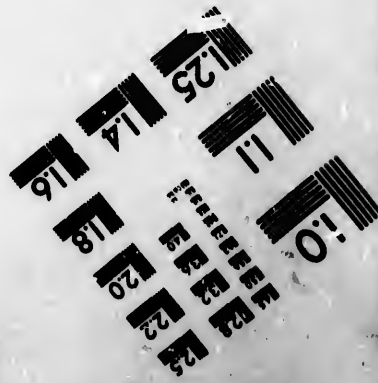
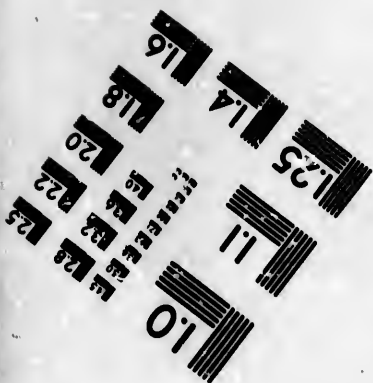
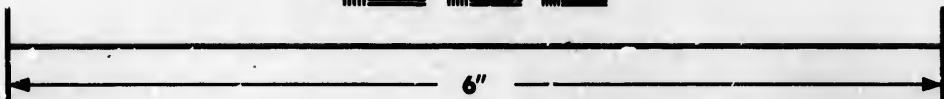
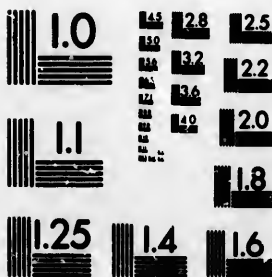


