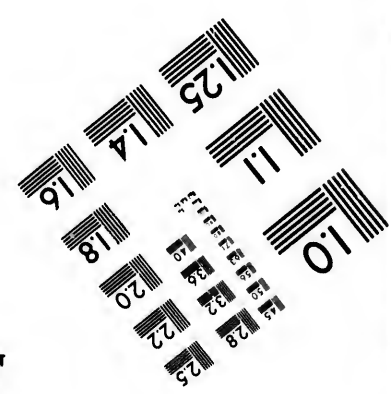
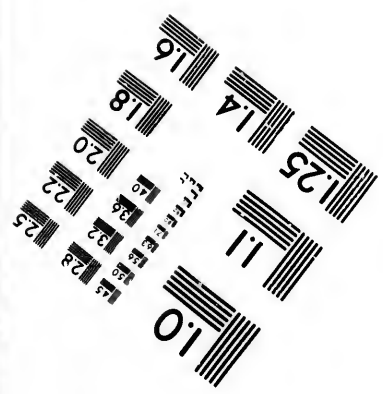
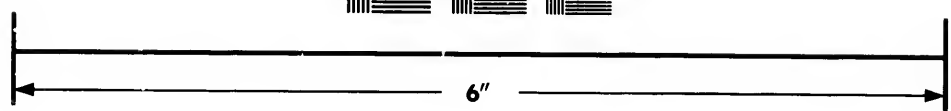
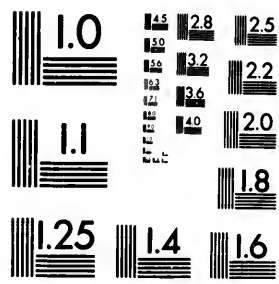


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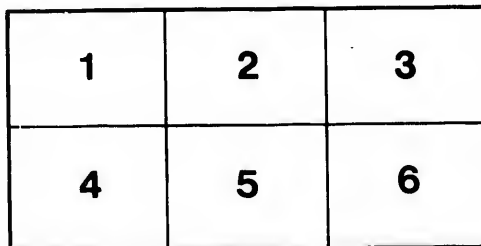
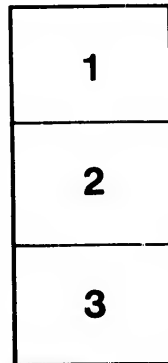
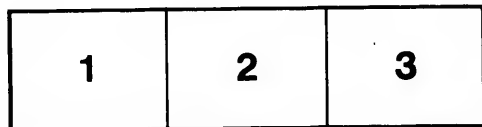
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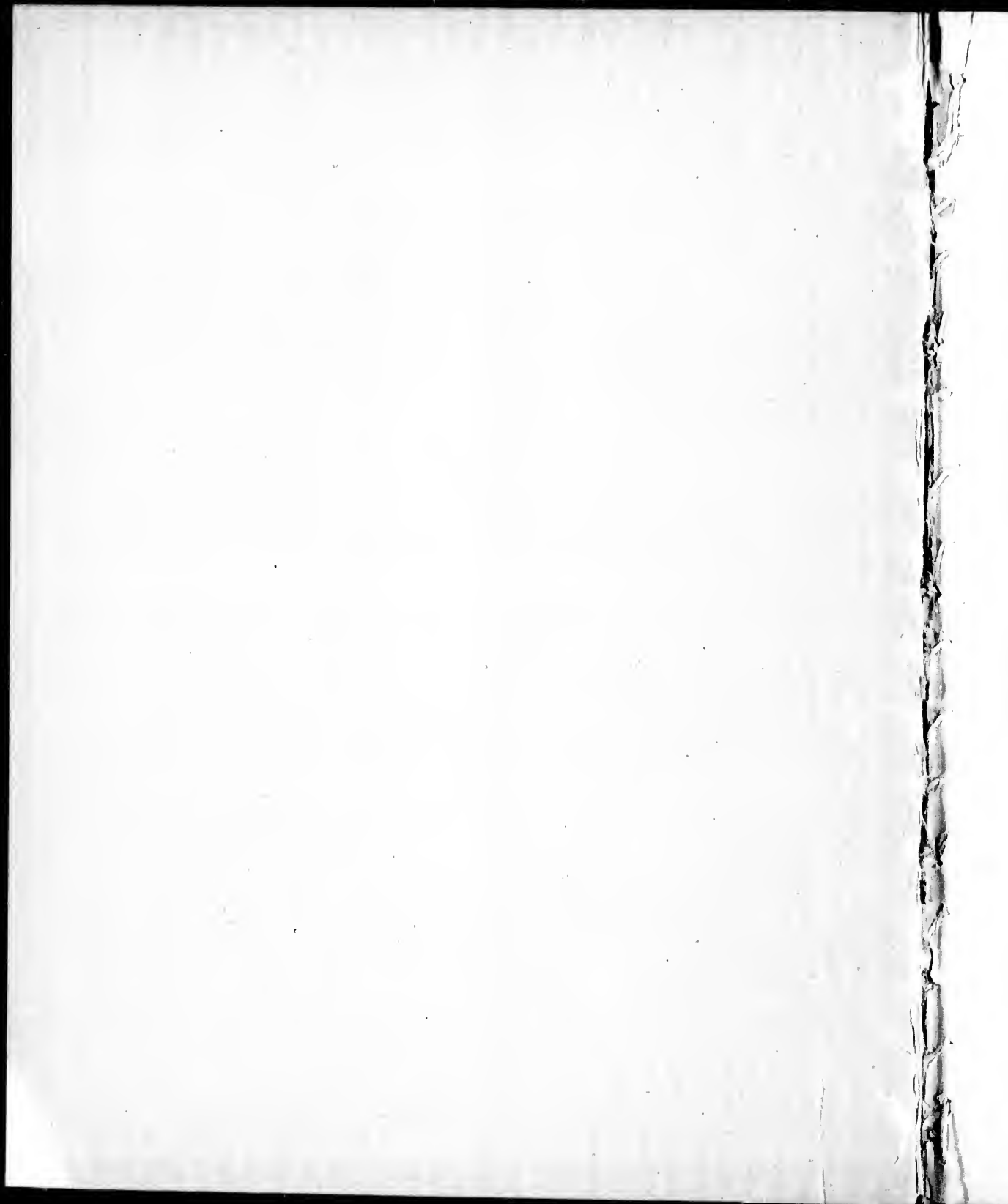


