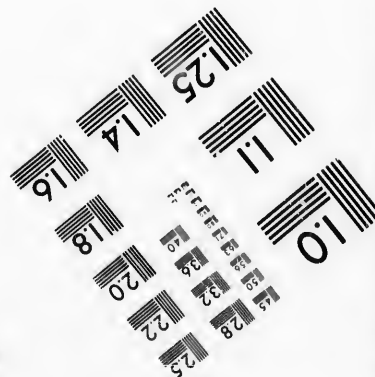
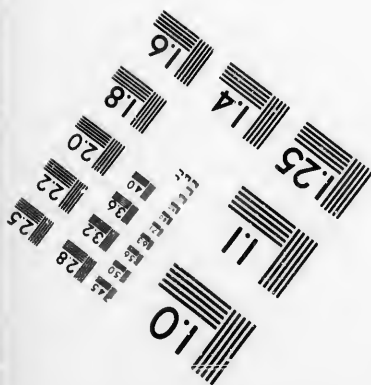
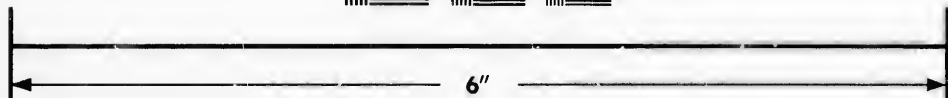
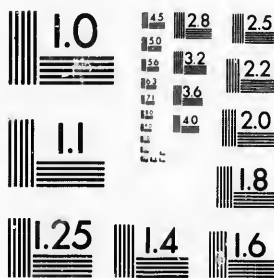


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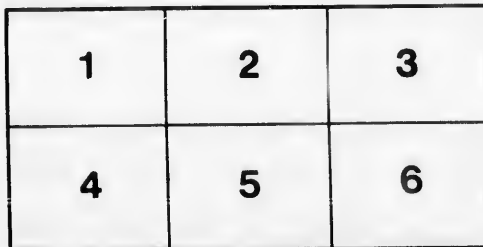
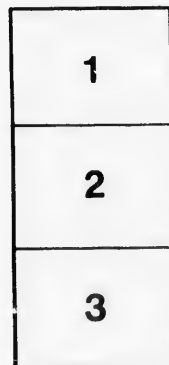
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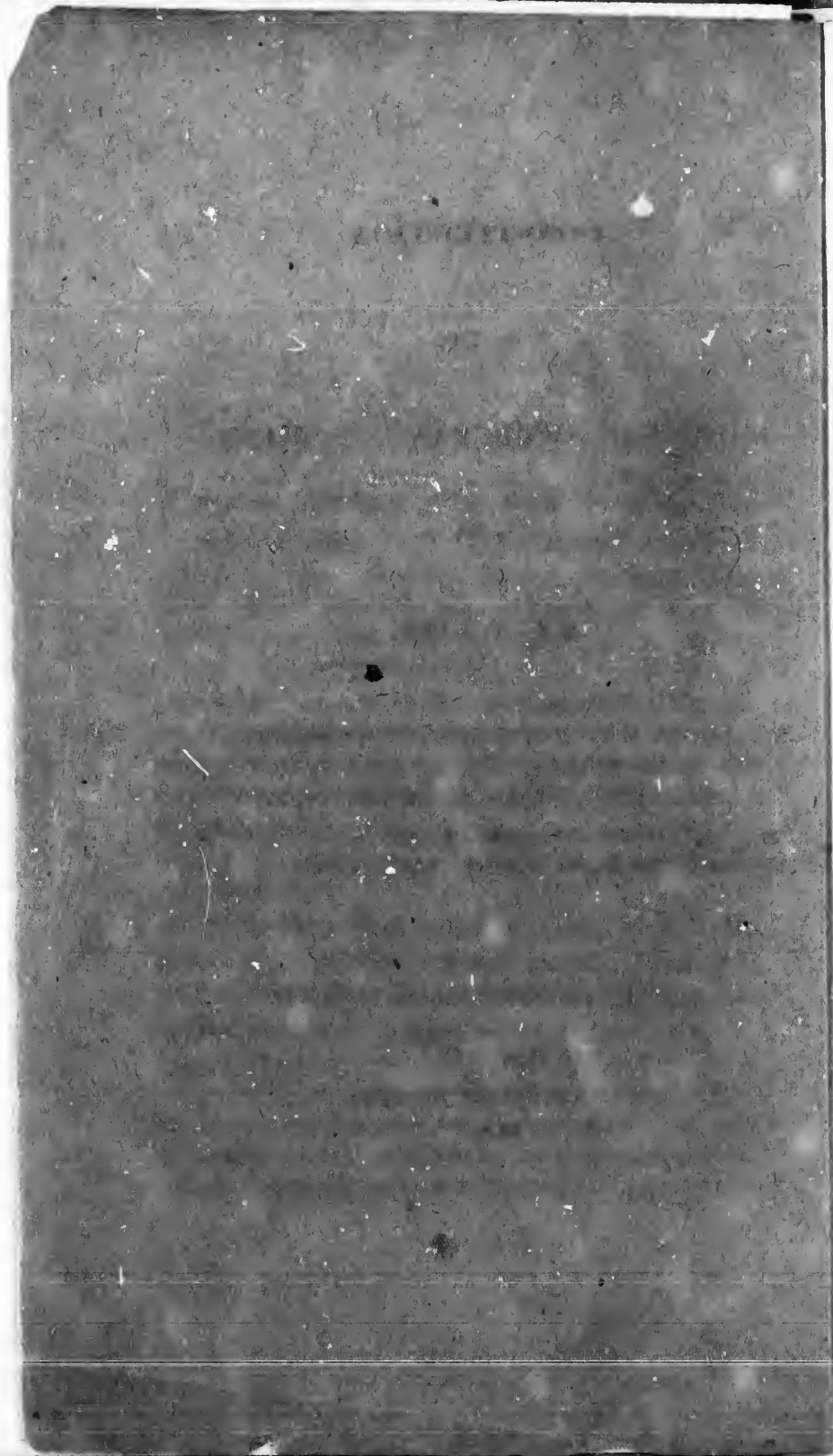
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CONSTITUTION.