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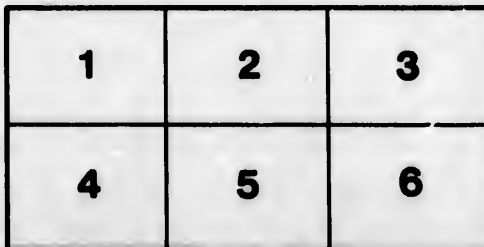
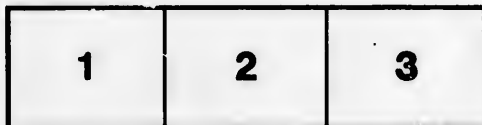
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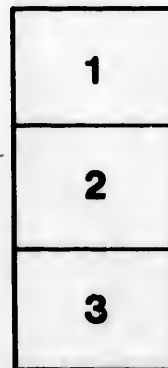
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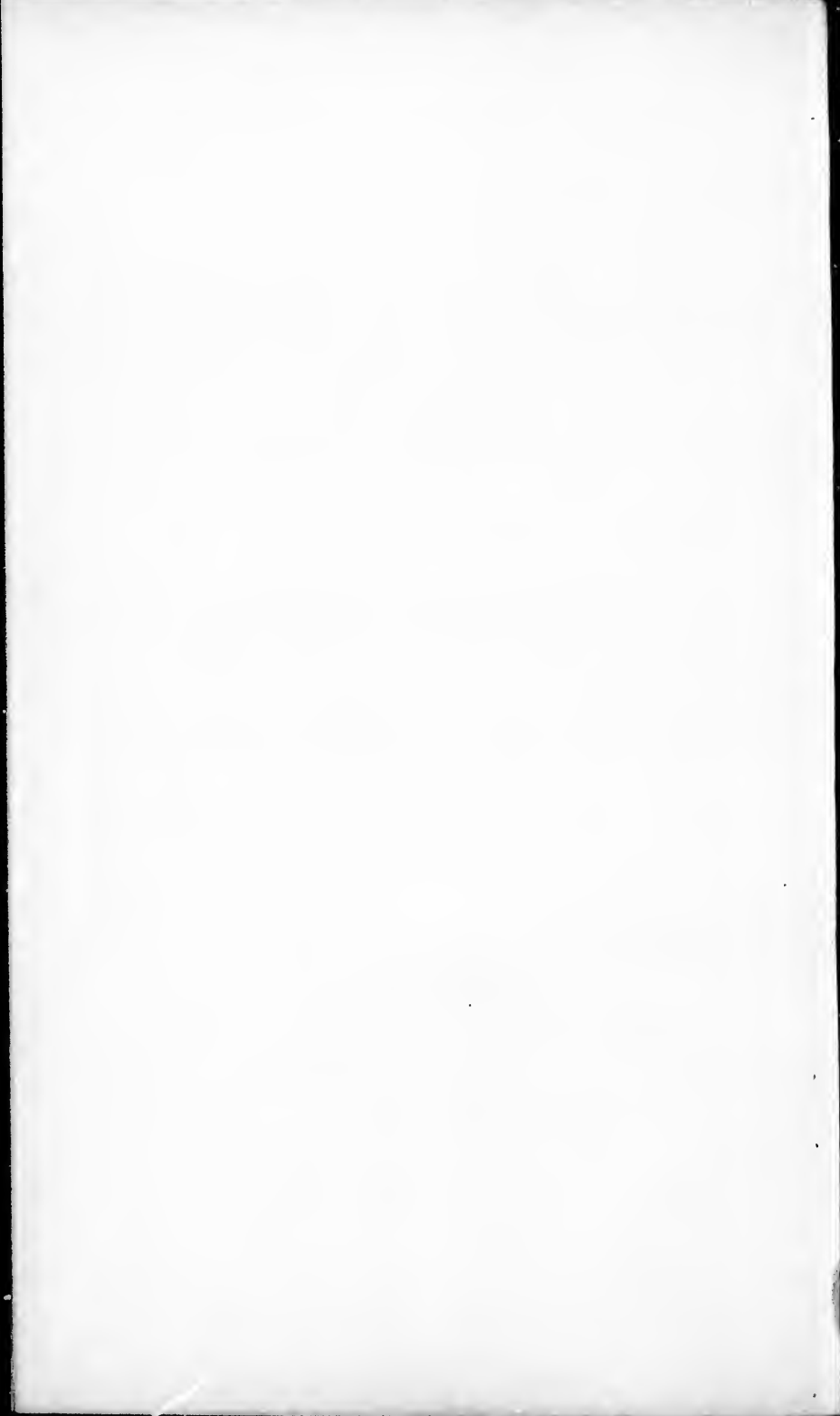
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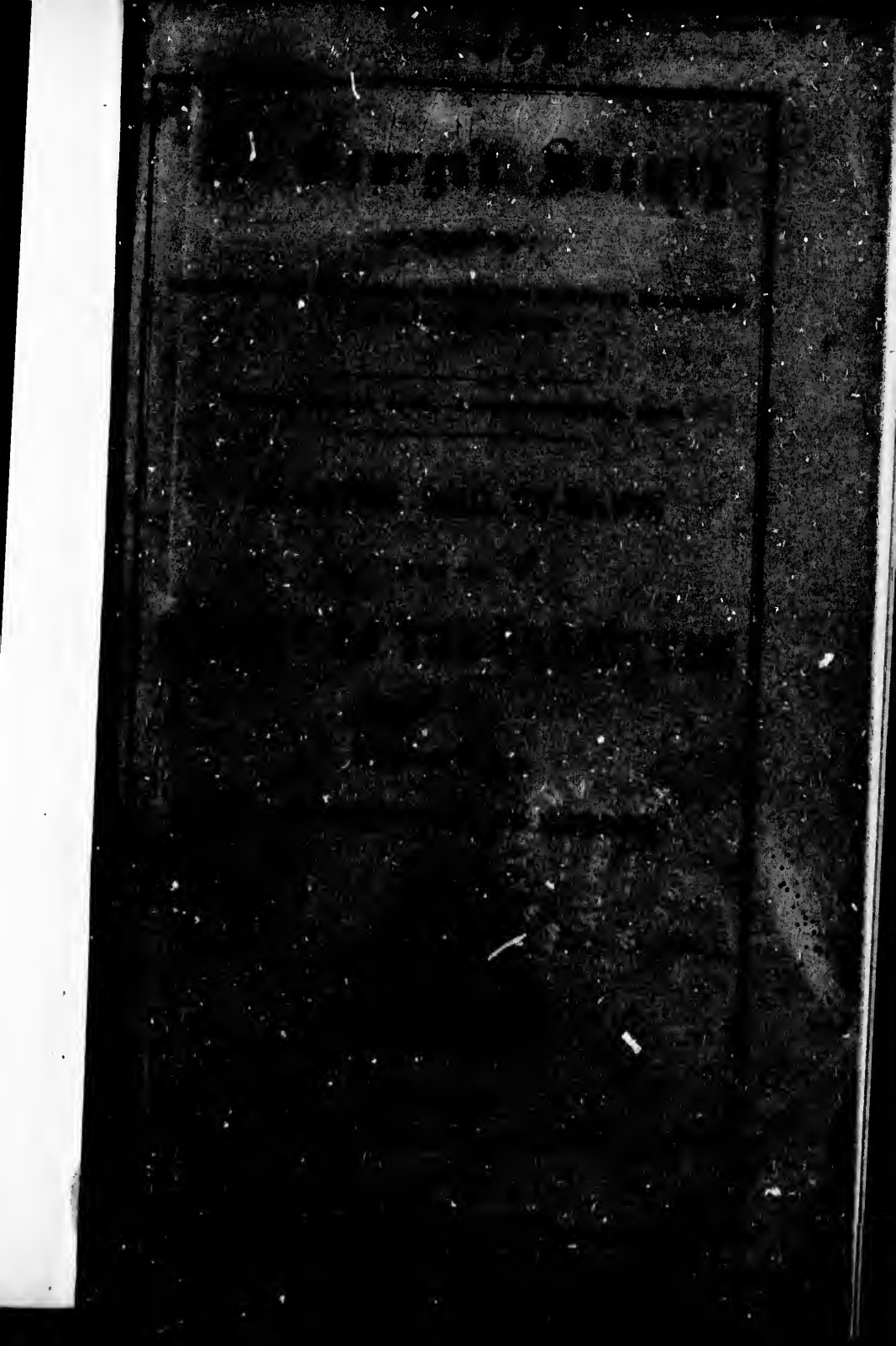


