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RULES  
OF THE  
OXFORD UNION SOCIETY,

CORRECTED TO JULY 2ND, 1851.

WITH A LIST OF FORMER  
PRESIDENTS, LIBRARIANS, AND TREASURERS,

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# PRESIDENTS

SINCE 1826.

1826.

H. Dodgson,	}	...	...	Christ Church.
D. C. Wrangham	}	...	...	Brasenose.
R. Durnford,	}	...	...	Magdalen.
E. E. Villiers,	}	...	...	Merton.
T. Macdonald,		...	...	Oriel.

1827.

D. Smith,	}	...	...	Christ Church.
H. Tufnell, *	}	...	...	Christ Church.
T. Pearson,		...	...	Balliol.
H. Merivale,		...	...	Trinity.

1828.

D. Smith,		...	...	Christ Church.
T. B. Hobhouse,		...	...	Balliol.
C. Baring,		...	...	Christ Church.

1829.

S. Wilberforce, †	}	...	...	Oriel.
T. D. Acland, §	}	...	...	Christ Church.
G. R. Moncrieff,		...	...	New College.
H. E. Manning, ‡		...	...	Balliol.

1830.

Hon. S. Herbert,	...	...	Oriel.
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\* Late Secretary of the Treasury, M.P. † Bishop of Oxford.

§ Late M.P. ‡ Late Archdeacon of Chichester.

|| Late Paymaster of the Forces, M.P.

## vi.

J. M. Gaskell,	...	...	Christ Church.
W. E. Gladstone, †	...	...	Christ Church.

## 1831.

Hon. J. Bruce, §	...	...	Christ Church.
J. E. Lyall, **	...	...	Balliol.
Earl of Lincoln, ‡	...	...	Christ Church.

## 1832.

G. Rickards, §§	...	...	Trinity.
R. Palmer,	...	...	Trinity.
W. G. Ward,	...	...	Christ Church.

## 1833.

E. Cardwell, ¶	...	...	Balliol.
A. C. Tait, ‡‡	...	...	Balliol.
E. Massie,	...	...	Wadham.

## 1834.

C. Marriott,	...	...	Oriel.
H. Sinclair,	...	...	St. Mary Hall.
J. Adams,	...	...	Christ Church.

## 1835.

W. G. Ward, ..	...	...	Balliol.
J. M. Capes,	...	...	Balliol.
E. Cardwell, . .	...	...	Balliol.

## 1836.

T. Brancker,	...	...	Wadham.
J. R. Cornish,	...	...	Wadham.

||| Late one of the Lords of the Treasury, M.P.

† Late Secretary of the Colonies, M.P.

§ Earl of Elgin, Governor of Canada.

\*\* Late Attorney-General of India.

‡ Duke of Newcastle, late Chief Commissioner of Woods and Forests.

§§ Counsel to Speaker of House of Commons. || M.P.

¶ Late Secretary of the Treasury, M.P. ‡‡ Dean of Carlisle.

## vii.

W. Marsh, ... .. Oriel.

## 1837.

H. W. Cripps, ... .. New College.

G. R. Moncrieff, ... .. Balliol.

J. A. Hessey,\* ... .. St. John's.

## 1838.

W. H. Ridley, ... .. Christ Church.

W. C. Lake, ... .. Balliol.

H. Highton, ... .. Queen's.

## 1839.

G. R. Moncrieff, ... .. Balliol.

H. W. Sullivan, ... .. Balliol.

W. E. Buckley, .. .. Brasenose.

## 1840.

J. B. Blackett, ... .. Christ Church.

G. Rawlinson, ... .. Trinity.

C. T. Arnold, ... .. Magdalen Hall.

## 1841.

R. C. Powles, ... .. Exeter.

J. T. B. Landon .. .. Worcester.

R. Congreve, ... .. Wadham.

## 1842.

M. Portal,† ... .. Christ Church.

D. P. Chase, ... .. Oriel.

E. H. Plumptre, ... .. University.

## 1843.

G. F. Bowen, ... .. Trinity.

W. H. Scott, ... .. Trinity.

J. D. Coleridge, ... .. Balliol.

\* Head Master of Merchant Taylor's School.

† M.P.