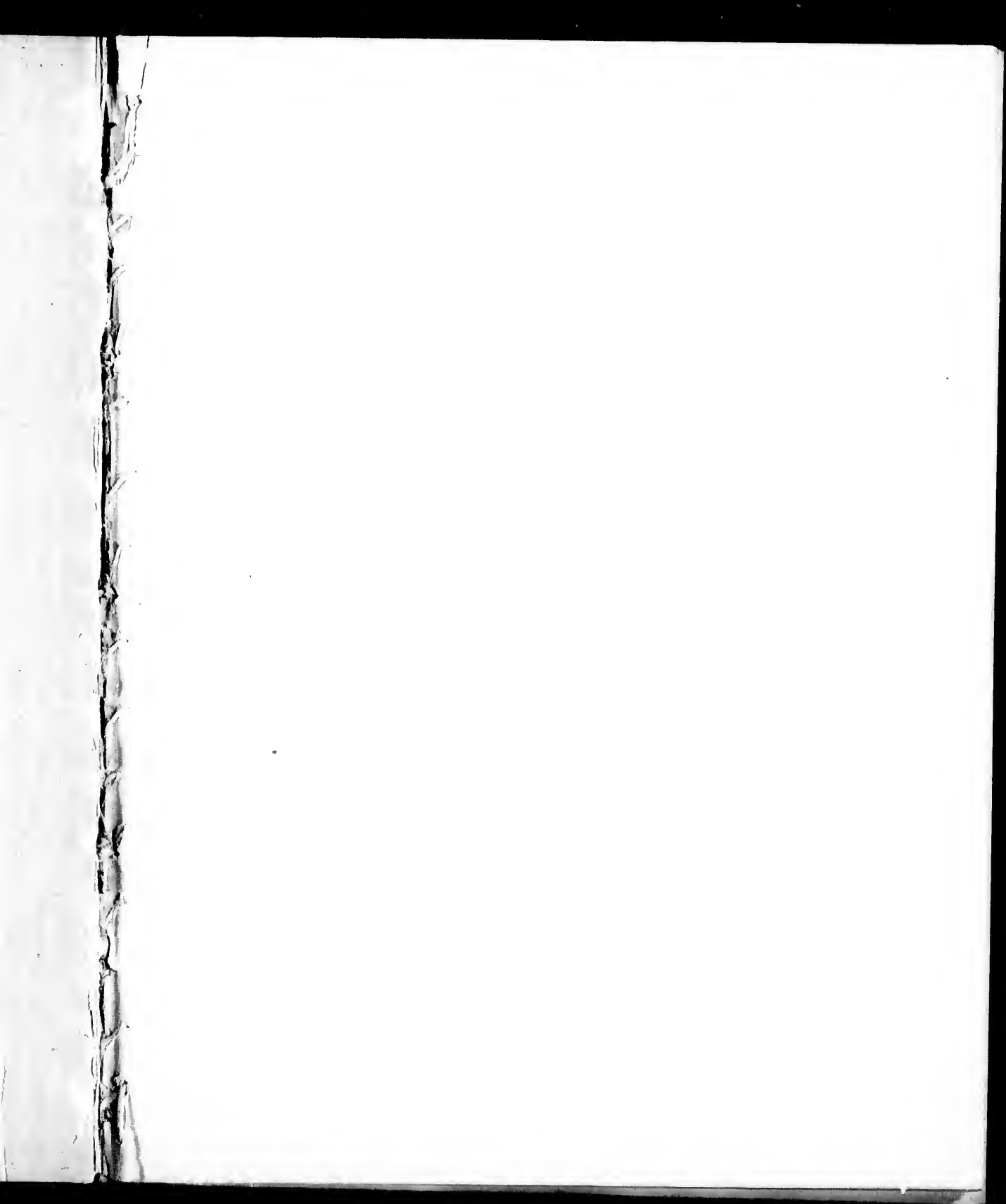
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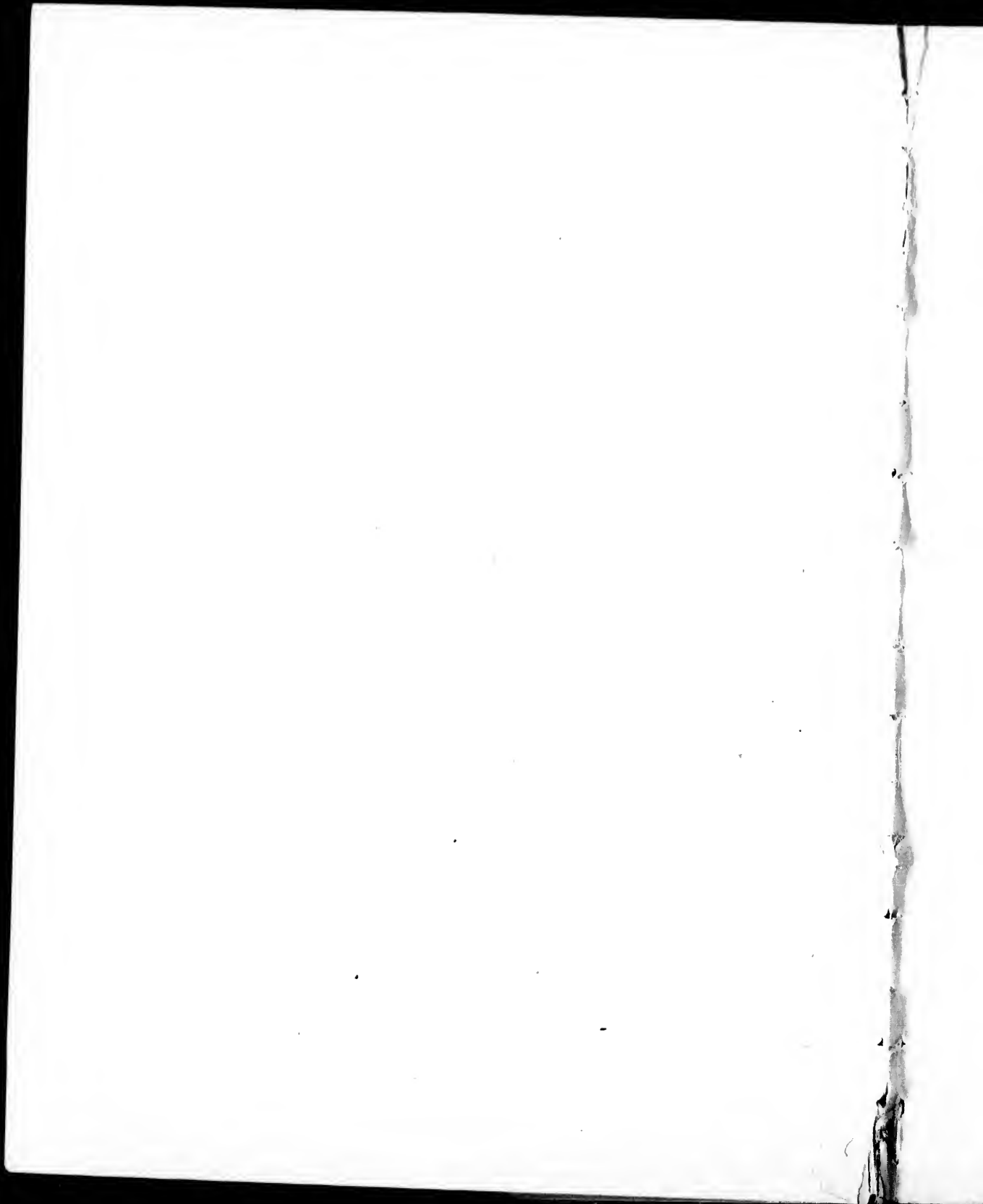
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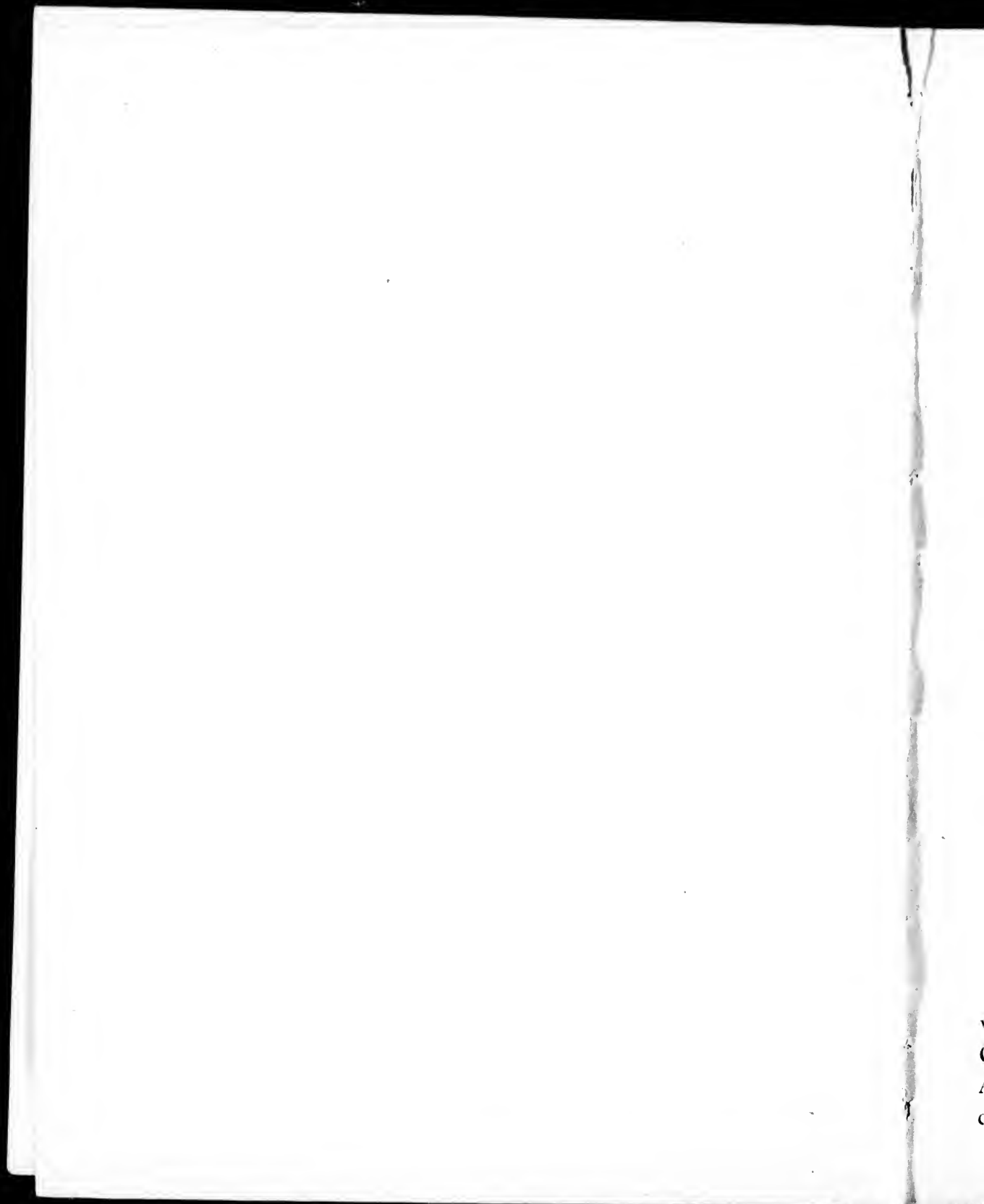
