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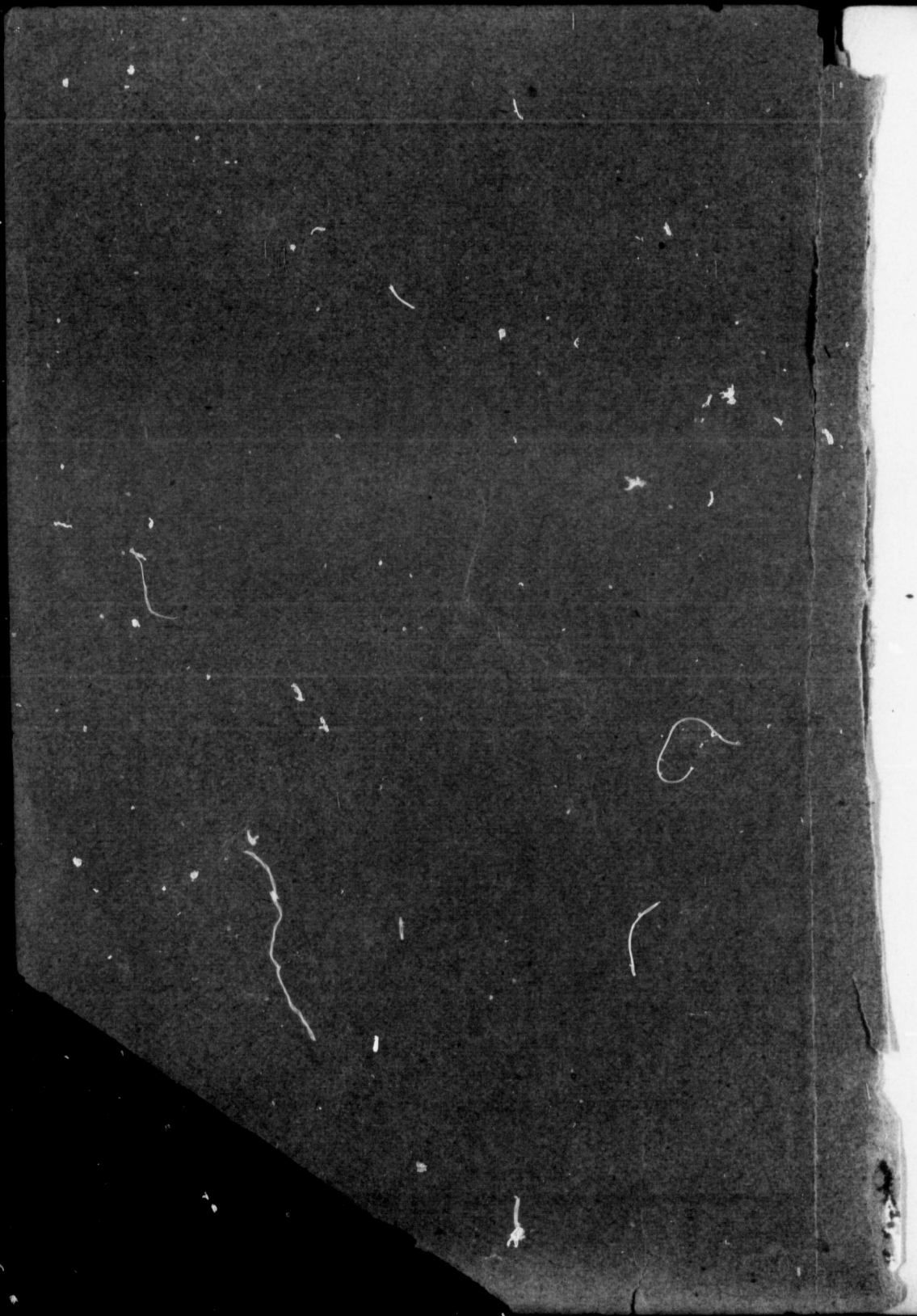