PREAMBLE.—Whereas the use of intoxicating drinks having of late years fearfully increased among all classes of the community, and led to a corruption of the social habits, to the ruin of personal and family comfort, to the commission of the most flagrant crimes, and in numerous instances to the entire overthrow of moral and religious principles, while the means employed to counteract the growing evils have in many places failed of success, rendering it evident that some determined and systematic efforts are incumbent on the friends of morality and religion to stem the torrent of intemperance, that is laying waste in its deadly progress all that is noble in our nature, dear to us as Christians, and valuable as members of society;— For this purpose, in dependance on Divine aid, we have formed ourselves into a Society, for the suppression of intemperance in this Town and neighbourhood.

Article 1st. That this Society shall be called the Kingston Temperance Society.

Article 2nd. That the requisites of membership shall be conformity to the rules of the Society, and signing the following declaration, or pledge.—
“ We, the undersigned, do voluntarily agree to
“ abstain from the use of all intoxicating drinks as
“ a beverage. We will not give them nor traffic

“in them for such purpose ; and will in all suitable ways discountenance the drinking usages, which, to the great injury of society, prevail amongst us.”

Article 3rd. That the officers of this Society shall consist of a President, and all Clergymen members of the Society Vice Presidents; a Secretary and Treasurer, and a Committee of not less than nine in number, to whom shall be intrusted the direction of the Society, and who shall have power to add to their number, four to form a quorum.

Article 4th. That the officers shall be chosen at an annual meeting, at which a report of the proceedings of the Committee, and the Treasurer's account shall be presented.

Article 5th. That the Committee shall meet every fortnight for the transaction of business, and that public meetings for the purpose of hearing addresses shall be held at least monthly.

Article 6th. That any member may withdraw from the Society on notifying the Secretary of his intention.

Article 7th. That no alteration in this Constitution shall be made but at the Annual Meeting, and with the sanction of two-thirds of the members present.

BY-LAWS.

All Meetings to open and conclude with prayer.

ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS AT COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

1. Read proceedings of previous meeting.
2. Secretary to report Communications received by him since previous meeting.
3. To state the number and names of new members.
4. Enquire if there are any delinquencies among the members of the Society.
5. The members of the Committee to report communications received by them, and to introduce any business relative to the objects of the Society.
6. Make arrangements for the ensuing monthly Meeting.

ON THE ADMISSION OF MEMBERS.

Rule 1st. Every person wishing to be a member of this Society shall be held on trial for one month, and upon being found to have faithfully adhered to the pledge, he shall, at the first general meeting after the expiration of that time, be admitted a member, and announced such on that occasion.

ON THE DUTIES OF MEMBERS, AND TREATMENT OF
PERSONS VIOLATING THE PLEDGE.

Rule 2nd. Every member of the Committee on witnessing a violation of the pledge shall speak to the individual privately on the subject, as soon as convenient.

3rd. If on being spoken to he shall express contrition for the offence, and promise amendment, no report shall be made of the violation to the Committee, nor shall it be spoken of again.

4th. If a private conversation is not accompanied as expressed in Rule 3rd, report of the case shall be made at the next Committee Meeting.

5th. On report being made in any case of a violation of the pledge, the Committee shall appoint two of their number to wait on the person offending, and on receiving promise of amendment, with a fair prospect of contrition, he shall be continued a member.

6th. Every accusation of a member violating the pledge received from a person not a member of the Society shall be well authenticated or it shall not be entertained.

7th. Information of a violation of the pledge given to one of the Committee, shall be considered as given to the Committee officially.

8th. Every member of the Society shall consider himself under obligation to report all violations of the pledge that he knows to be true, to one or more of the Committee.

9th. Every proved violation of the pledge shall be dealt with either as directed in Rule 5th, or according to the principles contained in the following Note.

NOTE.—As rules cannot be made for every case, it must be observed that the obligation to keep the pledge is voluntarily undertaken; and as there is no penalty attached to the violation, no trial, or form of trial, in the usual sense of the word, is requisite. Those who on being reproved in a friendly manner will continue to violate the pledge, exclude themselves; consequently the Committee will feel relieved from all just cause of complaint, in erasing their names from the list of members.

MEETINGS OF THE SOCIETY.

If not otherwise notified, the Committee will meet the first and third Friday of every month.

A General Meeting of the Society to take place every month, of which notice will be given.

All communications on business of the Society to be addressed to the Secretary.

