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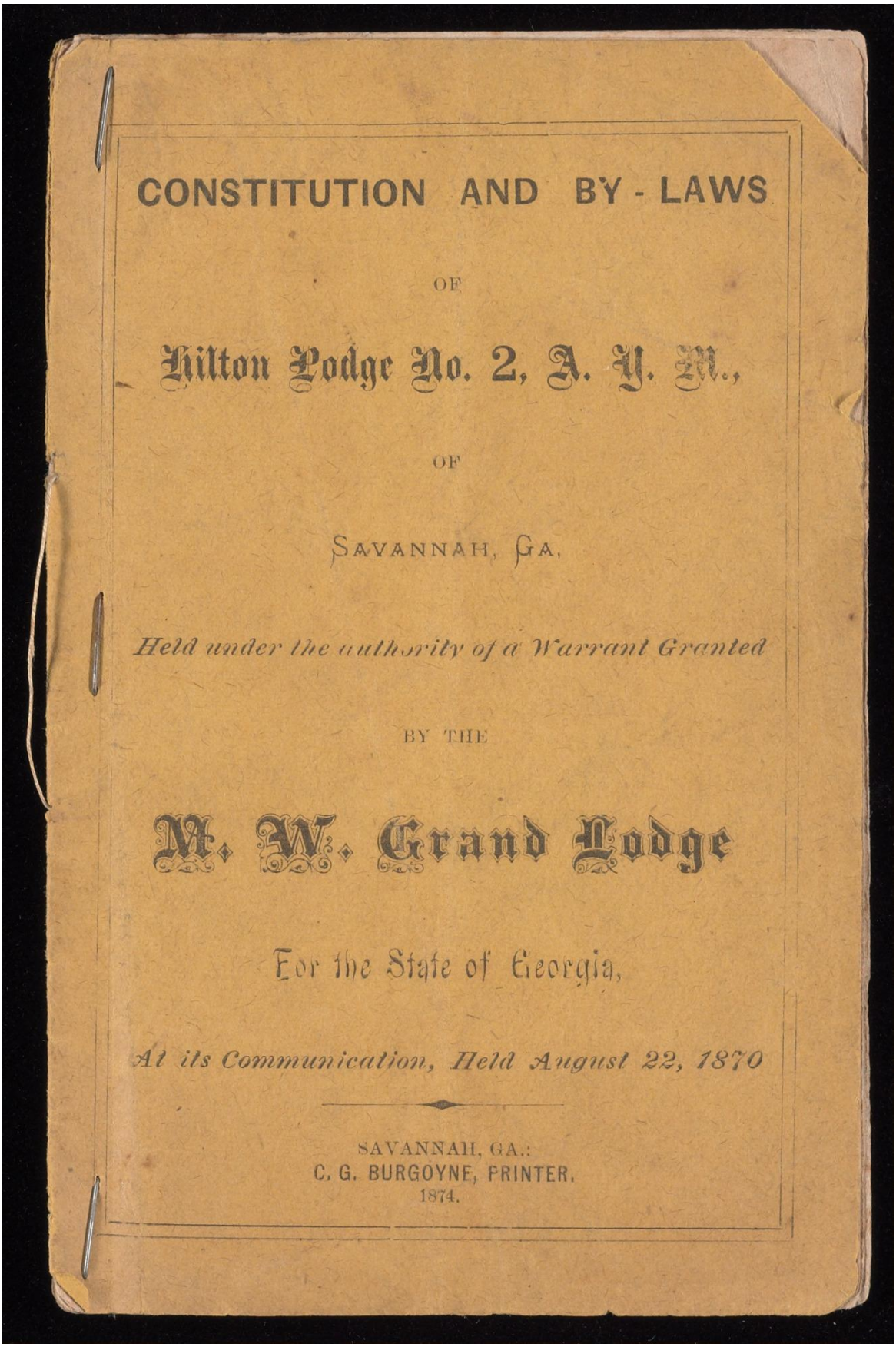