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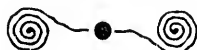
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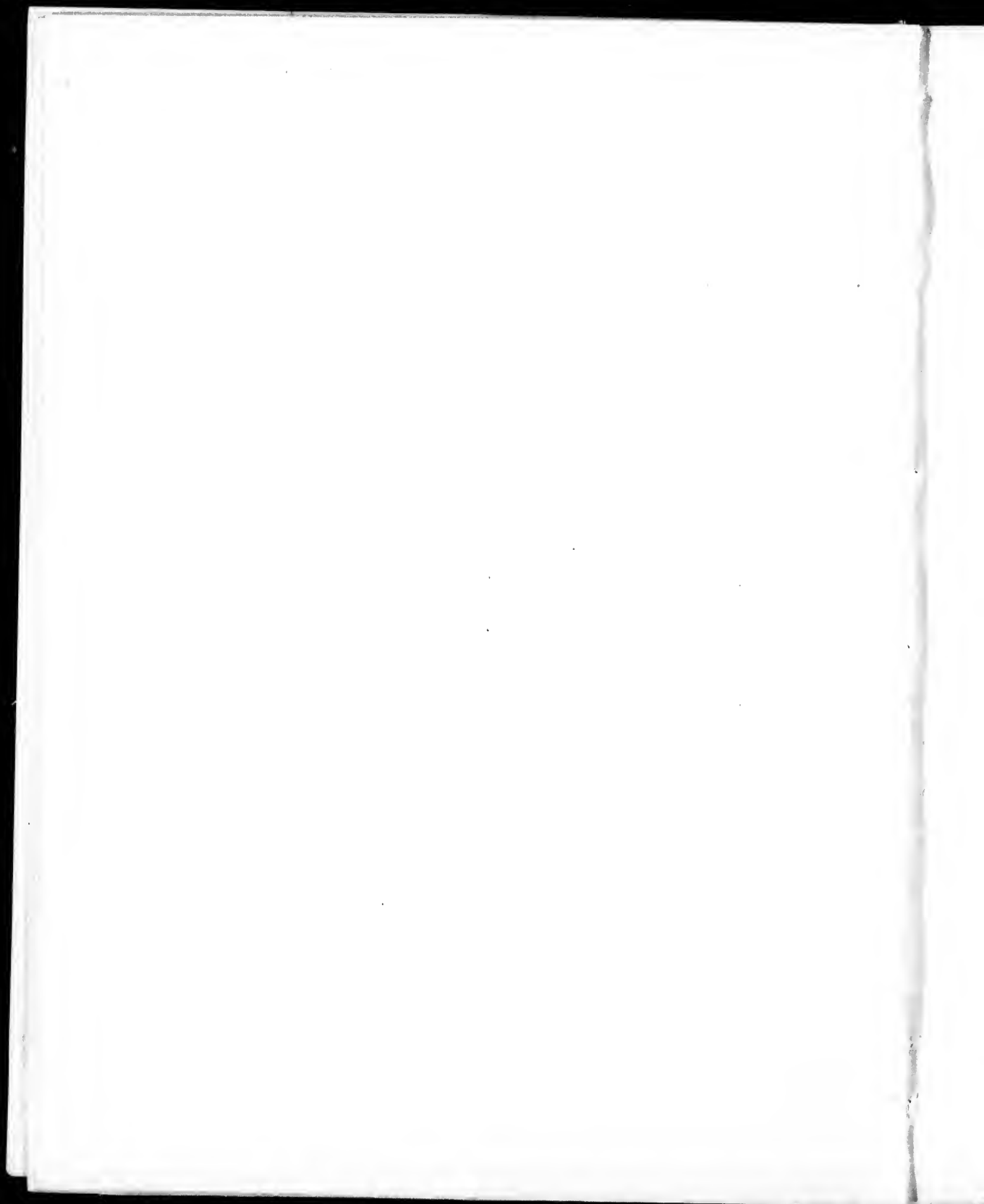
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# Associated Charities.