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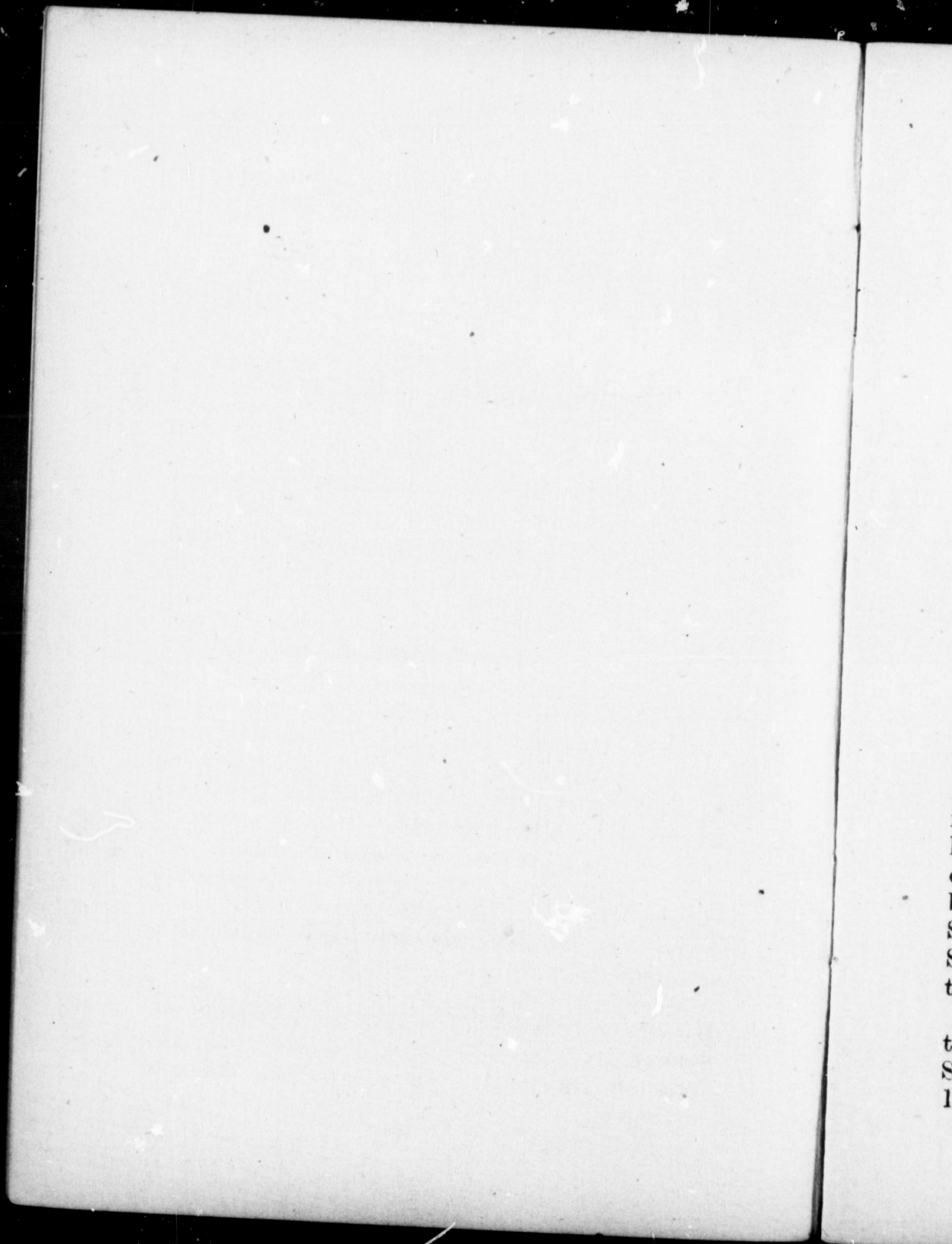
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The above constitute the Executive Committee.

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Looking over the results of the four years' work just closed, we feel that there is great reason to "thank God and take courage." From the outset God has blessed our efforts and made them the means of strengthening weak churches, opening up new mission fields, and leading sinners to Christ.

During the year just closed, considerable work was done in and around the city. A mission was established at NORTH TORONTO under the care of brethren Hunter, A. E. Haines, Doolittle, and Arthur. No hall being available for public worship in that locality, they conducted service in private houses. The attendance was not large, averaging only thirteen. Good work was done by the brethren in going from house to house every Sunday afternoon, sowing the seeds of divine truth. Some were made anxious about their souls' salvation, and one professed faith in Christ.

