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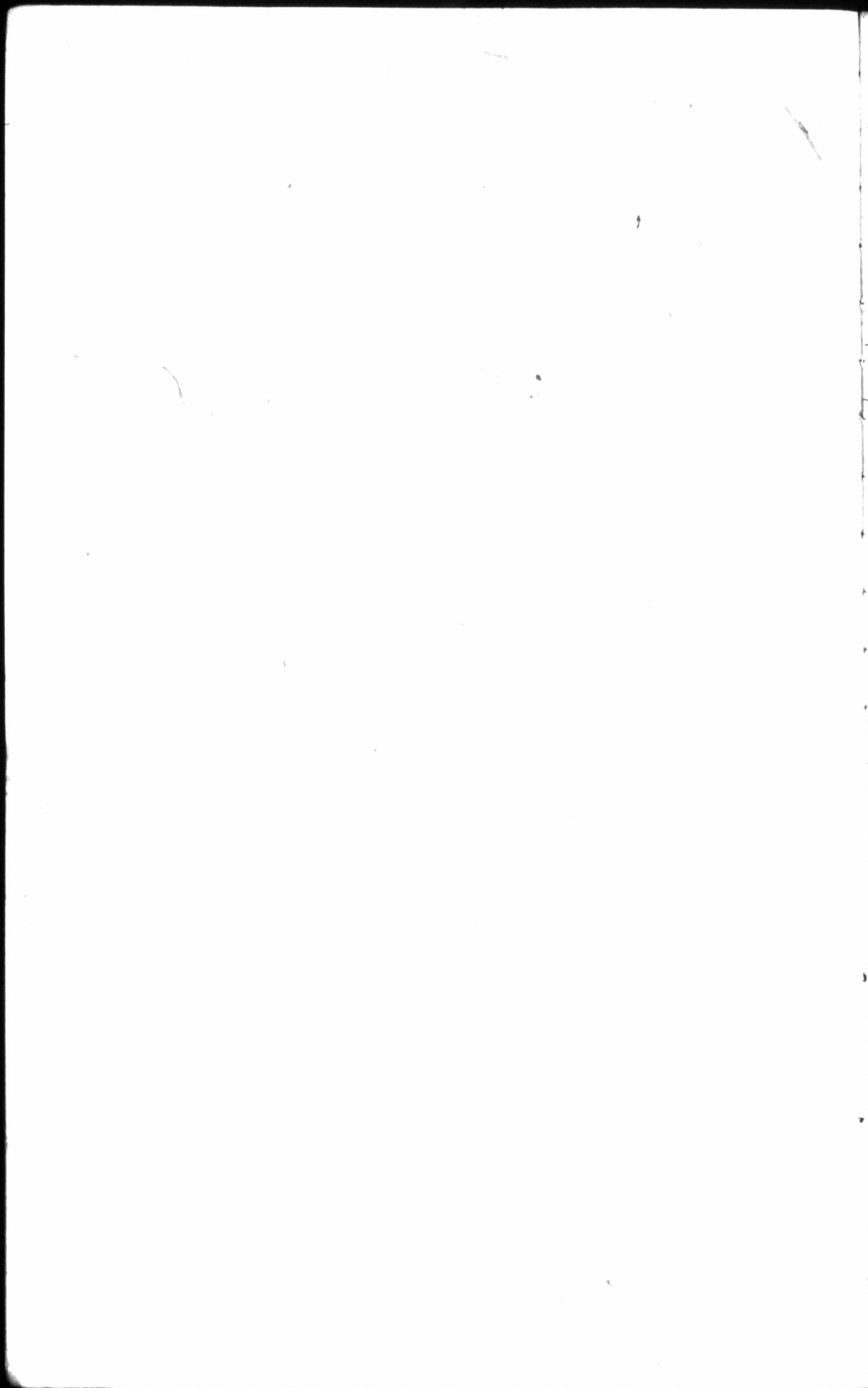
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INTRODUCTION.

There is a land, of every land the pride,
Beloved by heaven, o'er all the world beside :
There is a spot of earth supremely blest,
A dearer, sweeter spot than all the rest,
Where shall that land, that spot of earth be found ?
Art thou a man ? a Patriot ? look around—
Oh ! thou shalt find, howe'er thy footsteps roam,
That land *thy* country, and that spot *thy* home :