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The Council of the above Society is exceedingly anxious to find as much occasional work for the poor and unemployed in the city as it is possible to give.

This form of relief is by far the best and most effective way in which help to those in distress can be given. Permanent employment we do not undertake to find.

There are already a large number of names for work on our books.

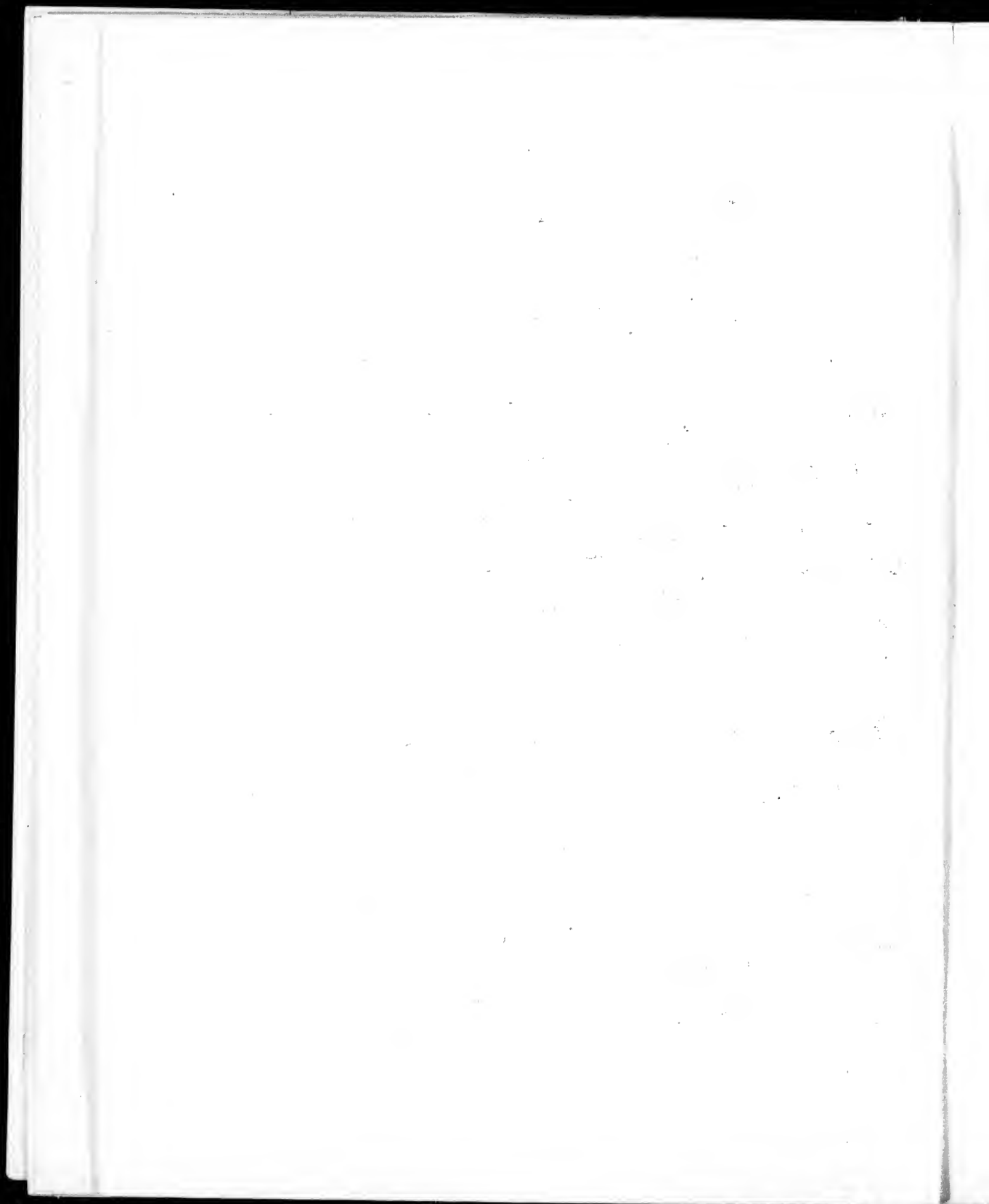
Any of our citizens having or contriving casual work or odd jobs of any kind for men or women to do would be doing a kindly and benevolent act by sending by post card or otherwise to

JOHN KEANE,

*Secy. Assoc. Charities,*

OTTAWA, DEC., 1896.

CITY HALL.



## Associated Charities.

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Attention is specially and respectfully directed at page 17 of this report to the resolution adopted at the Annual Meeting, and substantially as follows :—

Moved by Mr. N. A. Belcourt, M.P., seconded by Mr. A. S. Woodburn,

“ In order to carry out the objects of this Society, it is of course absolutely necessary that material aid be forthcoming to maintain the organization in working order. It confidently appeals to all citizens, who believe in its usefulness, to assist by their generosity and public spirit in enabling the Associated Charities to extend and develop to the utmost its beneficent enterprises ”.