Work was also begun at the south-west end of the city, in what is now known as the TECUMSETH STREET MISSION. The work was begun on the 13th of December. There were six students

appointed to this field, viz.: Brethren Anderson, Jackson Williams, E. J. Haines, Morphy, and Brown. They began their work by gathering in the children from the streets and lanes in that part of the city, and forming them into a Sabbath School. The work was begun with fourteen boys and girls, but the number steadily increased until about seventy were enrolled. Three Baptists living in the vicinity joined the students, and rendered much valuable assistance. At the close of the college term the work was handed over to the Alexander Street Church, and has gone on steadily increasing. It is now a flourishing mission under the care of brother Abbott, and promises soon to become a self-sustaining Baptist Church. During the labors of our missionaries there, two professed conversion.

The Society was applied to by the diaconate of the Alexander Street Church for assistance in working the SACKVILLE ST. MISSION. In response to this call, brethren Haviland and Sowter were appointed to the work. After laboring for two weeks a contingent came from the Eastern Avenue Mission and offered to take charge of the work permanently. This offer being accepted our missionaries were withdrawn.

Brethren Maxfield and Cameron were appointed to assist the brethren from Jarvis Street in work in ST. JOHN'S WARD. They labored there for several weeks with good results. This mission is still being carried on by the Jarvis Street Church.

In addition to the foregoing stations in the city, the Society occupied several outlying stations

during the winter. BRIGHTON.—This field was taken under the care of the Society two years ago, and was occupied during the summer of 1884 by brother J. B. Kennedy with good results. The field was considered worthy of the Society's continued support, and during the winter months a supply was sent to preach each Lord's Day. The congregations were large, and much interest was manifested in the preaching of the Word. During Christmas vacation, brethren Sheldon and Fraser held special meetings. The afternoon prayer meetings were blessed to the building up of God's people and the awakening of the unsaved, and some were led to accept of Christ. In May last this field was taken under the care of the Home Mission Board, with brother Sheldon as pastor, in whose hands the work of the Lord is prospering.

Early in January the Society sent two missionaries, brethren Chandler and Mellick, to BRONTE. They found the cause very low and considerable discord among the brethren. At first the congregations were very small, but earnest work on the part of our missionaries resulted in the restoration of harmony, and the interest steadily increased. During the past summer brother Mann occupied the field under appointment from the Home Mission Board, and nine were added to the church by baptism.

Brother Garside was appointed by the Society to labor at PORT PERRY. The cause here, as on most of the other fields occupied by our men, was found in a very low state. He spent six Sabbaths on the field, during which time the congregations

were considerably increased and the church much encouraged. Brother Tapscott being appointed to the field by the Home Mission Board, our missionary withdrew. Some mission work was also performed under the Society, at *Aurora*, *Everslay*, *South Arthur*, and *Schomberg*.

The Society sent out two missionaries during the summer vacation. Brother Garside was sent to PORT ARTHUR, where he arrived on May 28th. In his report, brother G. says: "There had been no Baptist service in the town before I arrived. My first work was to find out the Baptists. Before Sunday I was able to make the acquaintance of about a dozen. The town had grown so rapidly that the people were not very well acquainted with each other, hence the only way to discover the Baptists was by patient, persistent, personal visitation. Before the vacation ended I found in and about the town thirty-four members of Baptist churches.

The moral state of the town was by no means good. The ten thousand men employed on the eastern section of the C. P. R. drew part of their supplies from the town, and visited it occasionally, many of them to spend their earnings in liquor. Dozens of drunken men might often be seen on the streets.

"Our meetings were fairly attended. We preached in the town hall; the congregations ranged from thirty-five to one hundred and fifty. Prayer meetings were held at the houses of the members during the week. Earnestness was manifested by many who came. Two, I have

reason to believe, trusted Christ ; others professed, about whom I am still in doubt."

