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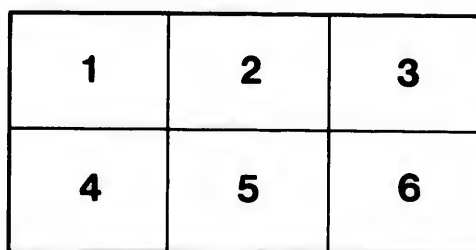
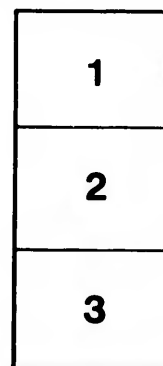
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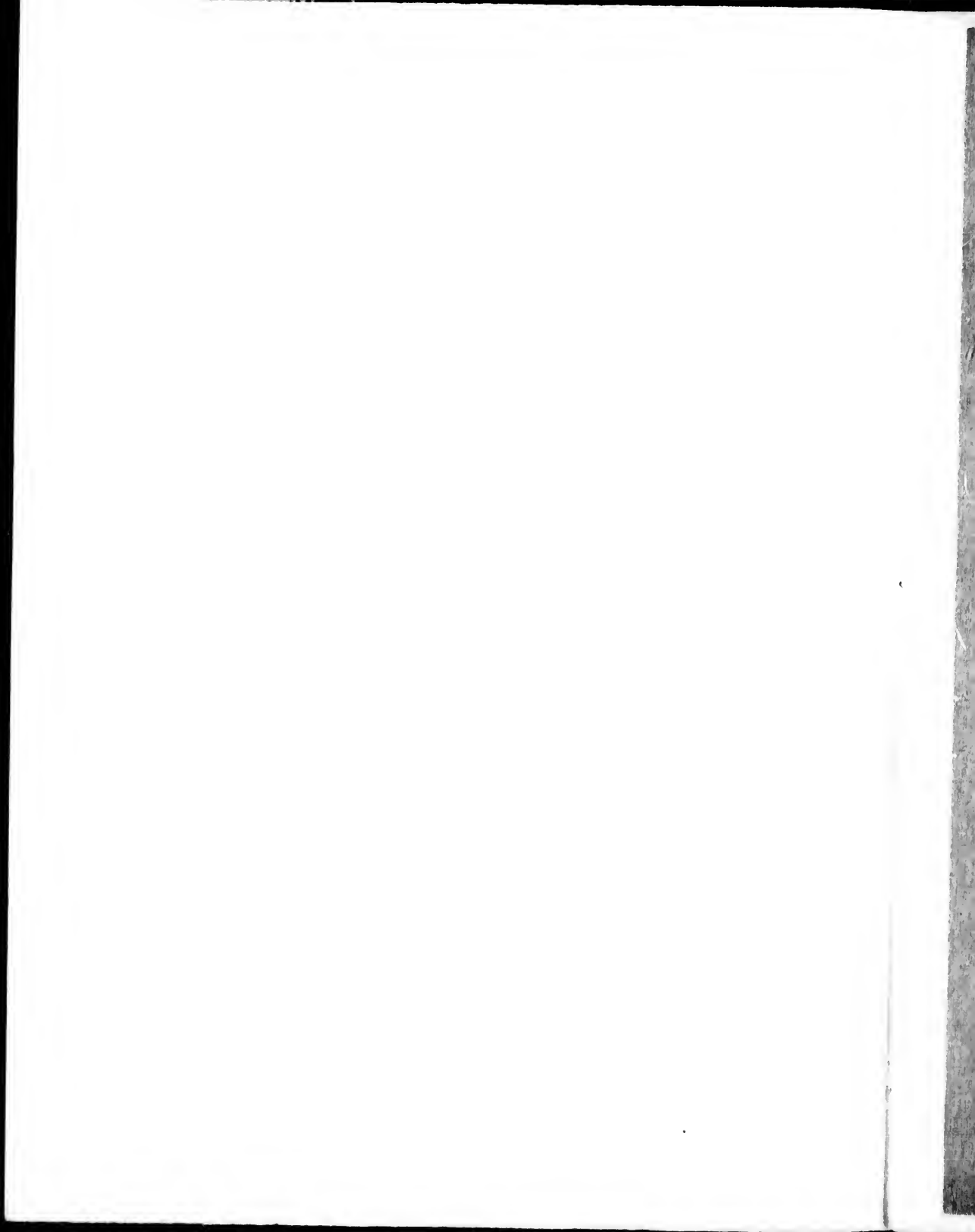
