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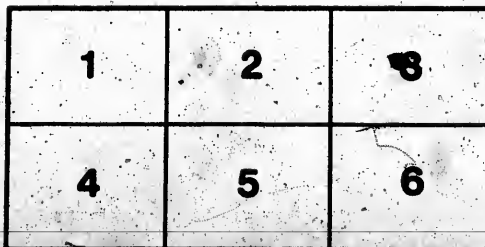
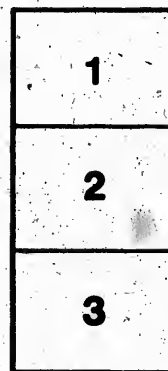
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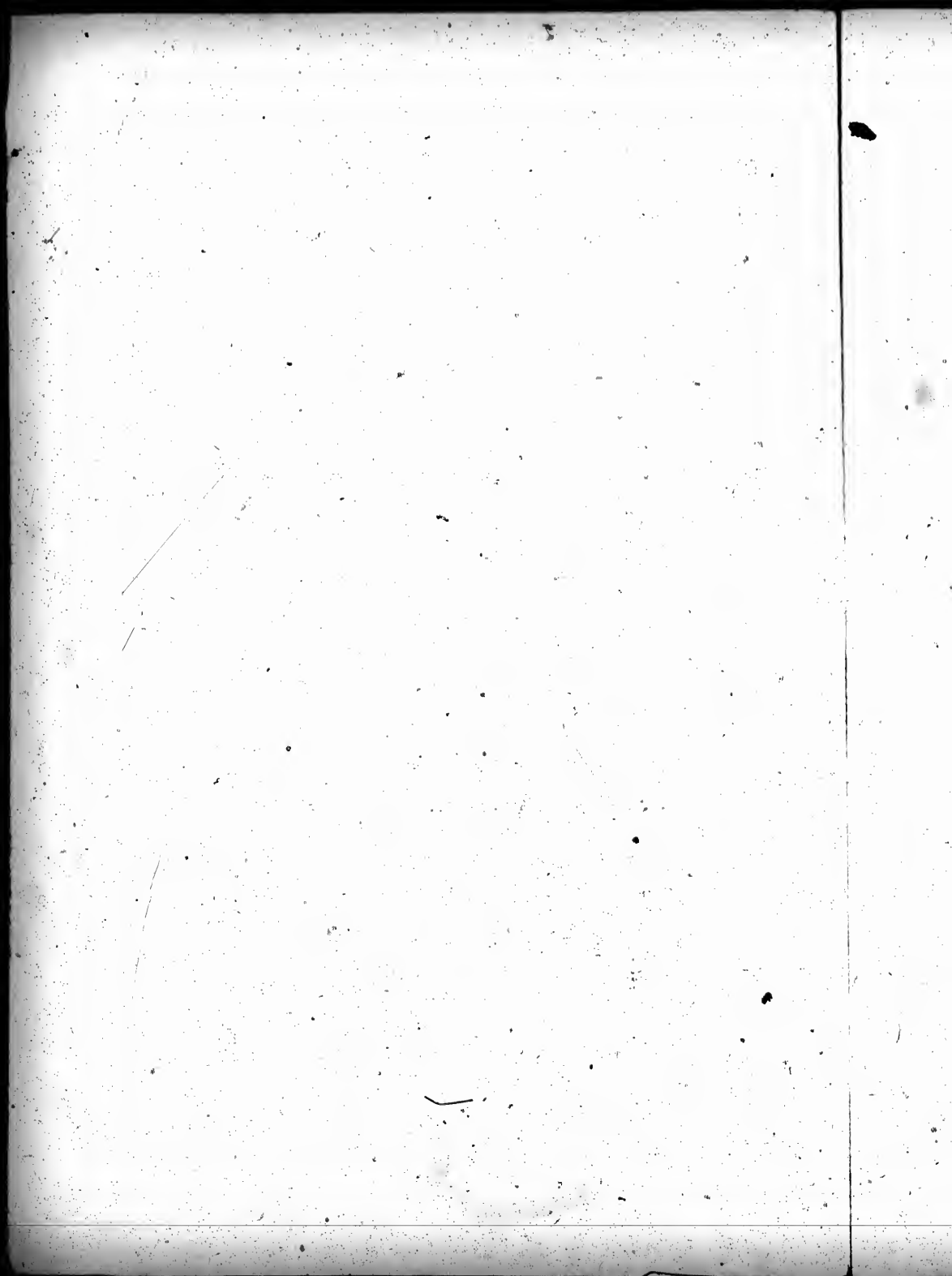
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**CONSTITUTION**  
**OF**  
**ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH,**  
**IN THE CITY OF OTTAWA,**  
**UNDER THE SYNOD OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CANADA, IN**  
**CONNECTION WITH THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.**

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**ARTICLE I.**

Every proprietor or lessee of a pew or pews in said Church, and not in arrear for any rent or assessment thereon, being a male person of the full age of twenty-one years, shall be qualified to vote for, and be chosen a member of the Temporal Committee, or any other office, connected with the management of the temporal affairs only, of the said Church.

**ARTICLE II.**

The Temporal Committee shall consist of seven members, and shall be chosen by a majority of the votes of the Pewholders mentioned in Article 1, who shall be present at a general meeting, to be held for that purpose annually.

on the first Monday of March, or as soon thereafter as convenient, in each year; notice thereof having been given from the Pulpit, or Precentor's Desk, on two preceding Sabbaths, and shall continue in office ~~one year,~~ or until their successors shall be chosen, each such pew-holder to have one vote only.