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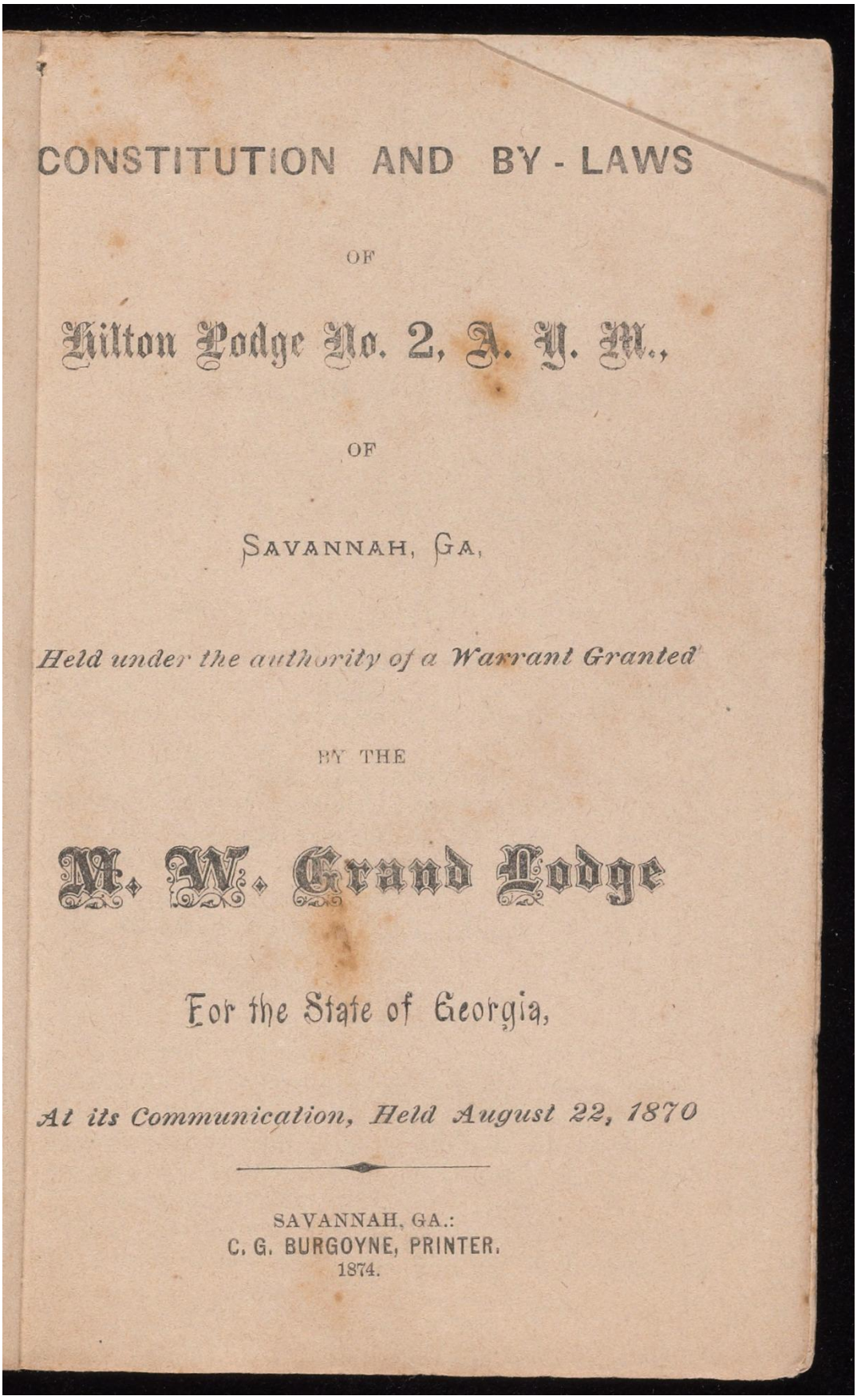