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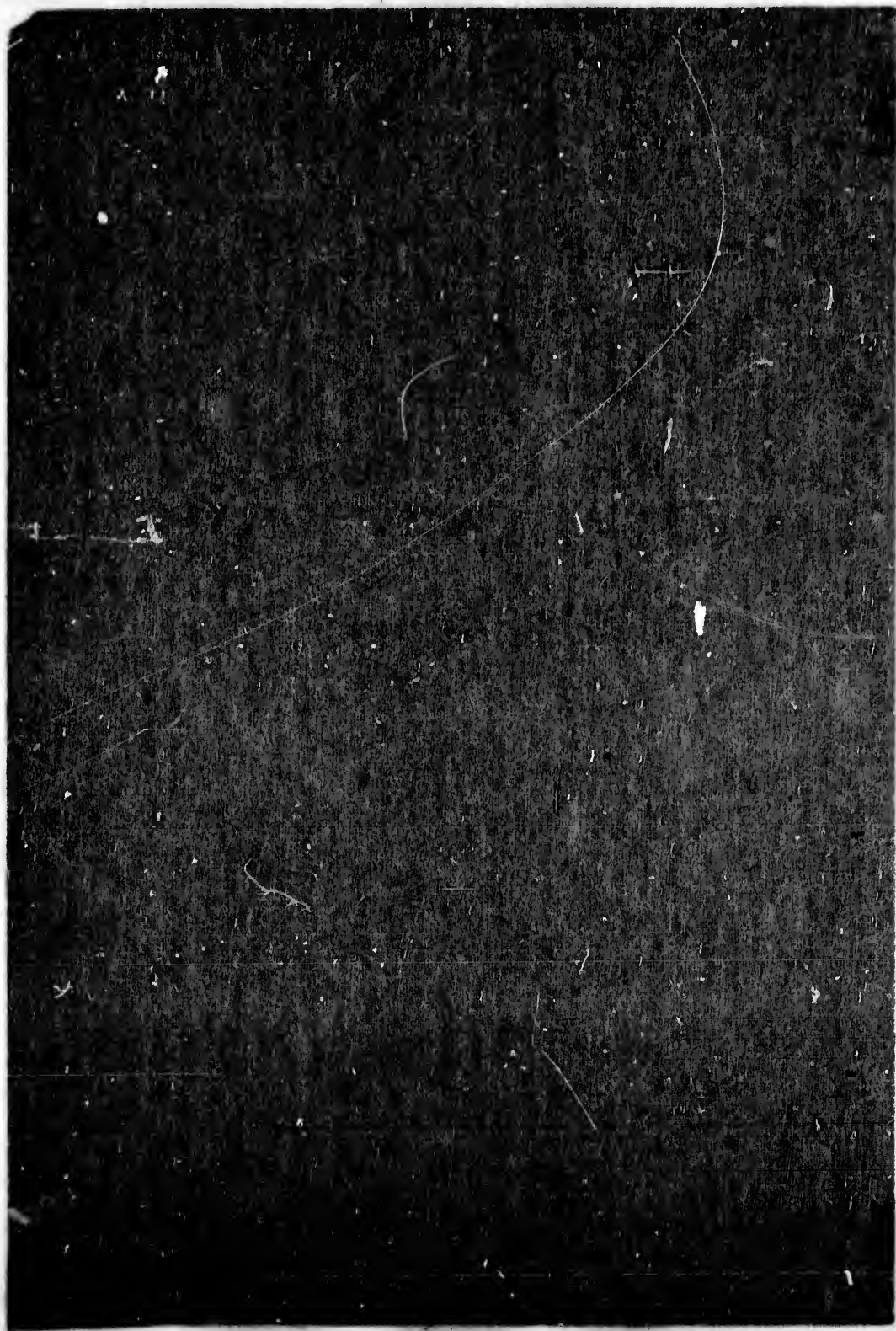
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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