Any aid or contribution from those willing to assist in the work, in pursuance of the above resolution, will be gratefully acknowledged by the Society.

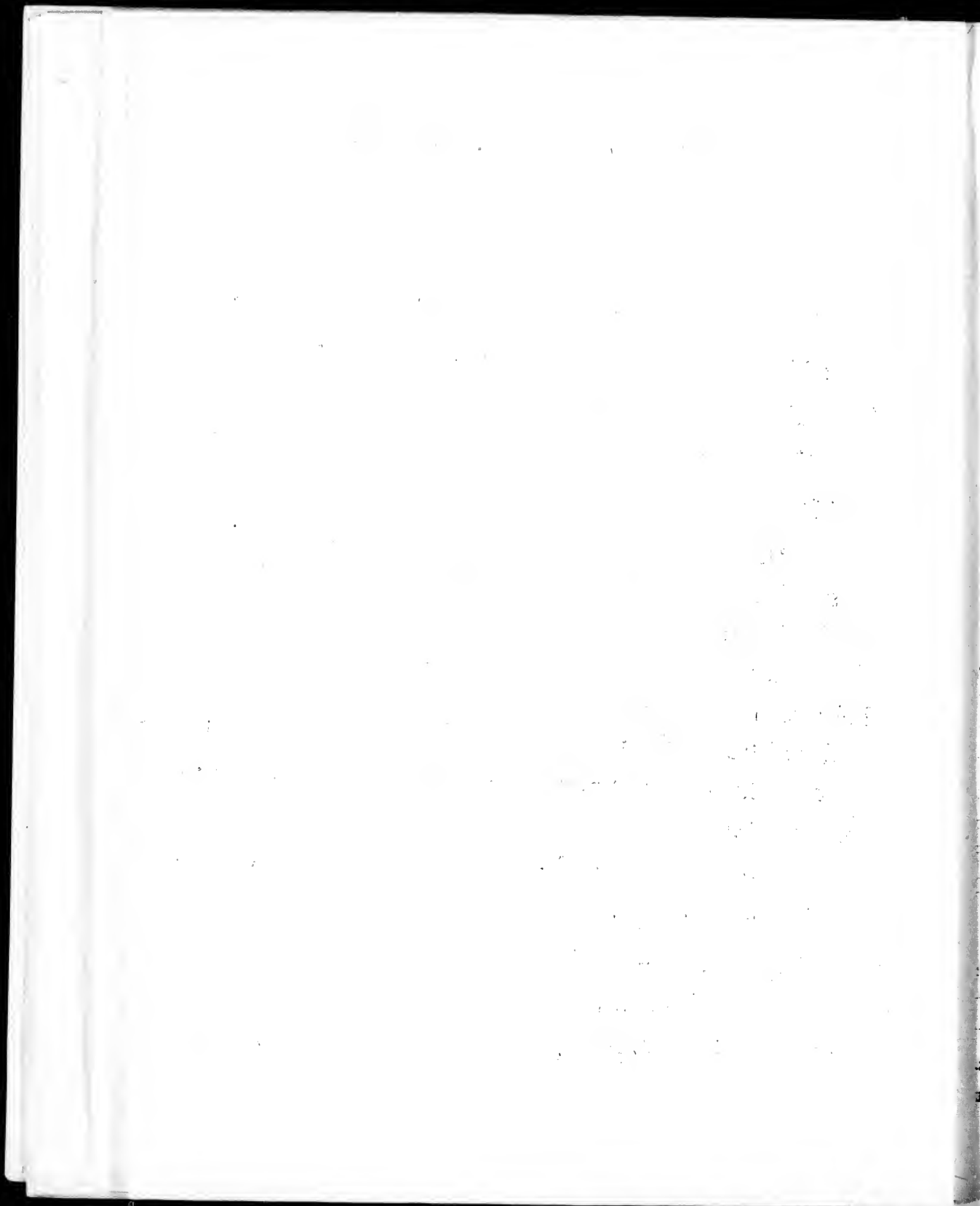
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# ASSOCIATED CHARITIES.

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## CONSTITUTION.

### I. The Name.

The name of this Society shall be "The Associated Charities of Ottawa."

### II. The Objects.

The objects of the Society shall be :

A. To secure the concurrent and harmonious action of the different Charities of Ottawa, in order to (1) raise the needy above the need of relief, prevent begging and imposture and diminish pauperism ; (2) to encourage thrift, self-dependence and industry through friendly intercourse, advice and sympathy, and to aid the poor to help themselves ; (3) to prevent children from growing up as paupers ; (4) to aid in the diffusion of knowledge on subjects connected with the relief of the poor.

B. In order to promote these objects, the Society shall be (1) a centre of intercommunication between the various churches and charitable agencies in the city with a view to fostering harmonious co-operation among them and to check the evils of over-lapping of relief ; (2) shall investigate thoroughly, and without

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### III.

In relation to the existing Charitable Societies, the aim of this Society is to be auxiliary with a view to promote efficiency and economy ; existing Societies will retain and administer their own funds, entirely free from the interference or supervision of this Society.

### IV.

The officers and agents of this Society shall not use their position for the purpose of proselytizing, and it shall be the duty of the Council to see that this rule is strictly enforced.

### V.

All who enroll their names (either with or without a subscription) in a book to be kept for this purpose, shall be members of this Society.

Any person on payment of twenty-five dollars shall be a life member.

Persons distinguished for service in the cause of charity or the advancement of sanitary knowledge or social science may be elected honorary members.

#### VI.

The annual meeting of the members shall be held in October of each year, the day of meeting to be fixed by the Council. Only those members who have been enrolled at least ten days prior to the meeting shall be entitled to vote. Special meetings may be called at any time after due notice by the President, or at the request of three members of the Council, or of any ten members of the Society. Ten shall form a quorum.

#### VII. Officers.

There shall be a president and four vice-presidents, to be elected by the members at the annual meeting, and a secretary-treasurer appointed by the Council.

#### VIII.

The affairs of the Society shall be managed by the Council, which shall be constituted as follows, viz :— The president, vice-presidents, secretary-treasurer, mayor and two aldermen, to be nominated by the mayor, the sheriff, city treasurer, city clerk, city engineer, assistant engineer, city physician, city clergy and one representative from each Charitable Society, all life members and twelve other members or more to be elected at the annual meeting.

Five shall form a quorum.



The Council shall have power to appoint sub-committees, and to adopt such by-laws as they may deem necessary, subject to the revision of the Society at any annual or special meeting.

