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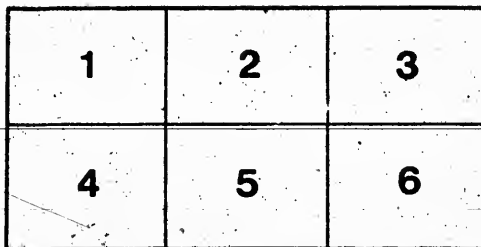
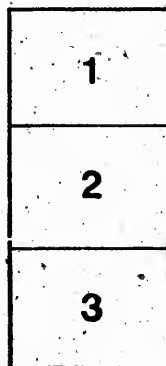
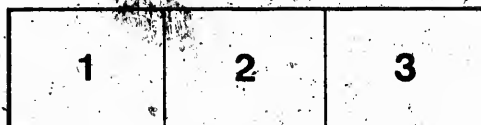
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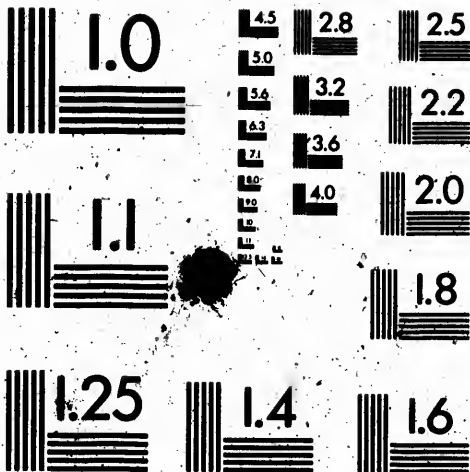
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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.—This Society shall be denominated the Wesleyan-Methodist Sabbath School Society, in connection with the Wesleyan-Methodist Church, in Canada, for the City of Hamilton.

ART. II.—This Society shall consist of all persons who subscribe and pay annually the sum of fifty cents or upwards, in aid of its funds.

ART. III.—The Anniversary of this Society shall be held (when practicable) in the first week in January, in each year,—with power :

1st. To receive the Report of the Committee and sanction, (if necessary) its publication.

2nd. To appoint a Secretary and Treasurer of the Society, and a Superintendent, Secretary or Secretaries, and Librarian or Librarians, for each of the Schools for the ensuing year, who shall be (ex-officio) members of the Committee of Management.

3rd. To select and appoint a Committee of

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Management, consisting of 30 persons, one-half of whom, at least, shall be Teachers, members of the Methodist Church, and the remainder subscribers, also members of the Methodist Church.

4th. The number of Teachers from each School to be in proportion to the number of scholars in attendance, in the ratio of one to fifty pupils, based on the average attendance of the year then ending, and in case the attendance at the various Schools would not give fifteen Teachers, a new ratio to be taken that will provide that number, and when their is more than half of the number required to return a representative, that number shall be entitled to send another Teacher.

ART. IV.—The management of this Society shall be vested in the Ministers on the Circuit; (the Superintendent being President, and his colleagues, Vice-Presidents,) the aforementioned Officers and Committee.

ART. V.—The Committee shall meet at least once in every three months, and oftener if required, stating the object of the meeting in writing, by five of its members with the concurrence of the President or one of the Vice-Presidents,—and fifteen shall form a quorum for the transaction of business;

and in case at any such meeting of the Committee the President or one of the Vice-Presidents cannot attend, one of its members shall preside. It shall be their duty—

1st. To change or remove any Officer of the Schools, when deemed advisable or necessary.

2nd. To raise money for providing books and other necessities for the use of the school.

3rd. To make an equitable appropriation of the funds, according to the circumstances of each School.

4th. To fill up vacancies among themselves when any such occur.

5th. To exercise in all respects a vigilant control over the Institution.

ART. VI.—Each School shall hold a monthly Teachers' Meeting, consisting of the Superintendent, Officers and Teachers of the School,—five of whom shall form a quorum—at which persons shall be proposed and admitted as Teachers, also persons appointed to canvass for scholars or visit absentees. Each Teachers' Meeting shall have authority to make Rules and Regulations for the government of the School to which it belongs, subject to the approval of the Committee, also to make such

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suggestions in relation to the School to be laid before the Committee, as may from time to time be deemed advisable. The Superintendent of each School to be chairman of its own Teachers' Meeting. In his absence the Secretary shall preside.

ART. VII.—It shall be the duty of the Secretary of each School,—

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

2nd. To see that proper care is taken of the books, &c., used in the School, (other than the Library) and renew the class-books when necessary.

3rd. To make any Minutes that may be deemed useful, under the direction of the Superintendent, and record any interesting circumstance connected with the School.

4th. To report the state of the School to the Committee, giving the number of scholars admitted and withdrawn, or expelled, the present number on the roll and the average attendance for the past quarter.

ART. VIII.—No person shall be permitted to retain his situation as Officer or Member of the

Committee, as Superintendent, Secretary, Librarian, Visitor or Teacher, whose moral character or religious opinions shall render him in the opinion of the Committee, or the Quarterly Meeting, unfit for the situation.