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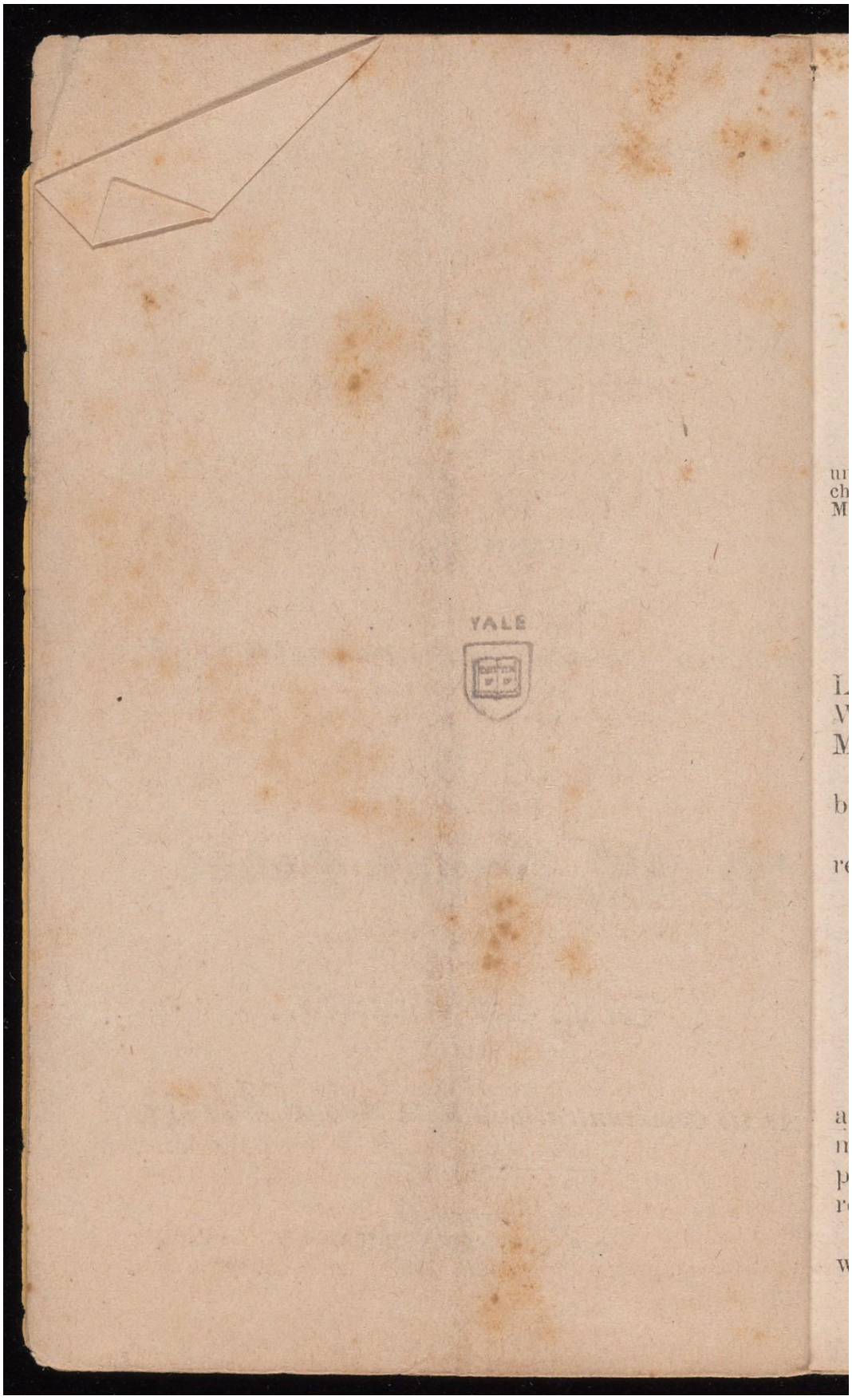

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# Constitution and By-Laws.

Hilton Lodge was organized December 27, 1866, as Lodge No. 13, under a Charter from the M. W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and was a member of the Convention which organized the M. W. Grand Lodge for Georgia, in August, 1866.

## ARTICLE I.

### MEETINGS AND ORDER OF BUSINESS.

SECTION 1. The stated Communications of this Lodge shall be held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, at such hour as the Master may order.

SEC. 2. The following shall be the order of business at every stated Communication:

1. Reading and confirming Minutes of the last regular and all intervening Communications.
2. Reports of Committees
3. Reading and referring petitions.
4. Balloting on petitions.
5. Unfinished business.
6. New business.
7. Conferring degrees.

SEC. 3. All business of this Lodge must originate at the first regular Communication in each month, and all balloting on petitions for initiations, passing or raising, shall take place at the first regular Communication in each month.

SEC. 4. The W. M. may call extra meetings, whenever in his judgment they are necessary, due

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and timely notice of the time and purpose being given.

SEC. 5. No meeting of this Lodge shall be held unless the charter is present, and fully displayed in view of the members present.

## ARTICLE II.

### MEMBERS OF THE LODGE AND THEIR DUTIES.

SEC. 1. All who have been initiated, passed and raised herein, or elected to membership, not having demitted or been excluded, are members of this Lodge, and are bound by these By-Laws.