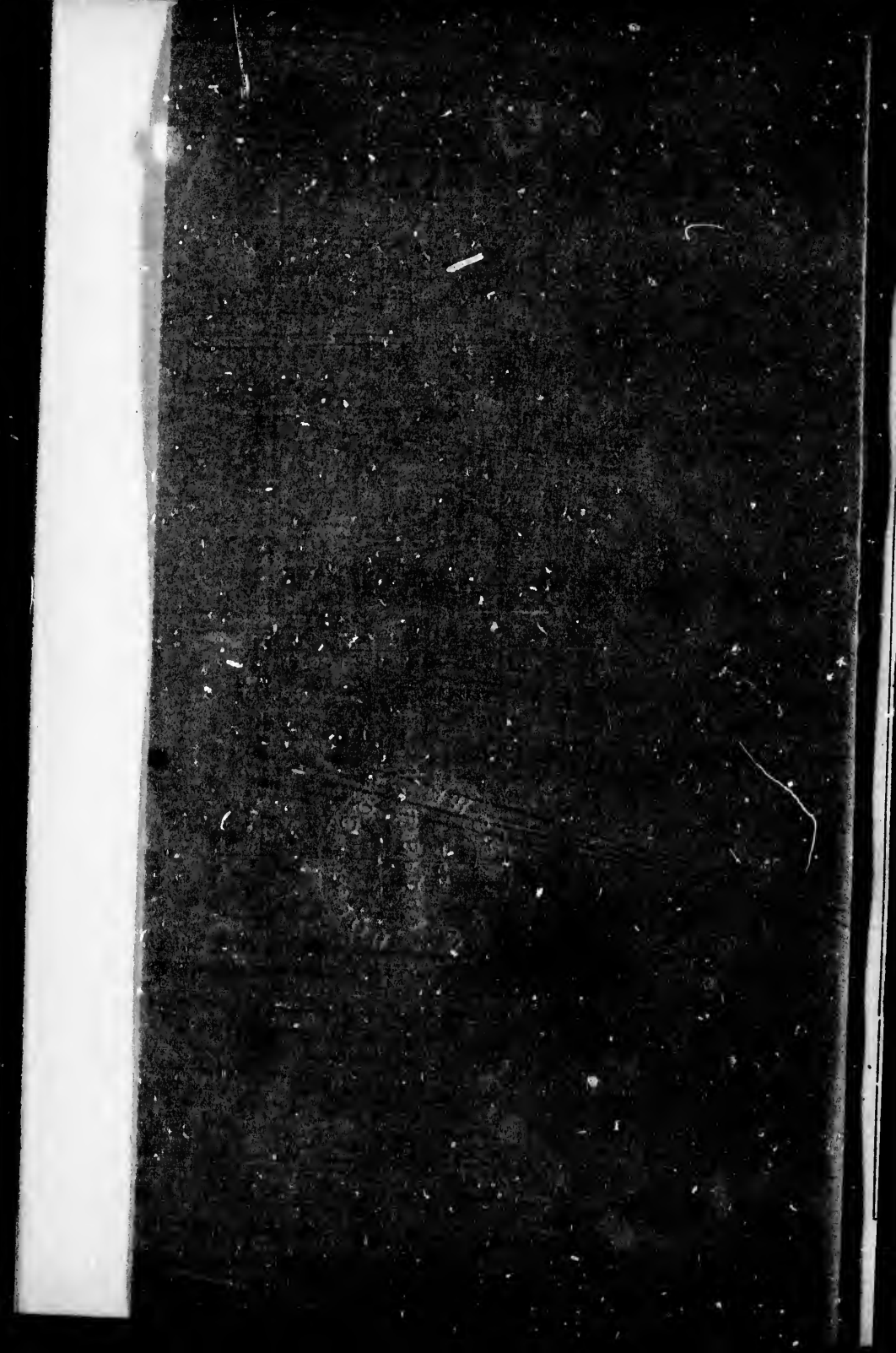
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OF TORONTO;

INSTITUTED FOR THE RELIEF OF SICK AND DESTITUTE ENGLISHMEN  
AND THEIR DESCENDANTS.