Much valuable work was done in the way of visiting outlying districts, distributing tracts and denominational literature, and out-door preaching. A church was organized with fourteen members, to which two were afterwards added. There are still eighteen Baptists there who have not yet united with the church. In concluding his report our missionary says : "The great need of the town is an earnest, warm-hearted, clear-headed gospel preacher.

The preacher taking this town as a base of operations may win another district to the Baptist cause, and earn for himself the veritable title of 'Bishop of Algoma.'"

Brother C. E. Lee was our missionary to GRAVENHURST, and arrived on the field May 3rd. Preparations having been made, service was held in Orange Hall on the Sunday following. A careful search resulted in the finding of eight Baptists in the town of Bracebridge. There was a small church organized at Gravenhurst by brother Lambert some months before the arrival of our missionary. A Sunday School was organized with eight present. This soon increased to fifty, and the interest continued until the close of his labors there. About the first of August the brethren began to consider the importance of erecting a place of worship. A suitable piece of ground was secured and work commenced. On the 27th of September a neat little chapel, capable of seating about 175 persons, was finished, ready for

use, and free of debt. Eleven were added to the church during the labors of our missionary, seven by baptism and four by experience. In closing his report, our missionary says: "It is a field that stands ready for the sickle, being ripe unto the harvest. In leaving Gravenhurst we part with people who are kind, hospitable, and generous.

In reviewing the work of the past summer, we realize what reason there is for devout thankfulness to our Heavenly Father who giveth us the increase."

Since the close of vacation both fields occupied by us during the summer have been taken up by the Home Mission Board, and are now supplied with pastors.

Thus we see that in every place where our missionaries have labored, God has blessed their efforts. This should inspire us with yet stronger determination to "go up and possess *all* the land, for we are able."

W. W. WEEKS,

Recording Secretary.


AIM OF THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF McMASTER HALL.

The Society has two objects in view :

1. It endeavors to realize the thought implied in the words of Christ, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." It seeks to come into responsive sympathy with the Master in the largeness of this thought by becoming thoroughly familiar with the needs of men at home and abroad ; by considering and digesting them ; by united and fervent prayer that the Master may fit its members for the supplying of these needs, and may bless and make efficient the efforts of all organizations and persons doing missionary service ; and by engaging in practical work in the mission field. In all these respects the Society seeks for its members the most thorough preparation for service in the gospel ministry.
2. In seeking to accomplish this aim the Society is now organized with a view of becoming the medium through which the College can efficiently do its work in developing and fostering a true active missionary spirit in its faculty and students ; in placing all the members of the College in sympathetic and active relation to the churches in their organized efforts to publish the gospel ; in securing in the students a practical knowledge of

the best methods of doing the Master's work, and developing tact and power in applying this knowledge; and in awakening the students to a full realization of the present condition of the world as the field of missionary sympathy and effort, of the progress of the Redeemer's Kingdom in all parts of the world, and the obligations resting upon them as servants of Christ to become efficient helpers in the advancement of the Lord's work in the earth.

3. In doing its work the Society will not in any way encroach upon the province and work of existing organizations of the denomination, but seeks rather to be used by these organizations in harmony with their own constitutions and methods of carrying forward their work.



CONSTITUTION.

(Amended December, 1885.)

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This Society shall be called "THE FYFE MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF MCMASTER HALL."

ARTICLE II.—PURPOSE.

Its purpose shall be the fostering of the missionary spirit, and the doing of missionary work at home and abroad.

ARTICLE III.—SPHERE.

The sphere of the operations of the Society shall be :—

1. In Home Missions, during the college session, principally needy places in Toronto and vicinity ; and during the summer months it shall aim to have all its members doing missionary work (1) as far as possible through existing missionary organizations of the denomination in the Dominion, and (2) by carrying the gospel to neglected places not already provided for by the Home Missionary Conventions or Boards.

2. In Foreign Missions, the sustaining through the Foreign Missionary Boards of the denomination in the Dominion of at least two native preachers, either in the course of preparation or in the field.

3.* In the College, one day shall be devoted each month to the following:—United prayer for missionaries and missions; the discussion of missionary information, Home and Foreign; the reception and discussion of reports of all missionary work done by members of the Society, and the transaction of all necessary business, as may be assigned and determined by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IV.--MEMBERSHIP.