**IX.**

The secretary-treasurer shall be paid a salary, the amount to be fixed by the Council, and it shall be his duty to keep full minutes of the proceedings at the meetings of the Society and the Council ; to notify members of the time and place of meeting ; to superintend the work of the Society ; to make, or cause to be made, all required investigations, and to keep a correct record of the same and to report ; to act as secretary to all standing committees of the Council ; to work under the Council in any department in which his services may be required ; to devise, subject to the approval of the Council or its sub-committee, all forms of blanks, records and reports ; to superintend all printing, to edit for the Council all public reports and circulars, and to do anything the Council may deem to be in the interests of the Society.

As treasurer, he shall receive and keep account of all the funds which shall be paid or contributed to the uses of the Society ; and pay out the same under the rules which shall be adopted by the Council.

REPORT

—OF THE—

SECOND ANNUAL MEETING

—OF THE—

ASSOCIATED CHARITIES.

CITY HALL, OCT., 27TH, 1896.

The Second Annual meeting of the Associated Charities of Ottawa convened in the City Council Chamber pursuant to notice to receive the reports of the last year to elect officers for 1896-7 and transact any other business that might come before it.

There was a large attendance of ladies and gentlemen. It is impossible to give a complete list of those present, there were, however, the following amongst many others : Hon. Mr. Justice Burbidge, the President in the chair. Vice-presidents : Mr. Sheriff Sweetland, F. R. E. Campeau, Lady Ritchie and Mrs. E. H. Bronson, There were also present Rev. Archdeacon Launder, Rev J. J. Bogart,, Rev. Dr. Saunders, Rev. H. Pollard, Rev. J. F. Gorman, Rev. T. Garrett, Rev. J. C. Borth, Rev. C. J. Miller and Rev. G. de Zocher, Mrs. Gwynne, Mrs. Perley, Mrs. Wood, Mrs. Armstrong,

Mrs. Thorburn, Mrs. Capreolt, Mrs. C. C. Ray, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Gough, Mrs. Young, Mrs. Ami, Mrs. Codville, Mrs. McLeod, Mrs. Robertson and Miss M. Frances Scott, Miss Nicholson, Miss Ritchie, Miss Drummond, Miss Robertson, Miss Cole, Miss Carling, Hon. E. H. Bronson, N. A. Belcourt, M. P., His Worship Mayor Borthwick, F. R. Latchford, Dr. R. Bell, Dr. Ami, Dr. Wicksteed, Ald. Forde, and Messrs. John Gorman, W. Kearns, E. L. Sanders, Patrick Brankin, Geo. E. Preston, C. E. Clarke, Peter Whelen, John R. Armstrong, John Munro, M. O. Scott, A. R. Macdonald, W. F. Boardman, Chief Young A. T. McKinnon, J. Hervey Spencer, C. F. Winter, J. H. L. McLeod, H. Fillmann, A. H. Witcher, John Davis and the secretary J. Keane.

The President opened the meeting at 8 o'clock by a few appropriate remarks and then called on the secretary to read the report of the Council of the Society.

The Garden Plot report which had been presented to the Council on Oct. 7th was then read to the meeting for its information. (Reports are appended.)

After reading it was moved by the President, seconded by Sheriff Sweetland that the report of Council be adopted. Carried.

Letters of regret at not being able to be present and wishing the society every success, were announced from Rev. Vicar General Routhier, Rev. Father Constantineau, Rev. Father Jacques and Mr. Geo. O'Keefe, M. P. P.

His Worship Mayor Borthwick then moved, seconded by Ven. Archdeacon Lauder, the following motion :—

“ This meeting desires to place on record its hearty approval of the efforts of the Associated Charities during the past year to carry out the aims for which it was established, is gratified at the very satisfactory results which has attended this, its first year of operations, and trusts by the active co-operation of all benevolent organizations in the city and by the citizens generally, it will be enabled to still more effectually deal with the problems of the poor and unemployed in our city.”

His Worship spoke briefly but forcibly in support of the motion, regarding the work done as eminently satisfactory and that the society had reason to be gratified at the results. He thought the society deserving of every encouragement from the public. He believed that the Corporation would assist in every way in its power, and would probably take off the hands of the society any broken stone it might have to dispose of, if the Associated Charities would undertake a portion of that work so as to give work to the really needy.

Ven. Archdeacon Lauder strongly supported the motion. The society had reason to congratulate itself upon its good showing for the first year. He discussed ably the problem of practical charity and how best to relieve pressing want.

Rev. Mr. Gorman, Rev. J. J. Bogart and others also spoke to the motion which was adopted.

Hon. E. H. Bronson, M. P. P. moved, seconded by Mr. John Gorman, the following motion :

“ Whilst we admit that almsgiving and aid to the poor without return is unavoidable and commendable in many cases, yet we are of the opinion that indiscriminate charity breaks down self-respect and tends to degrade the recipient ; that the truest benevolence is that which fosters a spirit of self-help and self-dependence amongst our indigent population.

We would therefore strongly urge our fellow-citizens to assist the Associated Charities in this branch of its work, by sending to the secretary an intimation of any work or odd job for men or women that they may desire to have done.”

Hon. Mr. Bronson in introducing this motion most strongly urged the desirability of getting as much work for the poor as possible. He had long ago come to the conclusion that a certain class of those in want so long as they were certain of obtaining what they required, without working would never work and so be a constant charge on the community. He felt encouraged at the satisfactory result of the Garden Plot scheme. All should labour to induce some of our people to go back to the land, and that the Local government might assist in the same.

Mr. John Gorman in seconding the motion spoke of the excellent results that might follow getting employment for the really destitute, by diminishing suffering and helping the poor to help themselves. He thought that with proper encouragement from the citizens and the civic authorities a forward step might be taken in this direction this winter.

Rev. C. J. Miller, Dr. Wicksteed and Mr. John Davis spoke to the motion, after which it was carried.

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Mr. Belcourt complimented the members of the Society on the work they had accomplished. Owing to the growth of the city he fully recognized the necessity for such an organisation. Indiscriminate almsgiving, he believed was productive of harm. The great want in this country is a common spirit between the different races and he believed that such societies as this would foster that spirit. In closing he promised to do all he could to help the society in anyway in his power. The motion carried.

A letter was read from Mr. W. Edgar Buck offering to donate free of expense one half of the net proceeds of certain operatic performances in the city to be given in the beginning of December.

Mr. Peter Whelen moved, seconded by Mr. A. S. Woodburn, that the officers of 1895-6 be re-elected for 1896-7. Carried.

(For list of officers, &c., see p. 3).

Rev. H. Pollard moved, seconded by Mr. Patrick Brankin, that the following be elected members of the Council for 1896-7.

(See page for full list of Council).

On motion of Rev. J. J. Bogart, the meeting adjourned.

JOHN KEANE,  
*Secretary.*

Several ladies and gentlemen at close of meeting signed the roll of membership and the sum of \$2.00 was donated to assist in a fund for the purchase of stone.