J. MONTGOMERY.

The Englishman who leaves his native land, to take up his residence in a British Colony, has the satisfaction of feeling that the flag of England still waves over his head,—whether it flap idly in a tropical climate, or rustle in a Canadian snow-storm,—He knows that he carries with him an inherent right to participate in England's national glories, and that he can still reflect with pride upon her commercial importance, her naval power, her Charitable Institutions, and above all, the superiority of her religious and moral privileges. The mighty Atlantic may interpose its dread barrier between him and England's happy shores, but his thoughts can trace back, and dwell with fond delight upon the country of his birth. As each Anniversary of her Patron Saint returns, he rejoices in a public manifestation of his patriotic feelings. On such occasions, he delights to indulge in sweet reminiscences of his native soil. He pours out his heart at the social board ; and while the spot of his birth, the village spire, the haunts of childhood, and the graves of his kindred pass before him, his eye is bedewed with a grateful moisture, or his cheek paled with suppressed emotions. Under the influence of the same hallowed feelings, he unites with his fellow countrymen in the land of his adoption, in forming charitable societies for the benefit of Englishmen, or their families, in distress ; to welcome them on their arrival in a strange country ; to give them friendly counsel and advice ; or if poverty has laid its withering grasp upon them ; or if, after years of laborious service,

sickness or misfortune have blasted their prospects of gaining an honest livelihood; to extend to them prompt and generous relief.—Who that loves England, or rejoices in the name of Englishman, would withhold his name from so praiseworthy an association as this? Who can refrain from applying to such a society the patriotic language of the pious and patriotic David: “Behold how good and joyous a thing it is for Brethren to dwell together in unity;”—and again, “for my brethren and companion’s sake, I will wish thee prosperity,—yea, because of the Lord our God, I will seek to do thee good.”

RULES OF THE SOCIETY.

I. That the title of the Society shall be the GALT ST. GEORGE'S BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

II. That the object of this Society shall be to unite Englishmen and Welshmen in a social compact, for the promotion of mutual and friendly intercourse, and for affording to their fellow countrymen who may stand in need of its advice or counsel, or such pecuniary assistance as the funds of the Society may enable them to give.

III. That natives of England and Wales, and their sons and grandsons, shall alone be eligible to become members of this Society.

IV. That any gentleman desirous of becoming a member of this Society, shall send in his name to the Secretary, with a recommendation from two members of the Society, and that such recommendation shall be submitted at the first General Meeting of the Society, and decided upon by a majority of votes then present.

V. That this Society shall hold its general annual meeting on the 2nd Monday in April; and Quarterly Meetings on the 2nd Mondays in the months of July, October, and January, respectively, and shall dine together on St. George's Day. Five members, and one officer, to form a quorum.

VI. That the Officers of this Society shall consist of a President, a first and second Vice President, a Treasurer, Secretary, and Chaplain, one or more Physicians, and four Stewards. Also a Charitable Committee of four, and Committee of Accounts, to consist of three members, not officers; all of which officers (except the Chaplain) shall be elected at the General Annual Meeting of the Society, by a majority of members present, and shall enter upon their respective duties on the following St. George's Day.

VII. That the Incumbent of Trinity Church, Galt, shall be the Chaplain of the Society.

VIII. That every member, on his admission, shall pay to the Treasurer (or, in his absence, to the Secretary), a fee of Two Shillings and Sixpence, and an annual subscription of Five Shillings, payable quarterly at the quarterly meetings; and that Honorary Members shall, on their entrance, pay Ten Shillings each.

IX. That a subscription of £2 10s. do constitute a Life Member, and that such subscriptions, together with any bequests or donations made to the Society, shall be invested in some permanent fund, the interest only of which shall be placed among the distributable funds of the Society.

X. That the Charitable Committee (of which the Officers of the Society, excepting the Stewards and Auditors, shall be ex-officio members) may expend the distributable funds of the Society in charity, at their discretion, not exceeding the sum of Two Pounds to any one family, during the year, except in extreme cases. Such relief to be confined to Englishmen and Welshmen, and their Widows and Children.

XI. That the Treasurer shall be authorised to advance to a distressed individual who has claims upon the charity of the Society, a sum not exceeding Ten Shillings, upon the written order of any two members of the Charitable Committee; such individual being recommended to them by any member of the Society. Cases demanding more than ordinary relief, shall be disposed of at a special meeting of the Committee to be called for that purpose, by the Secretary, on the requisition of two of its members. Six to form a quorum.

XII. That the Charitable Committee shall meet on the last Monday in the months of March, June, September, and December, respectively, and confer with the Treasurer as to the state of the funds.

XIII. That at all Committee meetings, the chair shall be taken not later than twenty minutes precisely after the hour appointed for the meeting, and if there be not then a quorum present, the meeting shall be forthwith

adjourned, and non-attendants (except on account of illness or absence from Galt) shall be fined one shilling and threepence each.

XIV. That the President, with the concurrence of the Vice-Presidents, or one of them, shall appoint the place of holding the established Quarterly Meetings. He may also call Special Meetings of the Society, upon the requisition (stating the cause thereof,) of any six of its members.