THIS Society shall be known as the "MCGILL COLLEGE UNDERGRADUATES LITERARY SOCIETY," hereinafter described as "the Society."

ARTICLE II.

Students attending the classes in any of the Faculties of McGill College shall be eligible for election as ordinary members of the Society.

ARTICLE III.

The honorary members shall consist of those who have at some time been members of McGill College, or who hold a degree from any other

recognized University, who, having been nominated at one meeting, are elected at the next by a majority of two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) of the members present at any such meeting. It shall be the privilege of honorary members to take part in all discussions, debates, and other proceedings of the Society, but they shall not be entitled to vote upon any question affecting in any way the Constitution of the Society. They shall be exempted from the payment of all fees ; but their number may not at any one time exceed twenty.

ARTICLE IV.

The object of the Society shall be, the mutual improvement of its members by means of debates, essays, readings, etc.

ARTICLE V.

No question of a religious nature shall be discussed.

ARTICLE VI.

The officers of the Society shall be elected by ballot at the first meeting of the Society in each session, shall consist of a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, a Secretary, and an Assistant-Secretary, who, together, shall constitute the General Committee.

ARTICLE VII.

Four members shall constitute a quorum of the General Committee.

ARTICLE VIII.

A Special Committee of five shall be appointed every two months during the session to choose subjects for debate, and appoint speakers for each side, each side being allowed to choose its own leader.

ARTICLE IX.

Three members shall form a quorum of the Special Committee.

ARTICLE X.

The President, or, in his absence, one of the Vice-Presidents, in order of seniority, shall preside over all meetings of the Society, enforce the due observance of the Constitution, decide all questions of order, announce the results of all voting, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

In the event of the absence of all the above-mentioned officers, the meeting shall elect a Chairman.

ARTICLE XI.

It shall be the duty of the Secretary, with the help of the Assistant-Secretary, to preserve an accurate record of the proceedings of the Society, by entering the Minutes of each meeting in a book kept for that purpose, and reading them at the next meeting ; to call special meetings at the request of five members ; and to conduct all correspondence.

ARTICLE XII.

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and account for all moneys belonging to the Society ; to pay, under the direction of the General Committee, all expenses incurred by the Society ; to notify members in arrears ; and to submit a financial statement of the affairs of the Society when called upon to do so by the Society.

ARTICLE XIII.

The amount of the subscription for which each member shall be liable shall be determined by the Society according to its exigencies.

ARTICLE XIV.

Any member who shall not have paid his subscription one fortnight after the day appointed

shall be prohibited from taking part in any discussion of the Society or from voting, nor shall he be eligible for any office, until such time as he shall have paid his subscription.

ARTICLE XV.

Special meetings may be called at any time by the Secretary, upon requisition of five members.

Notice posted upon the bulletin board at least one day before any such meeting shall be deemed due notice.

ARTICLE XVI.

The regular meetings of the Society shall be held every Friday evening during the College session, at half-past seven o'clock, unless otherwise arranged.

ARTICLE XVII.

The By-Laws, Rules of Order, or any part of the Constitution, may be repealed, amended, or additions made thereto, at any regular meeting of the Society by a $\frac{2}{3}$ s majority of the members present, two weeks' notice of motion being necessary.

BY-LAWS.

I.

The following shall be the order of business at ordinary meetings :

1. Reading of the Minutes.
2. Business arising out of the Minutes.
3. Communications received.
4. Business from the General Committee.
5. Nominations and elections for officers and Committees.
6. Unfinished business.
7. New business.
8. Notices of motion.
9. Programme.

II.