SEC. 2. They shall be bound to avoid all irregularity and intemperance which may impair their faculties or bring reproach upon the Fraternity, and they shall obey these By-Laws in letter and in spirit

SEC. 3. Every member shall be bound to attend all regular Communications of this Lodge, and obey the summons of the Master for extra meetings, health and business permitting, and shall not retire before the Lodge is closed, except by the Master's permission.

## ARTICLE III.

### OFFICERS—ELECTIONS

SEC. 1. The officers of the Lodge shall be as follows:

1. Worshipful Master,
2. Senior Warden,
3. Junior Warden,
4. Treasurer.
5. Secretary.
6. Senior Deacon.
7. Junior Deacon.
8. } Stewards.
9. }
10. Tyler.

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The first five to be elected annually by ballot, at the meeting next preceeding the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, and the installation at the same meeting, if circumstances will permit. The Senior and Junior Deacons, Stewards and Tyler, shall be appointed by the W. M. elect.

SEC. 2. All officers duly elected and installed, shall hold their offices until their successors are duly elected and installed.

SEC. 3. Every Master Mason a member of this Lodge whose dues are paid up to within six months and is in good standing shall be entitled to vote, and no others. Two thirds of the votes cast, shall be necessary to a choice, and no member shall expose his vote, but the same shall be privately deposited.

## ARTICLE IV.

PETITIONS—BALLOTS—ETC.

SEC. 1. All petitions shall lie over four weeks from the time they are presented. If the applicant be rejected his fee shall be immediately returned to him; and if upon election he fail to avail himself thereof for six months, his fee shall not be returned, nor shall he be received without a new ballot.

SEC. 2. All ballots shall be unanimous, but the Master, if there is one negative ballot, before declaring the result, may order a new ballot to be taken, after which he must announce the result, and no other ballot shall be allowed at that, or any subsequent communication except upon a new petition. No subsequent discussion shall be allowed.

SEC. 3. A candidate for initiation once rejected shall not be at liberty to apply again until the expiration of six calendar months, from the time of such rejection.

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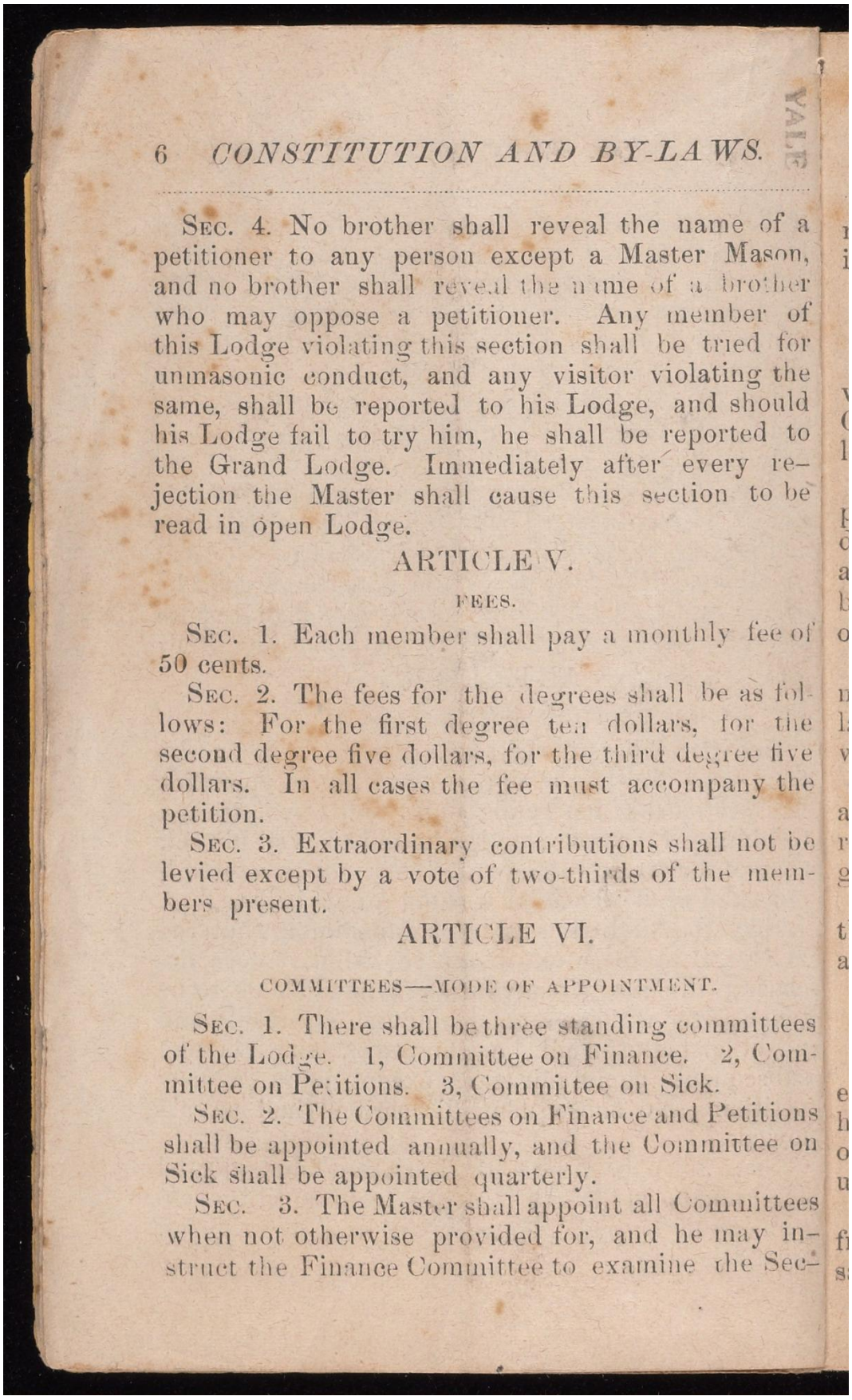



