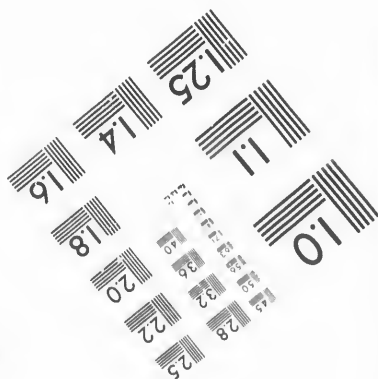
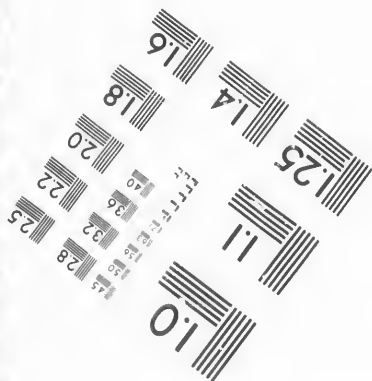
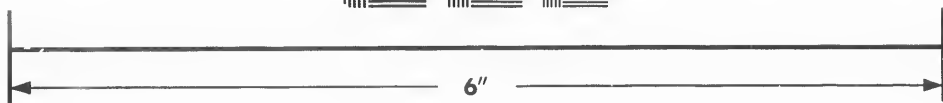
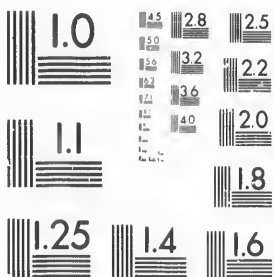


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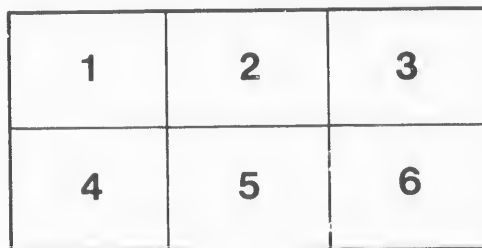
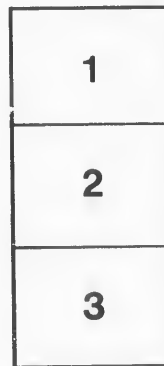
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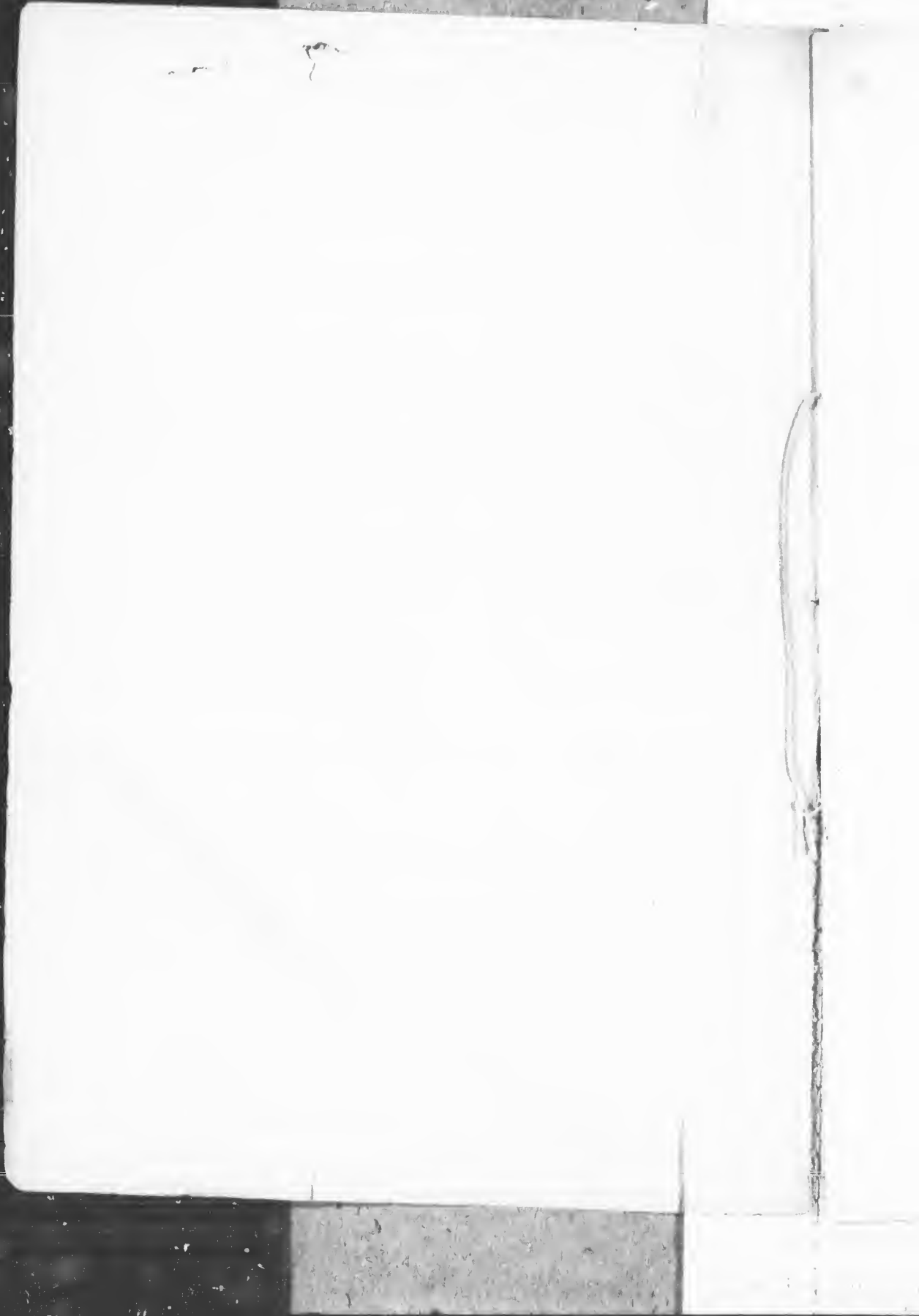
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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