J. K.

## REPORT OF COUNCIL.

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The Council of the Associated Charities of Ottawa, desires at this, the second annual meeting of the Society, to call the attention of its members and of the public to its objects and aims.

In a paper which Her Excellency the Countess of Aberdeen read at a meeting of a committee convened on the 13th February 1895, to take the necessary steps to organize the Society, the objects to be kept in view were, it was suggested :

1. To make the Society a means of communication between charitable associations, churches and individuals in their labors for the welfare of the poor, and to prevent duplication or overlapping in giving relief.

2. To make it a means of communication between the applicant and employer of labor, and in that way to enforce and realize, so far as possible, the principle that employment should be the basis of relief.

These objects and the way in which it is proposed to carry them out are stated in the constitution of the Associated Charities in the following terms :—

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action of the different Charities of Ottawa, in order to (1) raise to needy above the need of relief, prevent begging and imposture and diminish pauperism ; (2) to encourage thrift, self-dependence and industry through friendly intercourse, advice and sympathy, and to aid the poor to help themselves ; to prevent children from growing up as paupers ; (4) to aid in the diffusion of knowledge on subjects connected with the relief of the poor.

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In relation to the existing Charitable Societies, the aim of this Society is to be auxiliary with a view to promote efficiency and economy ; existing Societies

will retain and administer their own funds, entirely free from the interference or supervision of this Society."

The Society, it will be seen does not itself undertake the work of distributing relief. It undertakes to investigate any case of want or need to which its attention is called and to communicate in confidence the result of the inquiry to the association, church or individual at whose instance it is made ; and in all deserving cases to commend the person in need of assistance to the generous charity of the association, or church upon which he or she appears to have most claim.

It may sometimes happen that there will be no charitable association or church to which the applicant may be sent, and then the Society seeks to put such persons in the way of securing aid in what at the time seems the best way, but it does not come within the objects of the Society, or in the scope of its action directly to give relief to those in need of it. In a few cases that has been done, as for instance when the case was very pressing or when some friend of the society has made a subscription to the funds on the express condition that it should be so expended ; but in general the Society does not itself dispense charity. For instance ; by reference to the Annual Report, which was approved of at a general meeting held at the City Hall on the 22nd May last, and which has been printed and will be laid before this meeting, it will be seen that of the sum of three hundred and twenty-one dollars and twenty-three cents, which up to that date had been dis-

bursed by the Society, the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars was expended in payment of the Secretary's salary, fifty-three dollars and eighty-eight cents in printing and advertising, and only seventeen dollars and thirty-five cents in charity.

With reference to this branch of the Society's work, it is proposed to have printed forms supplied to members of the Society and others, to be filled in with the name and address of and other particulars respecting any applicant for relief and then to be transmitted to the Secretary of the Society. In that way it is thought that much time may be saved in the work of investigation, and a very sure means be found to prevent fraud and imposture.

Another branch of the Society's work is to assist those who are in want—and who are willing to work—to get employment. The Council hopes that much more may be done in this direction than the Society has as yet been able to accomplish. That hope, however, will not be fully realized unless it meets with the hearty co-operation of our citizens in general. They are invited to aid in the work by communicating with the secretary of the Society, and letting him know of any employment that may be found for those who without it may be in actual want.

In connection with this question of supplying labor to those in need of relief, it was thought that perhaps the Society might establish a woodyard where employment might be given in the sawing of wood. But, on

enquiry, and upon the advice of those in whose experience the Council felt it could rely, it was thought that there were difficulties in the way of successfully carrying out the plan that could not be overcome.

Another plan that has been discussed is that of having a stone yard, where work will be given in the breaking of stone. This plan cannot, of course, be carried out without some arrangement with the City to purchase the broken stone. It is hoped, however, that some such arrangement may be made with the City for the coming winter, and in that way the Society may find some work for those who need it, and at the same time a means by which it may readily discover whether an applicant for relief is willing to work or not.

During the summer, through the kindness of St. Andrew's Church, and the generous subscriptions of His Excellency the Governor-General, the Hon. Mr. Bronson, Mrs. Bronson, and other kind friends the Council of the Society were enabled to make a first attempt at allotting a number of small plots of ground to be cultivated by the poor. The report of that work will be read to the meeting, and making any fair allowance for any error there may happen to be in the estimate of the crop raised, the result will, the Council of the Society feels sure, be thought to be a fairly good one.

The thanks of the Society are due :

To their Excellencies the Governor-General and the Countess of Aberdeen for the interest they have

taken in the work of the Society and for the material assistance they have given thereto ;

To the Council of the City of Ottawa for a grant of two hundred dollars in aid of the Society's funds, and for the use of a room in the City Hall ;

To His Worship the Mayor for the valuable assistance he gave in the organisation of the Society, and the aid he has since rendered to it in many ways ;

To the press for the kindly interest it has at all times taken in the work of the Society ;

To the charitable associations and churches of the city for their co-operation and assistance ;

To St. Andrew's Church for the use of the lands which were put at the disposal of the Society in carrying out the Garden Plot Scheme ;

To Mr. James Davidson and others who offered land ;

To the Hon. Mr. Bronson, especially in suggesting and promoting the matter of the cultivation by the poor of the vacant lands in the city—and

To many other citizen sand friends for aid and assistance freely and generously given.

All of which is respectfully submitted by the Council of the Associated Charities of Ottawa.

JOHN KEANE,  
*Secretary.*

GEO. W. BURBIDGE,  
*President.*

# Report

ON THE

## GARDEN PLOT SCHEME.

The attempt to assist the poor and unemployed to help themselves by allotting to them for cultivation small gardens or patches of ground within the limits of the city, has for the first time been fairly tried in Ottawa and the results are now to be considered.

When the proposition, to give to the Associated Charities Block D, on the east of Bank street was made in April of this year by the Trustees of St. Andrews' Church, it was decided, after some hesitation, to accept their offer, and make a trial, in a limited way—it is true, but initiate fairly a scheme that has been attended with a good degree of success in some other cities. Your secretary immediately sent circulars to quite a number of parties whose names were on the books, asking them to an interview, in which the plan proposed to be adopted was fully explained, with the result that some 85 names were registered, and declared themselves willing to accept the offer and cultivate plots.

When, for a variety of reasons, it was found impossible to avail ourselves of other land in various portions of the city more conveniently situated to the parties working them, quite a number begged to be

allowed to withdraw, and, as time went on, from one cause or another, some quite sufficient and some not so clear the actual number who adhered to their original intention was brought to 48 families.

By the exertions of Hon. Mr. Bronson who took a very active and generous interest in the inception of the scheme, we were enabled to secure an additional tract of ground on the west of Bank street near the Mutchmor street public school. Mr. Jas. Davidson also gave some lots on the corner of Bank street in Block D.