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ESTABLISHED, 1836. — INCORPORATED, 1858.

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CHARTER AND BY-LAWS,

WITH THE

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FOR 1858,

TOGETHER WITH A

LIST OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS.



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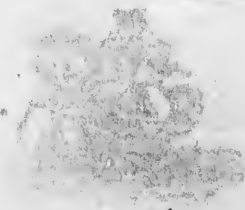
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*An Act to incorporate the St. George's Society of Toronto.*

**W**HEREAS John Beverley Robinson, Thomas Brown, George S. Jones, Robert Dodgson, F. W. Coate, George T. Walton, George Bilton, George Thomas, Henry Godson, Julian Sale, Isaac Faulkner, B. Saunders, Frank John Joseph, and others, have by their petition to the Legislature represented, that the Association, of which they are members, known as the St. George's Society of Toronto, has for many years been formed for the benevolent purposes of affording pecuniary, medical, and other relief to such natives of England and Wales, and their descendants, as may from sickness or other causes have fallen into distress, and have prayed that for the better attainment of the objects of the said Association, it may be invested with corporate powers, and by reason of the good effected by the Association, it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition: Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

1. The said John Beverley Robinson, M.P.P., Thomas Brown, George S. Jones, Robert Dodgson, F. W. Coate, George T. Walton, George Bilton, George Thomas, Henry Godson, Julian Sale, Isaac Faulkner, B. Saunders, Frank John Joseph, and such other persons as are now members of the said association, or shall hereafter become members thereof, under the provisions of this Act, and the By-laws made under the authority thereof, and their successors, shall be and they are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate, by

the name of the *St. George's Society of Toronto*, and may by that name sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, answer and be answered, defend and be defended, in all Courts of Law and places whatsoever, and by that name they and their successors shall have perpetual succession, and may have a common seal, and may break, change, alter, or renew the same at pleasure, and shall have power to purchase, take, receive, hold and enjoy such real estate, as may be required for the actual occupation of the said Corporation, and to alienate, sell, convey, lease, or otherwise dispose of the same, or any part thereof, from time to time, and as occasion may require; and to acquire other instead thereof; Provided always, that the said Corporation may acquire any other real estate or any interest therein, by gift, devise or bequest, if made at least six months before the death of the party making the same, and the Corporation may hold such estate for a period of not more than three years, and the same or any part or portion thereof or interest therein which may not, within the said period have been alienated and disposed of, shall revert to the party from whom the same was acquired, his heirs or other representatives; And provided also, that the proceeds of such property as shall have been disposed of during the said period, may be invested in the public securities of the Province, stocks of chartered Banks, mortgages, or other approved securities for the use of the said Corporation.

2. The affairs and business of the said Corporation shall be managed by a Committee of Management, consisting of a President, a first, second, and third Vice-Presidents, a Secretary or Secretaries, a Treasurer, two Chaplains, three Physicians, and seven other Members, to be elected annually at a General Meeting of the members of the Corporation held in conformity to the By-laws thereof, and any five members of the said Committee shall be a quorum for the despatch of business.

3. All deeds, sealed with the Common Seal of the Corporation, and signed by the President or Vice-Presidents, and by some other member of the Committee of Management, and countersigned by the Treasurer, and none other, shall be held to be deeds of the Corporation: Provided always, that the Treasurer, for the time being, may receive all moneys payable to the Corporation and grant valid receipts therefor.

4. It shall be lawful for the said Corporation to make By-laws for the admission and expulsion of members, and for the proper administration of the property and affairs of the Corporation, and to repeal or amend the same from time to time;

and such By-laws and amendments shall be proposed and seconded at a previous Quarterly Meeting. No number of members less than one-fifth of the Corporation (including the presiding Officer) shall form a meeting for the purpose of altering such By-laws, nor shall any alteration be made therein unless two-thirds of the members present agree to it.

5. The General Meetings of the said Corporation shall be held in such manner, after such notice, upon such requisition, and at such times, in the City of Toronto, as shall be directed by the By-laws of the Corporation then in force.