The Society shall be composed of the members of the Faculty, the students of the College, and such other persons as the Society shall from time to time elect. The secretaries and missionary superintendents of the several Mission Boards of the denomination in the Dominion shall be members *ex officio* of the Society.

ARTICLE V.—OFFICERS.

1. The officers of the Society shall be elected at the annual meeting, and shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and a Treasurer. The President of the College shall be *ex officio* President of the Society, and the Vice-President shall be chosen from among the students of the college.

2. If at any time an officer should be unable to perform his duties, the Society may declare his office vacant, and proceed to elect a successor.

3. The Executive Committee shall consist of three members chosen from the members of the Faculty, and six from the students of the College; and the Missionary Superintendents and Secretaries of the several Mission Boards of the denomination in the Dominion shall be entitled *ex officio* to sit and act upon the Executive as members thereof. The Executive thus composed shall include the officers of the Society, and the President of

* During the present year this day will fall on the third Friday in each month, except April, when the exact time will be fixed by the Executive Committee.

the Society shall be its chairman. Five members of the Committee shall be a quorum.

ARTICLE VI.—DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

1. The President of the Society shall preside at all public meetings, and at one session at least of the meetings on the monthly missionary day of the college.
2. The Vice-President shall preside whenever requested by the President, and also in his absence, and at all business meetings of the Society.
3. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep an accurate account of the proceedings of the Society and of the Executive Committee; to issue all notices necessary for each meeting; to make up the roll of the Society at the close of the year; to take charge of all records and documents belonging to the Society; to make an annual report of the Society's work, and such other reports as the Society may require.
4. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to conduct all correspondence and prepare all papers and documents that have reference to the relation of the Society to the public.
5. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all moneys given to the Society, and disburse the same upon the order of the Executive Committee, signed by the President, or, in his absence, the Recording Secretary. He shall also submit a yearly report at the annual meeting.
6. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee:
(1) to originate plans of work for the Society during the college session; (2) to receive and dispose of applications for missionary service by members of the Society; (3) to collect missionary information from both the Home and Foreign Fields; (4) to arrange for and direct all exercises pertaining to the monthly missionary day of the college, and give timely notice of the same; (5) to execute all plans adopted by the Society within the financial limits

which the Society may fix; (6) to present an oral or written report of its transactions at the monthly missionary meeting; and (7) to perform such other special duties as the Society may from time to time impose upon the Committee.

Applications by churches for temporary pulpit supplies shall be received and disposed of by the President of the College at his discretion.

ARTICLE VII.—ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election of officers shall be by nomination and by ballot.

ARTICLE VIII.—AMENDMENTS.

No alteration or amendment shall be made in the above Constitution unless by a two-thirds vote at a regular business meeting, notice of the proposed alteration having been given at previous monthly meeting and posted at least one week previous to action on the same.



BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.—MEETINGS.

1. One public meeting at least shall be held each session in the interests of the Society. A collection shall be taken up at the close, to be appropriated according to the wishes of the Society.
2. A special business meeting may be called at any time by the Executive Committee or by the President at the written request of any three members on two days' notice, the business of the meeting being stated in the notice.
3. The Annual Meeting shall be held in the third week in October, the day of the meeting to be determined by the Executive Committee.
4. Due notice of the meetings of the Executive Committee shall be posted by the Secretary on the bulletin board of the College.

ARTICLE II.—FUNDS.

1. No public canvass shall be made for funds, but the work of the Society shall be sustained by (1) the proceeds of public meetings, (2) contributions from any mission field under the direct control and charge of the Society, (3) contributions from individuals interested in the work of the Society.
2. Moneys received for special objects shall be devoted strictly to the objects indicated by the donors.
3. The President shall appoint two members of the Society to audit the books and report of the Treasurer at least two days before the annual meeting.

ARTICLE III.—ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Devotional exercises.
2. Reading of Minutes.
3. Communications received.
4. Reports of Committees.
5. Business arising out of the Minutes.
6. Unfinished business.
7. New business.

ARTICLE IV.—QUORUM.

Fifteen members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at both regular and special meetings of the Society.