SEC. 4. No brother shall reveal the name of a petitioner to any person except a Master Mason, and no brother shall reveal the name of a brother who may oppose a petitioner. Any member of this Lodge violating this section shall be tried for unmasonic conduct, and any visitor violating the same, shall be reported to his Lodge, and should his Lodge fail to try him, he shall be reported to the Grand Lodge. Immediately after every rejection the Master shall cause this section to be read in open Lodge.

## ARTICLE V.

### FEES.

SEC. 1. Each member shall pay a monthly fee of 50 cents.

SEC. 2. The fees for the degrees shall be as follows: For the first degree ten dollars, for the second degree five dollars, for the third degree five dollars. In all cases the fee must accompany the petition.

SEC. 3. Extraordinary contributions shall not be levied except by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

## ARTICLE VI.

### COMMITTEES—MODE OF APPOINTMENT.

SEC. 1. There shall be three standing committees of the Lodge. 1, Committee on Finance. 2, Committee on Petitions. 3, Committee on Sick.

SEC. 2. The Committees on Finance and Petitions shall be appointed annually, and the Committee on Sick shall be appointed quarterly.

SEC. 3. The Master shall appoint all Committees when not otherwise provided for, and he may instruct the Finance Committee to examine the Sec-

retary and Treasurer's books when in his judgment it is required.

## ARTICLE VII.

### OFFENCES—TRIALS—PENALTIES.

SEC. 1. An offence in Masonry is an act which violates these By-Laws, the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, the written laws of Freemasonry, a law of the land, or the law of God.

SEC. 2. Unmasonic conduct consists in the non-payment of dues, having the ability to do so; divulging the transactions of the Lodge to any but a Freemason, revealing the secrecy of the ballot box, and all acts incompatible with the duties and obligations of Freemasonry.

SEC. 3. The Senior Warden shall report all matters of offence occurring while the Lodge is at labor. The Junior Warden such as may occur while the Lodge is not at work.

SEC. 4. The penalties which may be inflicted are reprimand, suspension and expulsion. It shall require a two-thirds vote to inflict any of the foregoing penalties.

SEC. 5. On all trials, the Secretary shall record the evidence, and in case of appeal, shall transmit a copy to the Grand Lodge.

## ARTICLE VIII.

### MISCELLANEOUS.

SEC. 1. Applications for advancement may be entertained as often as the applicant may think he has made suitable proficiency; they shall be voted on as in case of initiation, and the ballot shall be unanimous.