6. The usual place of meeting of the said Corporation shall be held to be the legal domicile thereof, and service at such place of any notice or process of any kind, addressed to the said Corporation, shall be held to be sufficient service of such notice or process on the Corporation.

7. The By-laws of the said Association, in so far as they may not be repugnant to this Act or the laws of this Province, shall be the By-laws of the Corporation, hereby constituted, until they shall be repealed or altered as aforesaid; Provided always, that no By-law shall impose a penalty or forfeiture exceeding two dollars.

8. Until others shall be elected according to the By-laws of the Corporation, the present officers of the Association shall be those of the said Corporation, that is to say, the said John Beverley Robinson shall be the President, the said Thomas Brown shall be the first Vice-President, the said George S. Jones shall be the second Vice-President, the said Robert Dodgson the third Vice-President, the said F. W. Coate shall be the Treasurer, the said George T. Walton shall be the Secretary, the Reverend J. Beavan, D. D., and the Reverend H. Scadding, D. D., shall be the Chaplains; Edward Hodder, Francis Badgley, and William Hallowell shall be the Physicians, and the said George Bilton, George Thomas, Henry Godson, Julian Sale, Isaac Faulkner, B. Saunders, and Frank John Joseph, the other members of the Committee of Management.

9. No person otherwise competent to be a witness in any suit, action, or prosecution in which the said Corporation may be engaged, shall be deemed incompetent to be such witness by reason of his being or having been a member or officer of the said Corporation.

10. All subscriptions of members due to the Corporation under any By-law, all penalties incurred under any By-law by any person bound thereby, and all other sums of money due to the Corporation, shall be paid to the Treasurer thereof,

and in default of payment may be recovered in any action brought by him in the name of the Corporation in any Court of competent civil jurisdiction: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent any member from withdrawing at any time from the said Corporation after payment of all arrears due to the funds thereof, including the annual subscription for the year then current.

11. The said Committee of Management shall yearly in the month of January, insert in some newspaper published in the City of Toronto a statement of the amount of the funds and property, debts and liabilities of the said Corporation, certified by the Treasurer and two Auditors elected at any General Meeting of the Corporation.

12. Nothing in this Act shall affect any rights of Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, or any party or person whomsoever, such rights only excepted as are herein expressly mentioned and affected.

13. This Act shall be deemed a Public Act.



## BY-LAWS.

**BY-LAW I:** The Society shall consist of such persons of English birth or descent, in the male line, as shall be elected members thereof, according to the regulations hereinafter made; and until a Sister Society of St. David be organized, Welshmen and their descendants shall be considered as eligible to become members of this Society, and to stand in the same position therein as Englishmen and their descendants.

**II.** The objects of the Society are to unite Englishmen and the descendants of Englishmen in a social compact, for the promotion of mutual and friendly intercourse; and for affording to such persons of English birth and descent as may stand in need of their advice and counsel, and such pecuniary assistance as the funds of the Society may enable it to give.

**III.** In addition to the officers named in the Act of Parliament Incorporating the Society, six STWARDS shall be elected who shall arrange for the celebration of the Annual Festival on St. George's Day, and report such arrangements at the quarterly meeting next preceding for adoption. Also a MARSHALL and STANDARD BEARERS shall be appointed by the PRESIDENT.

**IV.** The Officers of the Society shall be elected as follows: Any member may nominate a Candidate for each office, in succession, and in the event of more than one nomination for any one office, the decision shall be by ballot.

**V.** The President and Vice Presidents shall not be eligible for re-election to the offices respectively filled by them for the next succeeding year.

**VI.** The General Annual Meeting of the Society shall be holden on the third Friday in January each year. In each

year there shall be holden four Quarterly General Meetings, viz. : 1st. The Annual General Meeting, and one each on the first Friday of the months of April, July, and October. Monthly Ordinary Meetings shall be held on the first Friday of each month throughout the year, excepting in January, April, July, and October, as otherwise provided.

VII. Any gentleman desirous of joining the Society shall at a General or Ordinary Meeting, be proposed and seconded by members, and may be elected by a majority of such meeting, on payment of the first year's subscription, and not otherwise.

VIII. The Annual Subscription of members shall be Two Dollars. The Subscription year shall be from 1st January to 31st December. Any new member elected between the first of January and 30th of September shall pay the full subscription for the current year; any elected, on or after 1st October, may be admitted on paying for the current quarter only.

IX. A Subscription of Five Pounds shall be a Life Subscription, and the same shall be invested at interest as a permanent fund for the charitable purposes of the Society.

