shall be in the power of the Annual Meeting to admit, as Honorary Members, any gentlemen who may be recommended to that privilege by the Committee, on the ground of valuable services rendered to the Institute.

Votes—how to be taken.

XXVIII. All voting at General Meetings shall be in the first instance by show of hands, except when a ballot is demanded by ten Members.

Divisions.

XXIX. If upon a show of hands it shall appear to the Chairman or any three Members doubtful on which side the majority is, he or they may demand a division. If any doubt shall still remain, the Chairman shall appoint tellers whose certificate shall be conclusive.

Special Meetings, &c.

XXX. Special Meetings of the Institute shall be called by order of the President, at any time, on the requisition in writing of any five of the Committee, or any twenty-five of the Members. Such requisition shall contain a statement of the objects of the intended meeting, and shall be sent to the Secretary, who shall give due notice thereof.

Ordinary Meetings.

XXXI. Ordinary Meetings shall be held on the second and fourth Mondays of each month throughout the year, at the usual hour.

XXXII. The following shall be the order of business observed at each yearly General Meeting, viz. : Order of Business at General Meetings.

—The following report shall be presented to the meeting: Of the total amount of all monies received since the last meeting. Of the total amount of all monies expended. Of the balance in hand. Of all donations, whether money or other things, and the names of the donors. The number of New Members since the last meeting. Of the number of persons who have ceased to pay their subscriptions. Of the total number of Members. And of all other matters which the Committee may be desirous to communicate. The Secretary shall read the propositions, if any, for altering the rules; and the meeting shall discuss, adopt, or reject all such propositions.

XXXIII. The General Committee shall meet regularly at such stated times as may be found necessary to transact all the ordinary business of the Institute. Committee Meetings.

All questions arising at such Committee Meetings shall be disposed of in the regular manner, viz. : show of hands, division, &c. And any question so disposed of shall be placed upon the records of the Institute. After which, discussion shall not be allowed respecting such question. Neither shall any question so recorded be reconsidered, or altered in any way, except after due notice given at a previous meeting, stating the grounds upon which such reconsideration or alteration is desired. Or, under pressing circumstances, by consent of the proposer and seconder of the motion or question so to be reconsidered or altered.

XXXIV. The Library shall consist of two distinct Library. branches, viz. A Library of Reference and a Library of



Circulation. The Committee shall have the power of purchasing and exchanging Books, Pictures, Statues, and Apparatus, and establishing such regulations as they may deem necessary, for affording the Members the freest use thereof, consistent with their safe keeping and general convenience. All purchases made as above stated, shall have special reference to the objects of the Institute.

Lectures. XXXV. The Courses of Lectures shall be under the direction of the Committee, and shall be announced by a paper being put up in the public rooms of the Institute. But no Lecture shall be permitted the obvious tendency of which would be inconsistent with the objects of the Institute.

Classes. XXXVI. Every Member desirous of becoming a Pupil in any of the Classes that may be formed, shall give notice in writing to the Secretary stating the Class he intends to join.

Subscription of Ordinary Members. XXXVII. The following shall be the Rates of Subscription, viz. :—

- Merchants, Master Mechanics, &c. .... 15s. per an.
- Journeymen Mechanics, Clerks, &c., ..... 10s.   “
- Apprentices, ..... 5s.   “

Subscription of Life Members. Any person subscribing Ten Pounds in money, or making a Donation of Books, Philosophical Apparatus or Instruments, approved of and valued by the Committee to the amount of Twelve Pounds Ten Shillings, shall be entitled to be proposed a Life Member.

Corresponding Members. XXXVIII. Corresponding Members shall be admitted without the payment of any Fee or Subscription.

XXXIX. The financial year shall commence on the first day of November of each year, and the tickets of the Annual Members shall be renewable on and after that day. Persons, admitted after the first six months of the financial year shall pay half the subscription according to class.

Financial year.

XL. Any Member may, by permission of the Committee, at reasonable times inspect, extract, or copy any minutes, accounts, or the documents belonging to the Institute.

Inspection of minutes, accounts, &c.

XLI. No Religious or Political discussion shall take place at any meeting, class, or in any other department of the Institute.

Religious and political discussion prohibited.

XLII. The Rules and Regulations of the Institute, while in force shall be equally binding upon the officers and all the members.

Rules, &c. binding.

XLIII. Alterations of, or additions to the By-Laws, Rules, &c. which may appear necessary from time to time, may be made only, by a General Meeting convened for that purpose, or at the Annual Meeting.

Alterations of By-Laws, &c.