SEC. 2. The Secretary and Tyler shall be exempt from monthly dues; the Secretary shall receive a salary of twenty dollars per annum, and the Tyler

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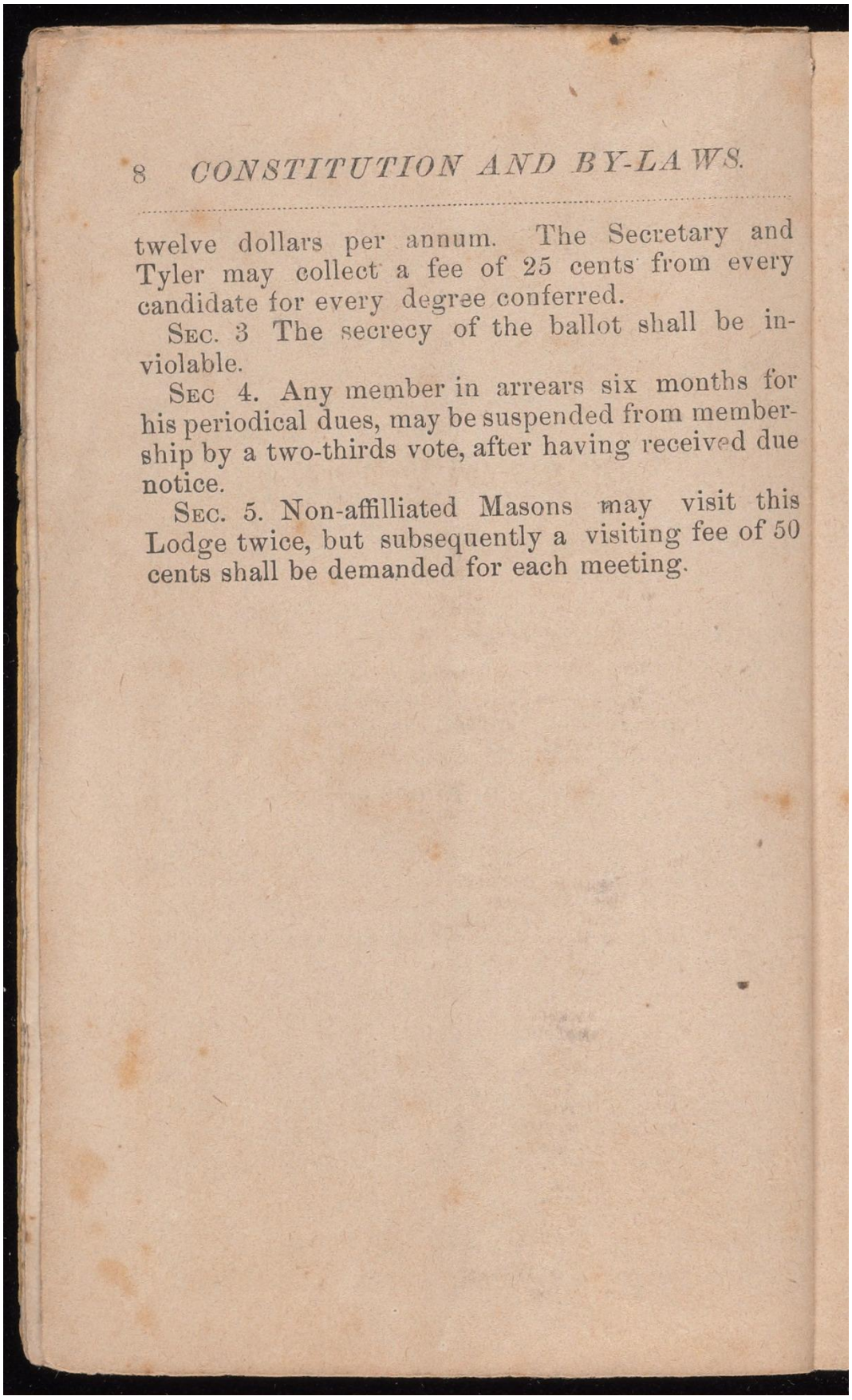



twelve dollars per annum. The Secretary and Tyler may collect a fee of 25 cents from every candidate for every degree conferred.

SEC. 3 The secrecy of the ballot shall be inviolable.

SEC 4. Any member in arrears six months for his periodical dues, may be suspended from membership by a two-thirds vote, after having received due notice.

SEC. 5. Non-affilliated Masons may visit this Lodge twice, but subsequently a visiting fee of 50 cents shall be demanded for each meeting.