X. The Annual Meeting shall order the investment of such proportion of the surplus funds (if any) as may appear desirable, and in such manner as may be then determined, and the annual subscriptions, with the interest of investment, shall constitute the ordinary funds applicable to the charitable purposes of the Society.

XI. The Treasurer shall be authorised to advance to a distressed individual, a sum not exceeding two dollars upon the written recommendation of the President or either of the Vice Presidents, or of any member of the Managing Committee by them appointed to grant such relief. *Provided, always,* that such recommendation do not involve the payment of more than two dollars to any one person or family. In cases demanding more than the ordinary relief thus afforded, the same shall be referred for further enquiry and action to the Managing Committee as hereinafter set forth.

XII. The Managing Committee shall meet weekly, and any five members thereof shall form a quorum. It shall be their business to direct the affairs of the Society, generally, under this constitution; to determine all matters referred to them by the Society, and to prepare for each annual meeting a Report of the proceedings of the Society for the year, to be submitted previous to the Election of Officers.

XIII. The Managing Committee may make loans (not exceeding five pounds to one person or family), from the ordinary funds of the Society, to persons in temporary distress or trouble, upon receiving such reasonable security as they may deem expedient, provided the periods of such loans does not exceed six months. It shall have power to grant extended relief in particular cases at discretion, the orders upon the Treasurer being in all such cases signed by two or more of the Members of the Committee.

XIV. The Anniversary of St. George shall be celebrated by a Dinner, or otherwise, as may be determined at the General Quarterly Meeting in April. No expenses of any Anniversary Festival, or of any social entertainment whatever, shall be charged against the funds of the Society.

XV. The President (or in his absence the senior Vice President,) shall direct the Secretary to convene a special General Meeting of the Society, upon requisition (stating the purpose thereof) from any five members, and the Secretary shall call a special meeting of the Managing Committee, either by direction of the President, (or, in his absence, the senior Vice President,) or upon the requisition of any two members of the Committee.

XVI. The Chair shall be taken thirty minutes, precisely, after the hour appointed for meeting, and if there be not then a quorum of at least ten members present, the meeting shall be forthwith adjourned.

XVII. Any member in arrears of subscription for two years shall be considered as having withdrawn from the Society, and his name shall be erased from the list of members without further notice, and it shall be the duty of the managing



Committee, to sue and recover the amount due, in any Court having competent jurisdiction. No member shall be entitled to vote at the annual Election of Officers, or at any subsequent meeting, who shall not have paid his previous year's subscription.

XVIII. The annual subscription shall be considered due and payable in advance, on or before the 23rd of April in every year.

XIX. Any member elected to fill any office, refusing to serve, shall be fined Two Dollars, and any member of the Managing Committee absent from the regular Committee meeting three times in succession, (unless absent from home or in consequence of sickness,) shall be fined One Dollar, and it shall be the duty of the Managing Committee in all cases to see the fines collected.

XX. The duty of the President shall be to preside and preserve order at all the meetings of the Society, and generally to watch over and superintend its concerns to the best of his ability. In his absence, the senior Vice-President present shall exercise the authority and duty of the President. In case of the absence of the four first officers from any meeting, the members present shall be empowered to elect a chairman out of their number.

XXI. The Secretary shall have charge of the Seal, Banners, and other Insignia of the Society. He shall keep a fair register of all proceedings, orders, rules, and regulations, and manage the correspondence. He shall issue certificates of admission to each member on his having signed the Constitution, to which he shall affix the Seal of the Society. He shall, when necessary, summon the Society to its various meetings, and shall sign such cards of invitation to the Anniversary Celebration as may be required of him by the Stewards. He shall also, at all meetings of the Society, and of the Managing Committee, enter in the respective minute books the name of the members present at such meetings.

XXII. The Treasurer shall have the custody of the funds.

He shall countersign such certificates of admission as may be issued by the Secretary. His accounts shall be fairly kept and exhibited to the President and Managing Committee, whenever called for, and shall also be laid before the Society at its January Meeting.

XXIII. In case of the death, resignation, or removal of any of the officers during the year for which they were elected, the Society shall, at the next meeting, choose others in their places to serve for the remainder of the year.

XXIV. To preserve order, and to expedite the business of the Society, any 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 when speaking, if the speaker be in order.

XXV. The introduction of political or religious subjects, or their discussion, shall never be allowed at any meeting of the Society, and in the event of any member introducing or speaking on such subjects he shall pay a fine of one dollar.

XXVI. 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 in the Books thereof, on pain of being dismissed from it and having their names erased from the list of members.