The above order of business shall be observed till half-past eight o'clock, when the programme will be taken up, and all business unfinished at the above-mentioned hour shall be resumed at the conclusion of the programme, or at the next meeting, under the head of "unfinished business."

III.

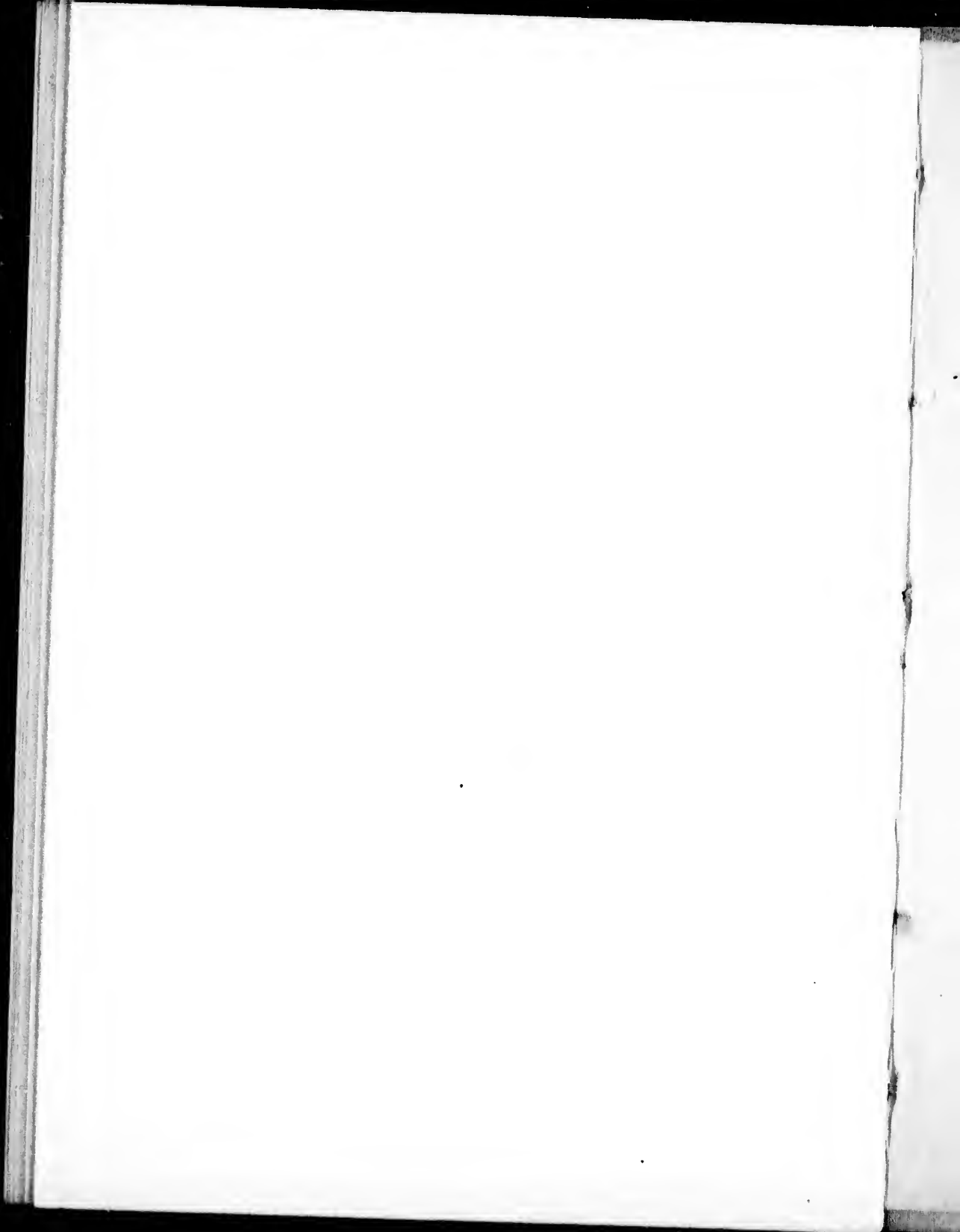
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meetings of the said Committee at such times as to them may seem proper.