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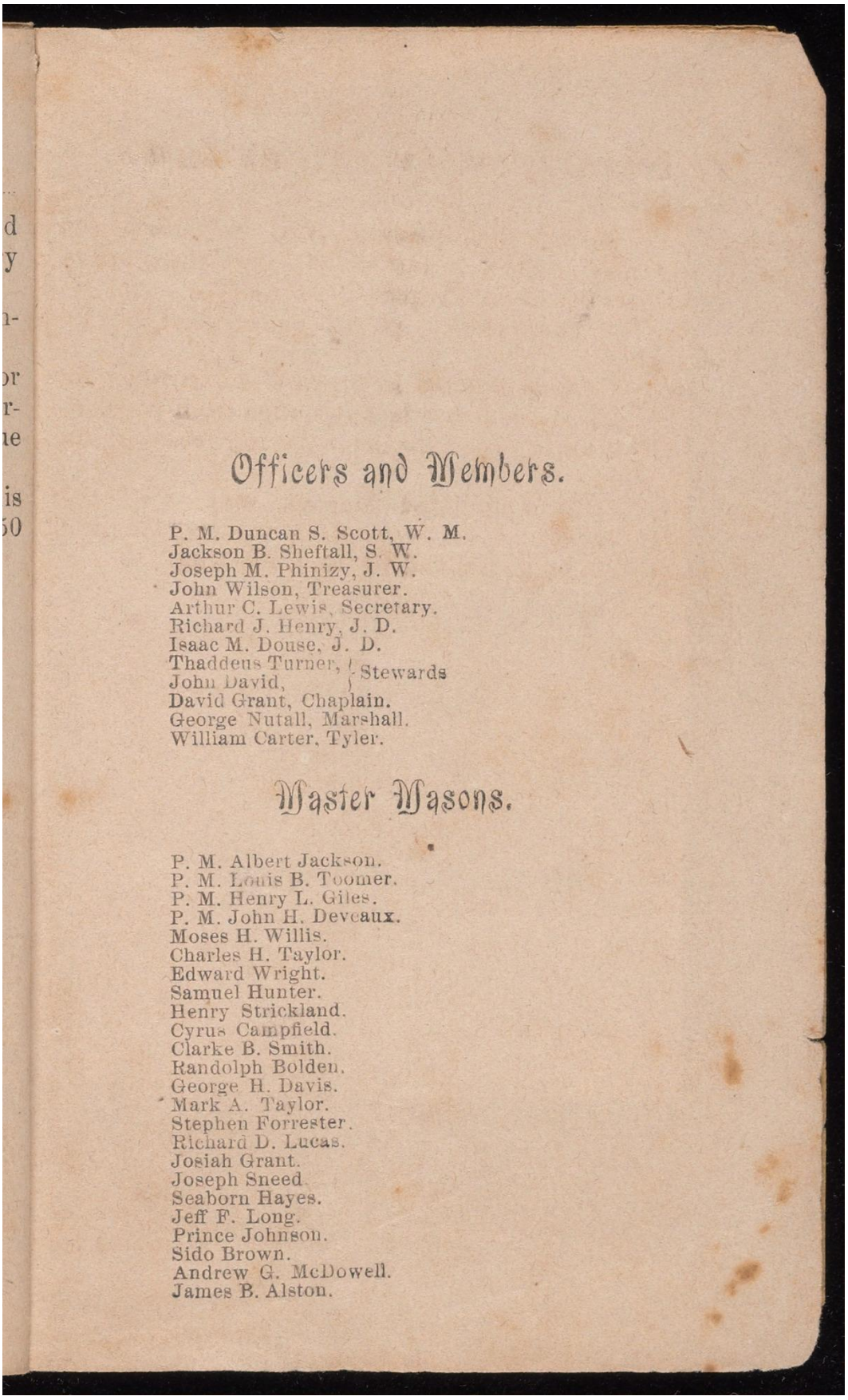

## Officers and Members.

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Jackson B. Sheftall, S. W.
Joseph M. Phinizy, J. W.
John Wilson, Treasurer.
Arthur C. Lewis, Secretary.
Richard J. Henry, J. D.
Isaac M. Douse, J. D.
Thaddeus Turner, } Stewards
John David, }
David Grant, Chaplain.
George Nutall, Marshall.
William Carter, Tyler.