XXVII. If the majority of all the members present at any general meeting shall vote for the expulsion of a member, his name shall be erased, and he shall never afterwards be admitted to any meeting of the Society, unless again elected by ballot, as in the first instance; provided always, that no proposition for the expulsion of a member shall be in order, unless one clear month's notice has been given of an intention to submit it at the then next ensuing quarterly meeting.

XXVIII. The Banners and Flags of the Society shall not be used except on occasions where the Society, as a body, takes part in the proceedings, or where the Society is represented by its Officers.

XXIX. That at any Quarterly or Annual Meeting the

members present may, on one month's notice previously given, elect any one of its members an Honorary Life Member, in consideration of services rendered the Society, and also may elect any distinguished person, eligible to become a member, in like manner for services rendered either the Society or the Country.

**XXX** An Obituary Record shall be kept by the Secretary of any member of this Society who may hereafter die; stating his birth and parentage, if known, date of admission as a member, his position, general character, and such other facts in regard to him as may be interesting to chronicle. Such Record to be published with the Annual Reports.

**XXXI.** All Fines collected under these By-laws shall be paid to the Treasurer, and go to the general funds of the Society.

**XXXII.** All Donations of Five Pounds and upwards shall be invested by the Managing Committee, and form a portion of the permanent fund, the interest on which shall alone be applied to the ordinary expenditure of each year, unless such Donation is made for a specific purpose.



THE  
COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

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YOUR COMMITTEE, in closing their labours for the past year, are highly gratified with the success which has attended their labours, and that they are enabled to report the continued prosperity of the St. GEORGE'S SOCIETY. Their satisfaction, however, is mingled with sorrow at the remembrance of the loss the Society has sustained during the past summer. Most of you and very many of the citizens of Toronto, have to mourn the decease of our late respected President, Mr. George Bilton. He was one of the Society's oldest members, one whose untiring exertions materially contributed to its permanency and success, and was, in every sense, a kind friend, a good citizen, and a thorough benevolent Englishman. During our time, and so long as the Records last, his memory will be cherished and his name honoured by this Society of his Countrymen when they read of the good works done in his day.

At the Monthly Meeting in June last, the following resolution was moved, seconded and adopted, "That Master William George Bilton, eldest son of the late President be elected an Honorary Life Member in consideration of the valuable services rendered by his late father to this Society." At the same time the following address was read, unanimously adopted, ordered to be entered in the Minute Book, and a Copy engrossed on parchment for presentation to Mrs. Bilton.

"The President, Officers, and Members of the St. George's Society of Toronto, record with the deepest and sincerest sorrow the sad loss which the Society has suffered in the death of its valued and lamented President, George Bilton, Esq.

"Having assisted in the organization of the Society, he was one of the oldest as he was one of the most zealous and respected members, and to his excellent fidelity to its interests may chiefly be attributed the extended usefulness which has recently marked its character as a Charitable Institution.

"Due to the encouragement of his example and the vigour of his administration, the augmentation in the numbers of the Society, the liberality of its benevolent disbursements and the beneficial influence which it exercised during the year of his Presidency were alike without precedent in its annals.

"A true, warm-hearted, upright, and fearless Englishman, he was a type of all that is honorable and estimable in the nationality he represented, and in every relation of life illustrated and upheld its best characteristics.

"As such, he is now mourned by the Society which, whilst it would not rudely venture within the sacred sphere of domestic sorrow, desires to be permitted to give such expression to its own grief, as, although but feebly recording the affectionate regard in which its deceased President was held, may, in some measure, tend to comfort the widow and fatherless in their affliction, by the assurance, that in their bereavement they sorrow not alone, but others, his attached countrymen, mourn with them the loss of an estimable friend, a valuable citizen, and a charitable, just, and good man."

The demands upon the charitable fund during the past year have been very heavy, so that the Treasurer has seldom had a balance in hand. Your Committee would earnestly call upon the members to pay their subscriptions as early as possible, and by this means save the expense of collection, which is a very serious item of expenditure, and it will also enable our successors in office to relieve, immediately, many of our poorer fellow-countrymen, who, at this moment stand in need of assistance.

The emigration during the past year has fallen considerably below that of former years, so far it is satisfactory when we consider the scarcity of employment. The heavy drain upon our funds has arisen not so much from those who emigrated during the season of 1858, but principally from previous emigrants, many of whom arrived in 1857, sent out by the Wellington Fund and the Woolwich Emigration Society, and are still remaining in the City out of work, suffering from want and disease. Whatever may have been the motives of those Societies in shipping off to Canada their unemployed workmen, we know not; but we do know the consequences to have been misery and want to hundreds. The accounts these

poor people have sent home will, we trust, prevent any more such ill-timed emigration schemes.

