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CONSTITUTION

AND

BY-LAWS

OF THE

Sons of Zion.

ADOPTED AT

INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, APRIL 13, 1895.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

The name of the organization shall be Sons of Zion.

ARTICLE II.—OBJECTS.

The objects of the organization shall be:—

First, To unite for mutual benefit and to increase love for the sanctuary of home; to study to educate our children in the principles of the gospel, to prepare them to resist the evils of the world, and to become active agents for good.

Second, To promote social purity and teach the brethren the great responsibility of fatherhood, that they may be fathers indeed, guarding the interests not only of their own children, but of the children of others.

Third, To extend a helping hand to erring ones and to do all in our power to win them to paths of righteousness.

Fourth, To be ready to sustain every good work, that our influence may assist in the establishment of Zion, the pure in heart.

ARTICLE III.—OFFICERS AND ELECTION.

The officers shall consist of an advisory committee, a recording secretary, and a treasurer, to be elected at each General Conference time by delegate system. The advisory committee shall consist of five members and shall choose from among themselves a chairman and a corresponding secretary.

ARTICLE IV.—DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

Advisory Committee.—In this committee is vested the executive power of the society, and they shall have general supervision of the work. The chairman shall also be chairman of the organization. He shall preside over all general meetings and shall prepare a report for each general assembly.

The advisory committee shall provide a program for each meeting of local organizations.

Corresponding Secretary.—This secretary shall furnish necessary information and advice to those desiring to form local societies and to persons desiring to enter the general organization. He shall also seek to awaken interest in those not yet engaged in the work.

Recording Secretary.—This secretary shall keep a record of the organization by reports from the local societies and prepare a report for the general assembly. He shall also keep the minutes of the general meetings.

Treasurer.—The treasurer shall receive and account for all moneys of the society and shall report the same to the general assembly. He shall expend funds only by order of the society, or with the consent of the advisory committee. He shall also make a *pro rata* assessment upon local societies to defray all expenses of each year.

ARTICLE V.—ELIGIBILITY.

For Office.—Latter Day Saints in good standing who are members of the society shall be eligible to office.

For Membership.—All men and boys who desire to increase in wisdom and usefulness shall be eligible to membership.

Those remote from local societies may become members by being received in the nearest local society, as per constitution.

ARTICLE VI.—LOCAL SOCIETIES.

Officers.—The officers of a local society shall consist of a chairman, a secretary, and a treasurer, who shall perform the duties belonging to the offices named.

Admission to Local Societies.—Candidates for membership shall be received upon presenting their names for membership.

Time of Meetings.—Local societies shall meet monthly, the day of meeting being determined by themselves.

Finances.—Each local society shall contribute its *pro rata* assessment to the general society, in response to the call of the general treasurer.

ARTICLE VII.—EX OFFICIO MEMBERS.

Ex officio members shall consist of the general officers and officers of local societies.