THIS Literary Institution having been originated by Members of the Order of the Sons of Temperance, (and by them sustained for the spread and culture of Temperance principles,) shall be denominated "THE SONS OF TEMPERANCE READING ROOM."

II.

The chief object of the Institution shall be the providing of a good and cheap Reading Room, well supplied with Reviews, Magazines, and Newspapers, with Standard Works of Art, Science, and Literature, with Maps and Pictorial Illustrations, chiefly of Art and Science, according to opportunities.

III.

The direction and general management of the Sons of Temperance Reading Room shall be vested in the Divisions of the Sons of Temperance in this city, (who may subscribe towards its support,) which shall have sole control of the same.

IV.

The special management of the Institution shall be vested in a committee, composed of three members from each subscribing Division, who shall be appointed *annually* in January.

V.

The officers of the Institution shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, who shall be chosen by the General Committee at their first meeting in January.

VI.

The General Committee shall furnish annually to each Division a general statement of the affairs of the Institution, together with account of receipts and expenditures for past year.

VII.

The General Committee shall appoint annually a Curator or Keeper. The duties to be performed, and the remuneration received, shall be specified in the Bye-laws.

VIII.

Members of the Order of the Sons of Temperance, not provided for by their Divisions, and Cadets of Temperance, may become subscribers to the Institution by the payment of one dollar and fifty cents per annum—half in advance.

Persons not members of the Order (subject to the approval of the Committee), may be admitted on payment of two dollars per annum—half in advance.

IX.

The General Committee shall be empowered to make such Bye-laws as will be in conformity to this Constitution.

X.

This Constitution shall not be altered, except by a two-thirds vote of the General Committee present,—two weeks previous notice having been given.

BYE-LAWS.

I.