At the quarterly meeting in April, it was deemed advisable, considering the distress prevalent more or less amongst all classes of society, to dispense with the annual dinner on St. George's Day, and instead thereof, the members of the Society attended Divine Service at St. James' Cathedral. Your Committee are very much indebted to the Rev. Dr. Beaven, the Rev. T. S. Kennedy, Mr. Carter, and the members of the choir for their gratuitous services rendered on that occasion. Messrs. T. D. Harris and L. Moffat, Churchwardens, also kindly granted the free use of the Church as well as the gas used during the evenings the Choir were practising. A Collection was taken up on behalf of the Charitable Fund, realising the very handsome sum of \$171.60 after defraying expenses of Printing and Advertising, &c.

At the quarterly meeting in July, your Committee recommended as a means of raising additional Funds to meet the pressing demands upon the Treasurer, that an Excursion should take place, and, this meeting the views of the members, a day was appointed, the 26th July, and arrangements were made to proceed to Queenston Heights. A large number of Englishmen with their families availed themselves of the opportunity thus afforded of visiting that celebrated locality, spending a very happy day, and returning in the evening well pleased with the Excursion. The profits arising, after paying all expenses, amounted to \$38.62.

Your Committee would congratulate the Society on the success of their application to Parliament for an Act of Incorporation. The Bill was entrusted to our President, J. B. Robinson, Esq., M.P.P., and through his instrumentality the Bill passed both Houses without opposition, and without expense to the Society. In consequence of this Act, it will be necessary to revise the By-Laws, and the Vice President, Mr. Thomas Brown gave the necessary notice at the Quarterly meeting in October of his intention to move resolutions altering the Constitution and By-Laws that they may conform with the Act.

Your Committee having examined Mr. Brown's proposed alterations (a copy of which has been sent to every member of the Society) recommend their adoption.

Now that the Society is incorporated, thereby becoming one of the Permanent Institutions of the country, your Committee can with confidence invite such of you as are able to become Life Members. The Subscription is fixed at \$20, and this amount is invested so that the interest alone is applicable to the ordinary expenditure. Every new Life Membership further adds to the permanency of the Society, and for this reason alone we hope many of you will become Life, instead of Ordinary, Members.

There have been 49 Members added to our list during the past year, making the total number in our books 487, but we regret to state that a great many have, by non-payment of their subscriptions, ceased to be Members. Your Committee would recommend their successors to revise the list, striking out (according to the By Laws) the name of every one who has no right to be classed as a Member.

Your Committee can refer with satisfaction to their distribution of Meat, Bread, Cheese, and Potatoes, to about one hundred and twenty poor English families on Christmas Eve, and if we reckon, men, women, and children, it was the means of furnishing a good Christmas dinner to upwards of four hundred and fifty persons. This was raised by subscription amongst the Members of this Society and Englishmen generally. One hundred and fifteen dollars were subscribed in Cash, and about seventy-five dollars' worth of Meat, &c. Every deserving applicant was relieved and after paying all expenses a balance of \$13 was handed over to the Treasurer. The distribution took place at Mr. Henry Shaw's warehouse in Front St., and to him we owe our thanks for the use of his rooms on that occasion.

Your Committee, before closing their report, have to acknowledge their indebtedness to D. B. Read, Esq., ex-Mayor, who has, on several occasions, kindly granted passes to different parts of the Province to poor Englishmen when recommended by your Committee. We have also to thank

A. B. Hawke, Esq., Chief Emigration Agent, who has frequently forwarded poor emigrants to their destination on our application to him ; and to the several Railroad and Steamboat Companies who have, during the past year, charged only half-fare to those your Committee have recommended.

The Treasurer's Financial Statement is herewith submitted, by which it will be seen that a small balance is due him of One pound, Four shillings, and Eight pence. In addition to this, the Society is indebted to the extent of \$178.78, There is, however, a large amount overdue by many of the Members, which, if paid, would liquidate the debt and leave a very considerable surplus.

The Society has a permanent investment of £146 5s. in the British American Insurance Company, and £45 in the Provincial Permanent Building Society, making a permanent fund of £191 5s., or seven hundred and ninety-five dollars.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN BEVERLEY ROBINSON,

*President.*

JULIAN SALE,

*Secretary.*

Toronto, 21st January, 1859.







**OFFICE BEARERS, 1859.**

**Patron:**

**HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOV. GEN. SIR ED. W. HEAD. BART., &c.**

**President:**

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