IV.

Any member being appointed and notified but fails to take the part assigned him without giving a satisfactory reason shall have his name entered in the minutes as a defaulter.

RULES OF ORDER.

I.

Any member, on rising to speak, shall address the chair, confine himself to the question under discussion, and avoid personalities.

II.

No speaking shall be in order unless there be a motion before the meeting.

III.

A week's notice of all motions shall be given in writing to the Secretary, except votes of thanks, and motions to reconsider, to adjourn, to close the debate, or to divide, or to suspend a whole or any part of the Constitution.

IV.

No member shall speak more than once on any question except in explanation, and no new matter shall be introduced upon such explanation. A reply shall be allowed to a member, who has opened a debate or moved a substantive motion other than those enumerated in Rule III, but not to the mover of an amendment.

V.

When a member is speaking no one shall interrupt him, except for the purpose of calling him to order.

VI.

If any member be called to order, he shall immediately take his seat until the point be settled.

VII.

Any member who, having been called to order, still persists in speaking contrary to the ruling of the chair, or in making a disturbance, having been warned and afterwards named by the chair, shall be prohibited from taking part in any debate, discussion or election during the remainder of that sitting.

VIII.

Any member who shall have been adjudged guilty of any reprehensible conduct shall be liable to be suspended for any length of time by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any meeting ; due notice having been given to all members and the accused party.

IX.

No motion, amendment or discussion shall be in order after the Chairman has risen to put the question.

X.

No motion, amendment or discussion shall be in order when a motion simply to adjourn is before the Society, but a motion to adjourn to a special time may be amended or discussed.

XI.

When a member is speaking, a motion being read, or a vote taken, no member shall walk out of or across the room, or make any noise.

XII.

Only one amendment to an amendment shall be in order, and no irrelevant amendment shall be permitted.

XIII.

Seven members, including the Chairman, shall form a quorum of the Society.

XIV.

Any member may on any point appeal to the Society from the decision of the chair. The Chairman shall thereupon put the question :—
“ Shall the decision of the chair be sustained ? ”

XV.

In the debates the leader of the affirmative shall open the debate, followed by the leader of the negative.

XVI.

The time of each speaker shall be limited to fifteen minutes.

XVII.

Each debater, except the leaders, shall speak once only ; the leader of the affirmative being allowed ten minutes to make reply, and the leader of the negative five minutes to close the debate.

LIST OF OFFICERS.

1880-81.

President,—W. HUNTER.

1st Vice-President,—R. A. E. GREENSHIELDS.

2nd Vice-President,—H. STREET.

Secretary,—L. M. ENGLAND.

Assistant Secretary,—J. D. CAMERON.

Treasurer,—R. A. KENNEDY.

1881-82.

President,—J. R. MURRAY.

1st Vice-President,—G. C. WRIGHT.

2nd Vice-President,—ARCH. LEE.

Secretary,—R. A. E. GREENSHIELDS.

Assistant Secretary,—W. H. TURNER.

Treasurer,—A. A. MACKAY.

1882-83.

President,—J. R. MURRAY.

1st Vice-President,—G. C. WRIGHT.

2nd Vice-President,—W. LOCHHEAD.

Secretary,—A. A. MACKAY.

Assistant Secretary,—J. K. UNSWORTH.

Treasurer.—E. D. F. HOLDEN.

1883-84.

President,—G. C. WRIGHT.

1st Vice-President,—A. H. COLQUHOUN.

2nd Vice-President,—N. P. YATES.

Secretary,—W. LOCHEAD.

Assistant-Secretary,—J. P. GERRIE.

Treasurer,—E. D. F. HOLDEN.

1884-85.

President,—A. H. U. COLQUHOUN.

1st Vice-President,—N. P. YATES.

2nd Vice-President,—R. HENDERSON.

Secretary,—S. MOORE.

Assistant Secretary,—T. HENDERSON.

Treasurer,—E. P. MATHEWSON.