## Master Masons.

P. M. Albert Jackson.
P. M. Louis B. Toomer.
P. M. Henry L. Giles.
P. M. John H. Deveaux.
Moses H. Willis.
Charles H. Taylor.
Edward Wright.
Samuel Hunter.
Henry Strickland.
Cyrus Campfield.
Clarke B. Smith.
Randolph Bolden.
George H. Davis.
Mark A. Taylor.
Stephen Forrester.
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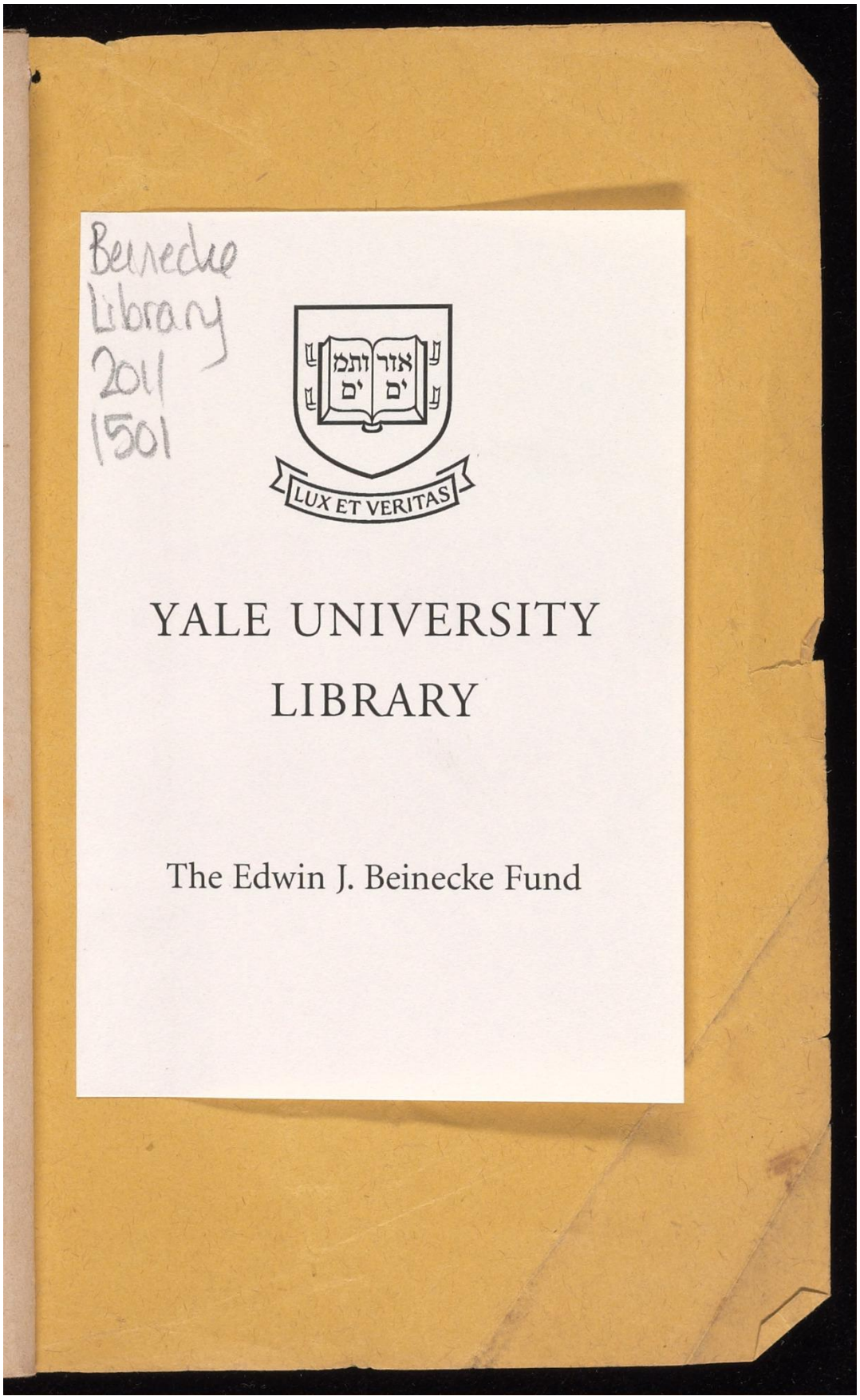

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