THE General Committee shall appoint *two* of their number as a sub-committee, *monthly*, whose duty shall be to have a general supervision of the Room and its requirements.

II.

The General Committee shall meet quarterly to receive the reports of the Secretary and Treasurer, audit all accounts, and render the same to their respective Divisions for payment; and transact such other business as may legally be brought before them.

III.

At the option of the General Committee, they shall annually, in July, advertise by tender for Curator.

The person tendering shall be subject to the approval of a majority of the General Committee, as respects qualifications, &c. ; but in *all* cases said applicant must be a *Son of Temperance*.

IV.

The business of the Curator, or person having charge, shall be—To open the room during the summer months at 6 o'clock, and close it at 10 o'clock, P. M. ; and during the winter months, or from 1st October to 1st May, at 5 o'clock, and close at 10 o'clock, P. M., and to remain in or about the premises during the above named hours.

In addition to which, he is to have the room kept clean and orderly, make and attend to fires, &c. ; to arrange, inspect, and preserve from loss or injury, the books and other furniture ; to collect dues and fines, keep an account of the same, and generally to perform such reasonable service as may appear beneficial to the Institution. The Curator may provide for the performance of his duties by deputy, on occasional evenings, with the concurrence of the acting committee for the month.

V.

One evening in each month, or more frequently if considered advisable, may be set apart for a general meeting. The President of the Institution, or some person appointed in his place, shall preside, when discourses, conversations, or discussions, shall occur, on subjects connected with the objects of the Institution.

VI.

The time of admission to the Room for reading and reference, shall be from 7 until 10 P. M. during the summer, and from 6 until 10 P. M. during the winter, except on Sundays or evenings of discussion.

VII.

Order and moral decorum shall be observed in the Room on evenings devoted to reading and reference. No speaking, such as to interrupt readers, shall be allowed.

VIII.

A member shall not be allowed the exclusive use of any book for three successive evenings, if on the third evening any other person shall express a wish to refer to the same.

IX.

Periodicals, after remaining two weeks in the Room, may be loaned to members of the Order, or subscribers, subject to the following regulations :—

For the loan of a Review, four cents in advance.

“ “ Magazine, “ “

“ “ Paper, two cents “

A Review may be kept four days.

A Magazine “ “ “

A Paper “ “ two days.

The fines for detention of Books, Reviews, Magazines, or Papers, shall be per day equal to the sum paid for borrowing, except the committee shall see special reason to remit the same. The amount received for loans and fines shall be the property of the Institution. No person shall be permitted to borrow a Book, Review, Magazine, or Paper, until all loans and fines are paid.

X.

If a book be lost or destroyed, the borrower shall pay for the same at the rate of one dollar for a Review, and fifty cents for a Magazine.

XI.

Any person taking Books, Reviews, Magazines, or Papers, from the Room, without the concurrence of the committee in charge for the month, or Curator, shall forfeit the privileges of the Room, on vote of the committee.

XII.

Any person *found guilty of cutting out plates*, or in any way defacing Books, Magazines, Reviews, or Papers, being the property of the Room, shall be excluded from its benefits. And in the event of such individual being connected with the order of the Sons of Temperance, he will be reported to the Division of which he may be a member, for censure or expulsion.

XIII.

Minors under eighteen years of age will be admitted to the privileges of the Reading Room on payment of \$1.50 per annum—half in advance.

All subscribers to the Reading Room shall be furnished with tickets.

XIV.

Ladies, accompanied by members, shall have access to the Room as members.

Lady visitors in connection with the city Divisions are

considered members, as long as they may be connected with the Order.

XV.

Subscribers shall have the privilege of introducing non-residents to the Room as visitors; and residents, to view the Room.

XVI.

The names of all non-residents visiting the Room shall be enrolled in a book provided for that purpose, with the name of the member introducing such visitor.

XVII.

Four members, with the presiding officer, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of the General Committee.

XVIII.

That in future the Sons of Temperance Reading Room be not used for any other purpose than it was originally intended, without the unanimous consent of the General Committee regularly convened.