ARTICLE V.—AMENDMENTS.

No alteration or amendment shall be made in these by-laws unless by a two-thirds vote at a regular business meeting, notice of the proposed alteration having been given at a previous monthly meeting and posted at least one week previous to action on the same.



TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from Dr. McVicar, Treasurer, 1883-4 ..	\$167 79
M. N., Toronto	10 00
Funds at disposal of Faculty	577 50
Baptist Church, Smith Line, Ont.	5 00
Rev. Dr. Clarke	10 00
G. R. Roberts	1 00
Collection at Annual Meeting	25 00
L. J. Beemer	5 00
Rev. Dr. Castle	10 00
H. A. Gibson	50
J. Dryden, M.P.P.	5 00
Sundry Subscriptions per J. H. Doolittle	15 00
Rev. Dr. Newman	5 00
C. J. Holman	5 00
Rev. Dr. McVicar	12 00
Mr. A.	16 00
Mr. B.	10 00
Mr. C.	20 00
J. L. Gilmour	5 00
H. J. Haviland	2 50
G. E. Morphy	5 00
S. Sheldon	5 00
J. H. Doolittle	2 00
Mr. D.	8 00
D. M. McLennan	10 00
T. S. McCall	5 70
Port Arthur per R. Garside	95 90
S. H. Cain	5 00
J. G. Brown	5 00
W. C. Weir	10 00
C. C. Maxfield	5 00

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A. T. Sowerby.....	5 00
T. C. Sowter.....	5 00
J. R. Jackson.....	5 00
A. Dewar.....	2 00
R. H. Munro.....	2 00
A. McNeil.....	5 00
J. W. Kelly.....	2 00
J. H. Hunter.....	5 00
A. Burwash.....	4 00
H. G. Fraser.....	3 00

\$1,101 89

1,000 67

Cash Balance..... \$101 22

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid J. H. Doolittle for work in Manitoba 1883-4	46 05
" H. G. Fraser " " " "	66 05
" T. C. Sowter for work in Eversley.....	5 00
" A. R. McDonald for work in Schomberg...	5 00
" J. H. Doolittle for box and hymn-books...	2 70
" J. H. Doolittle for work in North Toronto	20 00
" J. W. Kelly for work in Arthur.....	11 00
" C. E. Lee for work in Oshawa.....	103 00
" E. F. Jorden for work in Manitoba.....	46 05
" P. H. Anderson hall rent S. W. Mission...	50 00
" C. W. Williams supplies for S. W. Mission	4 42
" T. S. McCall expenses to Woodstock Con- vention.....	4 35
" J. W. Kelly for services, winter.....	15 00
" A. Chandler " " " "	6 00
" C. W. Williams " " " "	25 20
" J. W. Mana " " " "	8 70
" S. J. Arthur, " " " "	13 75
" C. S. Sterns " " " "	19 90
" T. C. Sowter " " " "	8 50
" P. H. Anderson " " " "	20 00
" F. C. Judd " " " "	4 00
" G. Chandler " " " "	25 00

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" A. McNeil for services, winter.....	10 00
" J. R. Jackson " "	25 00
" J. H. Doolittle " "	3 00
" A. Dewar " "	6 00
" W. C. Weir " "	3 00
" S. H. Cain for work in Manitoba . . .	16 05
" S. H. Cain for services, winter.....	6 00
" G. E. Morphy " "	12 50
" H. J. Haviland " "	2 50
" J. L. Gilmour " "	6 00
" A. E. Haines for hymn books North City Mission.....	40
" A. E. Haines for services, winter.....	6 25
" H. G. Mellick " "	10 00
" J. H. Hunter " "	10 00
" S. Sheldon " "	36 65
" J. G. Brown " "	20 00
" C. C. Manfield " "	8 75
" T. S. McCall " "	5 70
" Bill for Printing.....	11 50
" R. Garside for services, winter.....	13 50
" R. Garside summer work	136 50
" E. J. Haines for services, winter	22 20
" T. S. McCall expenses attending funeral of the late D. J. McGillivray.....	7 50
" H. G. Fraser for services winter.....	3 00
" C. Lee summer work	100 00
" R. Garside for rent and light, summer work	9 00