#### ARTICLE III.

The Temporal Committee shall choose from among themselves a President, two Vice-Presidents, and a Secretary, and shall have power, and it shall be their duty, to regulate and manage all the temporal affairs of the said Church, not otherwise specially provided for, and to keep minutes of all their proceedings, and hand over such minutes and all documents connected with the Church, and all church property which shall come into their hands, to their successors in office. Any four of such Committee, including the President or one of the Vice-Presidents, who shall preside and keep order, shall form a quorum, and be competent to transact all business, the member in the chair having a vote along with the others, and an additional or casting vote in case of a tie.

#### ARTICLE IV.

There shall be a Treasurer of the Church chosen annually by, and from among, the pew-holders mentioned in Article 1, at their general annual meeting, whose duty it shall be to collect and take charge of all moneys belonging to the Church, under the instructions of the Temporal Committee, and upon their order only to pay out the same from time to time,—and in a book to be kept for that purpose, to keep a correct and true account of all moneys received and paid by him; and also a correct pew-list for each year, shewing the number of each



pew in the Church, with the name of the proprietor or lessee thereof, the amount of rent or assessment charged thereon, and when paid, and all such other books and accounts as shall be requisite, all which books and accounts shall be open to the inspection of the Managing Committee; and also, shall at each general annual meeting submit a balance sheet for the preceding year, and shall from time to time furnish such statements as the Temporal Committee shall require.

ARTICLE V.

All meetings for the election of a Minister for said Church shall be called by authority of the Presbytery, by public intimation after divine service, on at least one Sabbath ten days previous to the day of meeting; and all the procedure shall be in accordance with the laws and usages of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, and such regulations as the Presbytery of the bounds may adopt, agreeably to such laws and usages.

ARTICLE VI.

The persons who shall be eligible for the office of the ministry in this congregation shall be:—1st. Any regularly ordained Minister or duly licensed Probationer of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland. 2nd. Any Minister or Probationer of the Church of Scotland. 3rd. Any Minister or Probationer of any Presbyterian Body holding the Westminster Confession of Faith, and the Larger and Shorter Catechism, who shall be willing to take the usual ordination vows, and obey the laws and rules of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, and who shall have been received as a Preacher

by the Presbytery of the bounds : it being always understood that such Minister or Preacher shall have undergone such course of education, literary, scientific, and theological, as is now or may hereafter be required by the Synod or other supreme court of this Church.

ARTICLE VII.

The rents of the pews and other revenues of this Church shall be applied to the support of the Minister, and the payment of any debts and incidental expenses of the said Church ; and if said revenues shall at any time prove insufficient for these purposes, or if any other exigency unprovided for shall arise, it shall be the duty of the Temporal Committee to call a general meeting of the proprietors and lessees of pews of said Church, to make provision for the same.

ARTICLE VIII.

The Precentor and kirk-officer shall be appointed by, and be under the control of the kirk session, and shall be paid by them out of the weekly collections.

ARTICLE IX.

Every proprietor of a pew or pews in said Church may transfer his property therein to another by sale, gift, or last will and testament. But no such transfer shall be valid until the person taking the same shall have subscribed these articles.

ARTICLE X.

Any proprietor of a pew in the said Church, who shall refuse or neglect to pay the annual assessment upon such pew for one year after the same shall become due and payable, shall forfeit his right to said pew, which shall thenceforth revert back to the said Church, and may be dealt with as other unsold pews.

## ARTICLE XI.

All proceedings heretofore regularly taken under any former Constitution of this Church shall continue valid and binding; and proprietors of pews who have heretofore purchased the same, shall not at any time hereafter be chargeable with any assessment upon such pews bearing a higher proportion to the rent of similar leased pews than at present.

## ARTICLE XII.

It shall be lawful for the Treasurer from time to time, under the direction and with the concurrence of the Temporal Committee, to sell to any party willing to purchase the same, any unsold pew in the said Church, at such price or sum, and subject to the payment of such annual assessment, and such other terms and conditions as shall from time to time be fixed by the Temporal Committee. Such purchaser to get from the Property Trustees, of the site of said Church, who are hereby authorized and required to execute and grant the same, at the request of the Temporal Committee, whenever they shall have the legal authority so to do, a deed of conveyance of any such pew, in such form as shall be adopted for that purpose, setting forth the terms and conditions of such sale.

## ARTICLE XIII.

It shall be lawful for the Treasurer on the day of the general annual meeting of the congregation, or afterwards during the year, to lease to any person or persons desirous of renting the same, until the first day of March then following, any unoccupied pew in said Church, at such yearly rent and upon such terms and conditions as shall from time to time be fixed by the Temporal Committee; and the entry of the name of such lessee or lessees

opposite to the number of such pew in the pew list mentioned in Article 4 shall be sufficient evidence of such letting.

ARTICLE XIV.

All moneys arising from the sale, assessment, and letting of the pews in said Church shall belong to and form part of the general revenues of the said Church.

ARTICLE XV.

The Temporal Committee shall at the general annual meeting in each year appoint two competent persons to audit the accounts of the Treasurer for the preceding year, and to prepare a statement thereof, and of the general pecuniary affairs of said Church, to be printed, and a copy thereof laid upon the book board of each occupied pew in said Church, as soon after the said general meeting as may be convenient.

ARTICLE XVI.

All persons purchasing or leasing pews in said Church shall be required to sign these articles, and all persons signing the same do and shall thereby agree and bind themselves to observe and abide by the same and every part thereof so long as the same shall remain in force, and all additions to and alterations in the same, which shall from time to time be made by the parties, and in the manner hereinbefore provided in that behalf.