We were thus practically restricted to the glebe lands and so work was immediately started by getting the grounds ploughed and harrowed both with disc and drag harrow.

In furtherance of the enterprise a public meeting was held in the City Hall on May 22nd. Sheriff Sweetland, in the absence of the President, in the chair. His Excellency the Governor General, Hon. Mr. Bronson, His Worship Mayor Borthwick several of the city clergy and other gentlemen delivered addresses in favor of trying the scheme, and \$191 was subscribed towards that object.

Plots of about 90 feet square were staked out on the east part of Bank street and of 80 feet square on that part west of Bank on Mutchmor street with an open walk of three feet wide round each lot. Mr. H. B. Small of the committee spent great trouble and time in assisting your secretary in the prosecution of this

work, and his son Mr. W. Small, a Dominion Land Surveyor, rendered valuable service. Your secretary was authorized to employ a competent gardener to instruct the parties practically in planting and properly cultivating their plots during the season and the services of Mr. D. McGregor of Firs Ave. were secured.

Seed potatoes were given free to all, enough for each plot, His Worship the Mayor and Mr. Jas. Hickey of the Bank St. Road donating a considerable quantity. The rest had to be bought. Hoes were also furnished to some who claimed to be unable to buy them.

Of the circulars, written notices, cards and of the personal visits—on an average four or five times during the season to each family to spur and urge them to promptness and energy in working the plots when requiring attention need not be here dwelt upon. Four plots were reserved and worked by the committee. It has been found that this was a wise precaution. From causes, in several plots, for which the ones working them were in no way blamable, the results did not come up to the average; we have from these reserved ones been able to assist those when through no fault of their own their plots did not turn out well and so in a measure recouped them for their labor.

Mr. McGregor estimates that the yield will average about 50 bush. of potatoes per plot. some, of course, a good deal more and some a good deal less. Certain



plots were hindered in their produce by couch-grass and others in damp localities have resulted in a considerable number of diseased potatoes. All these have been assisted from the reserved plots so as to help them against their probable loss.

In all about one fourth did not come up to the average. A few from the causes above mentioned, others by reason of there being only women to work the plot and in others still by sheer neglect of the parties themselves. Yet, on the whole, the scheme may be considered as fairly successful when, for an outlay of say \$220, produce to the amount of \$700 or \$750 under some very unfavorable conditions was the result.

Turnips, corn, beets, beans, cabbages, citrons &c. were also raised, but not in such quantities as to require enumeration. One family decided to take up farming permanently and accordingly, having procured a farm left the city with that object in view. What influence this scheme may have had in their coming to this determination cannot be known,

From the experience of this season a good deal of insight has been gained as to what would tend to make the scheme still more successful another year. Whatever may have been the result in any case a most valuable point has been the work-test by which those anxious and willing to help themselves have been by practical demonstration singled out and known, and those not so willing had also to come to light.

From the number in each family about two hundred and fifty persons participated in the benefits.

There seems to be no good reason why, with larger experience and wider interest and an earlier start next year, the garden plot scheme may not be highly successful and eventually become a valuable aid in helping many a poor family over the most trying season of the year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN KEANE,  
*Secretary.*

Ottawa, 7th October 1896.



GARDEN PLOT STATEMENT.—FINANCES.

RECEIPTS.

1896.		
May 22—	To amounts subscribed at meeting, viz:—	
	His Excellency the Earl of Aberdeen.....	\$50 00
	Hon. E. H. Bronson.....	50 00
	Mrs. H. F. Bronson.....	50 00
	J. M. Courtney, Esq.....	5 00
	John R. Armstrong, Esq.....	5 00
	Rev. Dr. Moore.....	5 00
	Peter Whelen, Esq.....	5 00
	Dr. H. M. Ami.....	5 00
	Mrs. H. M. Ami.....	2 00
	Rev. H. Pollard.....	5 00
June 4—	Edward Seybold, Esq.....	4 00
	Ald. W. D. Morris.....	5 00
	James Hope & Sons, rebate on account.....	2 90
Oct. 10—	C. W. Mitchell,	0 10
	“Journal,” disc.....	
	Total amount received for Garden Plots.....	\$199 00
	Cash drawn for above from bank account.....	23 27
		<u>\$222 27</u>

EXPENDITURE.

1896.

May 30--By Paid ploughing and harrowing, \$25; June 3rd, \$17	\$42 00
June 12-- " Seed potatoes, various accounts.....	19 65
" Hardware account, Garden tools, hoes, &c.....	4 20
" Work on reserved plots by various persons.....	12 50
" Pickets for plots (Thackray).....	3 00
" Druggists account, Sulphate, Paris green, &c....	2 17
" Sundry small accounts, telegrams, &c.....	2 50
" Cards, circulars, &c., (Hope's account).....	4 25
" D. McGregor, 4 months at \$10, as gardener, from from May 20th to September 20th.....	40 00
" Secretary, from May 11th to July 1st, say.....	75 00
" Advertising meeting of May 22nd: "Journal," \$9.10; "Free Press," \$7 90.....	17 00
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	\$222 27

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Audited the above and found the same correct.

October 26th, 1896.

H. H. BRENNAN,  
JOHN SWEETLAND.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—ASSOCIATED CHARITIES.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO PRINTED REPORT OF MAY 22.

DR.

1896.			
May 21—	To Amount of cash on hand at audit. ....		\$150 77
	{ Cash received for special cases as per vouchers..	\$5 00	
May 27 to	{ Cash from Charities account for same.....	2 85	
July 2	{ do printing and stationery. ....	19 57	
			<u>\$27 42</u>

CR.

May 29 to July 19—	By Paid accounts in special cases.....	\$7 85
Oct'r 3—	By paid printing report and stationery.....	19 57
		<u>\$27 42</u>

Audited the above and found the same correct.

H. H. BRENNAN.  
JOHN SWEETLAND.

October 26th, 1896.

BALANCES.

DR.

May 21—To Balance in bank as per audit.....	\$150 77
Donations for special cases.....	5 00
May 22 “ Subscriptions for Garden Plot scheme.....	191 00
Oct'r 10 “ “ as rebates on acct..	8 00
Total .....	<u>\$354 77</u>

CR.

Oct'r 3—By Sundry accts. in Supplementary Statements.....	\$27 42
“ 10 “ Sundry acs. <i>re</i> Garden Plot scheme, as per vouchers.	199 00
“ “ Overdraft from bank acct. for same. ....	23 27
“ 23 “ Balance in Bank of Ottawa at date.....	105 08
	<u>\$354 77</u>

Audited the above and found the same correct.

H. H. BRENNAN,  
JOHN SWEETLAND.

October 26th. 1896.