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State of the Treasury at the end of the year, November 20th, 1885:

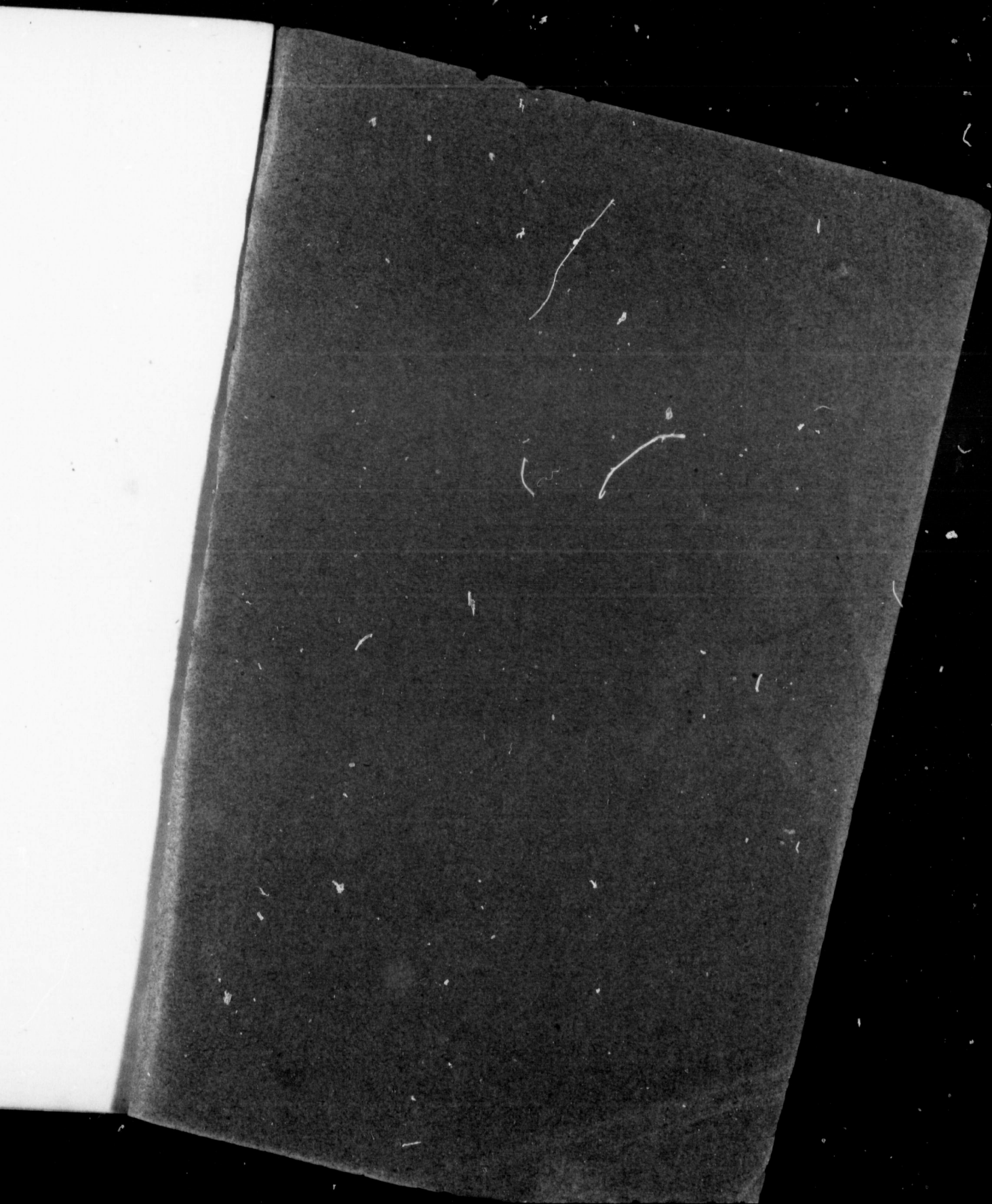
Unsatisfied claims against the Society.....	\$235 15
Assets.....	160 52

Balance against the Society..... \$74 63









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