ART. IX.—The Superintendents shall uniformly cause the Schools to be opened and closed with singing and prayer,—they shall admit children, arrange the classes, appoint Teachers to classes, enforce the rules for the maintainance of order, and direct and assist the Teachers in the discharge of their duty.

ART. X.—The Secretary of this Society shall attend all meetings of the Committee and Society, to take minutes of the proceedings; he shall give due notice of the periodical and extraordinary meetings of the Committee and Society; he shall sign all orders on the Treasurer for monies, and to his order alone is the Treasurer authorized to pay the monies of the Society, he shall give no such order without the authority of the Committee, and no liability shall be incurred on behalf of the Society, except through him and by their order.

ART. XI.—The Librarians shall take proper care of the Libraries, keep a proper record of the same,

and render to the Committee when required, a report of their state, &c., &c.

ART. XII.—The Libraries now existing, or which may be hereafter procured, shall be considered the property of the Society, and at the disposal of the Committee, and no book shall be admitted into the Libraries until approved by the Committee, or by such persons as they may appoint for that purpose.

ART. XIII.—No addition, alteration, or amendment shall be made to this Constitution, except at the Annual Meeting of the Society ; three months notice of such change being giving at a Committee Meeting.

BY-LAWS.

1st. The Schools shall invariably be opened with singing and prayer ; and during the time of prayer, no Teacher or Scholar shall enter or leave the School.

2nd. Teachers are expected to be at the head of their classes, at the opening of the School, and not to leave them or converse with each other, during school hours, except on necessary school business ; and in all things to pay respectful attention to the wishes and authority of the Superintendent.

3rd. The Teachers, according to their ability, shall instruct the children under their care in all moral and religious knowledge ; shall question them on the reading and other lessons, to see whether they understand them ; shall inculcate upon them the necessity of loving God ; being obedient to their Parents and other superiors ; shall point out to them the way of salvation, as revealed in the Gospel of

Christ; and endeavor to make them acquainted with all that Christians ought to know and practice.

4th. Persons desirous of becoming Teachers in any of the Schools, shall mention their wish to the Superintendent of such School, (in whom alone the power of nomination is vested) who may nominate them at the Teachers' meeting next ensuing, such nomination to stand over for approval or rejection at the next monthly meeting; and where individuals have been employed by the Superintendent previous to their having been received as Teachers by the monthly meeting, it shall be the duty of the Superintendent to inform such persons of the mode of nomination and election as laid down in this rule.

5th. In case of the absence of any children from their respective classes, the Teachers shall endeavor to visit them in person, to satisfy themselves of the causes of absence, and at the same time to obtain the assistance of the Parents in enforcing a regular attendance.

6th. Previous to the resignation of office, every Teacher shall give to the Superintendent four weeks' notice to that effect, in order that the vacancy may be supplied.

7th. When Teachers are unable to attend the duties of their respective classes, they shall be required to give notice to that effect to the Superintendent, if possible on the day previous, and in case of absence for three successive Sabbaths, without giving satisfactory reason to the Superintendent, such Teacher shall be considered as having withdrawn.

8th. Any Teacher who may be desirous of removing from one School to another, shall be allowed to do so by first obtaining the consent of their Teachers' Meeting.

9th. The Scholars are expected to appear as clean as possible in their apparel and persons.

10th. They shall be obedient to all the directions of their Superintendent and Teachers; and in case of obstinate mis-conduct shall be expelled from the School, and after such expulsion they shall not be re-admitted without proper confession and amendment.

11th. The Scholars shall be dismissed in regular order, by classes, under the direction of the Superintendent.

12th. Any child above the age of four years may be admitted as a scholar, if such admission is agreeable to the wishes of the parents or friends of the child.

13th. If a scholar be absent from his class, three Sabbaths successively, without satisfactory reasons being given to the Teacher, such neglect shall be accounted sufficient cause for dismissal.

14th. All scholars who do not appear cleanly or are found guilty of lying, swearing, pilfering, talking indecently, using tobacco in or about the Schools or otherwise misbehaving after the Superintendent has pointed out the evil of such conduct, shall be excluded from the Schools.

15th. In case of the removal of scholars from one School to another, they must not be admitted without a note from the Superintendent of the School they have left.

16th. In order to avoid confusion, the Secretary shall furnish the necessary school-books to the respective classes.

17th. When there are Absentee Visitors appointed, it shall be their duty to be present at the opening of the School, for the purpose of ascertaining what

Scholars are absent, and to proceed to their residence and enquire the cause, they shall also invite other children to attend the School.

18th. Each School shall hold a prayer meeting on the first Sabbath of each month.

19th. The only principle to be recognized in the government of the School is **Love**.

SCHOOLS IN OPERATION IN 1861.

King Street Church School.

John Street Church School.

Macnab Street Church School.

Bethel Church School.

Main Street Church School.