XV. That to preserve order, and expedite the business of the Society, every member who may have proposals to make, or observations to offer upon any proposition, shall rise and address the President; and no person shall interrupt another while speaking, if the speaker be in order.

XVI. That any member wishing to withdraw his name from the Society, shall communicate his intention in writing, at a regular stated meeting, and upon his producing a receipt from the Treasurer, for the payment in full of his contributions, his request shall be granted.

XVII. That if any member shall neglect to pay his subscription and fines for more than one year after he shall have been called on by the Treasurer and one of the Committee of Accounts, such person shall be considered as having forfeited his membership.

XVIII. That at all meetings of the Society, the President shall take the chair, not later than half an hour after the time inserted in the notice of the meeting, when the Secretary shall call over and record the names of the members who are present; and no member shall depart from the meeting while the President is in the chair, without his leave, under a penalty of one shilling and threepence.

XIX. That it shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Society; to superintend generally its concerns, and particularly to prevent religious or political discussions, as having a tendency to disturb the harmony of the meeting; he shall also endorse all orders upon the Treasurer. In the absence of the

President, one of the Vice-Presidents shall exercise the same authority.

XX. That the Treasurer shall take charge of all monies put into his hands, belonging to the Society; keep regular accounts thereof; honor all the orders of the Society signed by the President, (to the extent of the funds in his hands and no more), and he shall lay before the members at each quarterly meeting, an abstract of his receipts and disbursements for the preceding quarter.

XXI. That the Secretary shall keep a fair register of all the Proceedings, Orders, Rules or Regulations of the Society, and shall cause the same to be entered in a suitable book or books, provided for that purpose; he shall summon the Society to the Quarterly and Annual Meetings, and give notice on any other occasion on which he may be directed so to do by the President, or in his absence, either of the Vice-Presidents; he shall also sign all drafts ordered by the Committee; and shall lay before each Annual Meeting a Report of the Transactions of the Society for the present year.

XXII. That the Stewards shall make all the necessary arrangements for the Anniversary Dinner, with the assistance of the President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary, and Treasurer.

XXIII. That it shall be the duty of the Committee of Accounts to audit the Books of the Treasurer, and to confer with him respecting delinquents.

XXIV. That the members of this Society shall faithfully observe and conform to all the Rules and Regulations that shall be made by the Society, and entered into the Books thereof, on pain of being dismissed from it, and having their names erased from the list of members.

XXV. That these Rules and Regulations shall be altered or amended at general meetings only, and no motion of an alteration or amendment shall be received, unless notice of the same shall have been given at a previous quarterly meeting.

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1850.

President,

JAMES DAVIDSON, Esq.

Vice-Presidents,

JOHN HEARLE AND THOMAS RICH, Esqs.

Chaplain,

THE REV. MICHAEL BOOMER, B. A.

Physician,

DR. THOMAS SEAGRAM, M.D.

Secretary,

Mr. JOHN J. HEARLE.

Treasurer,

Mr. H. H. DATE.

Stewards,

Messrs. JOHN PLATT, R. S. STRONG, JOHN PIERSON, and
JAMES GEDDES.

Charitable Committee,

Messrs. WILLIAM PHILLIPS, AUGUSTUS HARRIS, SYDNEY
SMITH, and WILLIAM JAFFRAY.

Auditors,

Messrs. RICHARD MERTON, WILLIAM WILKINS, and
JAMES HARRIS.

Members of the Society,

Thomas Rich, Senr.,	Thomas Athow,
Thomas Rich, Junr.,	Jesse Partridge,
John Pierson,	William Stone,
R. S. Strong,	John Cheesman,
James Davidson, Senr.,	Alexander Allen,
John Hearle,	James Hore,
James Geddes,	Philip Pepler,
Thomas Seagram,	Ralph C. Nicholson,
H. H. Date,	Francis Henry Pulham,
John James Hearle,	William Snow,
William Phillips,	John Elliott,
Augustus H. Harris,	Eli Baillie,
Joseph Rutledge,	John Fox,
Sidney Smith,	Thomas Batters,
John Platt,	Nelson Newcombe,
John Wright,	Thomas Paddock, senr.
James Harris,	Geo. J. W. Paddock,
James Havel,	John Paddock,
Henry Smith,	Thomas Paddock, junr.
William Wilkins,	Richard Paddock,
John Lee,	William Jaffray,

Honorary Members.

Thomas Neilson,	William Davidson,
Robert Miller,	John Davidson,
Andrew Caldwell,	Dr. Richardson,
Dr. Scott,	Peter Jaffray.
John N. McLean,	