## viii.

## 1844.

H. M. White, ...	...	...	New College.
J. F. Mackarness,	...	...	Merton.
G. F. Bowen, ...	...	...	Trinity.

## 1845.

A. Pott, ...	...	...	Magdalen.
J. G. Cazenove, ...	...	...	Brasenose.
F. R. Sandford, ...	...	...	Balliol.

## 1846.

J. Conington, ...	...	...	Magdalen.
R. J. Simpson, ...	...	...	Oriel.
S. J. Hulme, ...	...	...	Wadham.

## 1847.

C. Stanton, ...	...	..	Balliol.
Lord Dufferin, ...	...	...	Christ Church.
G. W. Hunt, ...	...	...	Christ Church.

## 1848.

W. Congreve, ...	...	...	Wadham.
M. Blackett, ...	...	...	Christ Church.
G. R. Portal, ...	...	...	Christ Church.

## 1849

F. Meyrick, ...	..	...	Trinity.
G. D. Boyle, ...	...	...	Exeter.
W. H. Milman, ...	...	...	Christ Church.

## 1850.

J. R. K. Ralph, ...	...	...	Queen's.
E. H. Knatchbull-Hugessen, ...	...	...	Magdalen.
E. B. Lomer, ...	...	...	Oriel.

## 1851.

A. Mitchell. ...	...	...	Christ Church.
H. J. Smith, ...	..	...	Balliol.



## TREASURERS SINCE 1826.

1826.			
Hon. J. S. Wortley,	...	..	Christ Church.
H. Merivale,	...	...	Trinity.
1827.			
T. Macdonald,	...	...	Oriel.
D. Smith,	...	...	Christ Church.
1828.			
T. B. Hobhouse,	...	...	Balliol.
C. Wordsworth,*	...	...	Christ Church.
S. Wilberforce, ..	...	...	Oriel.
1829.			
J. D. Harding,	...	...	Oriel.
A. H. Acland,	...	...	Christ Church.
Sir J. Hanmer, §	...	..	Christ Church.
J. M. Gaskell,	...	...	Christ Church.
1830.			
J. Odell. ...	...	...	Christ Church.
A. H. D. Acland,	...	..	Christ Church.
1831.			
J. E. Lyall,	...	..	Balliol.
A. H. Acland,	...	...	Christ Church.
C. H. Oakes,	...	...	Merton.
1832.			
F. J. H. Reeves,	...	...	Merton.
W. G. Ward,	...	...	Christ Church.
W. G. Brandreth,	...	...	Christ Church.

\* Warden of Trinity College, Perth.    § M.P.

X.

1833.

W. G. Ward, ... ... Balliol.

1834.

G. C. Pearson, ... ... Christ Church.

E. Marjoribanks, ... ... Christ Church.

J. M. Capes, ... ... Balliol.

1835.

W. Hussey, ... ... Balliol.

G. Mellish, ... ... University.

1836.

G. Mellish, ... ... University.

G. R. Moncrieff, ... ... Balliol.

1837.

J. A. Hessey, ... ... St. John's.

W. C. Lake, ... ... Balliol.

1838.

S. H. Northcote, ... ... Balliol.

H. Highton, ... ... Queen's.

W. Buckley, ... ... Brasenose.

1839.

F. W. Robertson, ... ... Brasenose.

G. B. Northcote, ... ... Exeter.

C. T. Arnold, ... ... Magdalen Hall.

1840.

G. Rawlinson, ... ... Trinity.

R. Congreve, ... ... Wadham.

R. C. Powles, ... ... Exeter.

1841.

J. Clements, ... ... Oriel.

M. Portal, ... ... Christ Church.

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1842.

E. B. James, ...	...	Queen's.
S. Lucas, ...	...	Queen's.
P. Parnell, ...	...	St. John's.

1843.

W. H. Scott, ...	...	Trinity.
H. Tickell, ...	...	Queen's.
H. M. White, ...	...	New College.

1844.

J. F. Mackarness, ...	...	Merton.
A. Pott, ...	...	Magdalen.

1845.

R. Lawson, ...	...	Christ Church.
F. R. Sandford, ...	...	Balliol.
R. J. Simpson, ...	...	Oriel.

1846.

R. J. Simpson, ...	...	Oriel.
C. H. Stanton, ...	...	Balliol.

1847.

G. W. Hunt, ...	...	Christ Church.
H. Hayman, ...	...	St. John's.

1848.

G. R. Portal, ...	...	Christ Church.
F. Meyrick, ...	...	Trinity.

1849.

G. D. Boyle, ...	...	Exeter.
Lord R. Cecil, ...	...	Christ Church.

1850.

E. B. Lomer, ...	...	Oriel.
F. Lygon, ...	...	Christ Church.

1851.

F. Lygon, ...	...	...	Christ Church.
C. H. Pearson, ...	...	...	Exeter.

## LIBRARIANS SINCE 1830.

1830.

T. D. Acland, ...	...	...	Christ Church.
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1831.

G. Rickards, ...	...	...	Trinity.
B. Harrison,* ...	...	...	Christ Church.
E. Massie, ...	...	...	Wadham.
R. G. Alston, ...	...	...	Christ Church.

1832.

L. D. Goldsmid, ...	...	...	Balliol.
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1833.

R. Palmer, ...	...	..	Trinity.
G. Rickards, ...	...	...	Trinity.
F. P. Lowe, ..	...	...	University.

1834.

G. Rickards, ..	...	...	Trinity.
G. C. Pearson, ...	...	...	Christ Church.

1835.

H. Sinclair, ...	...	...	St. Mary Hall.
W. G. Ward, ...	...	...	Balliol.
G. E. Branker, ...	...	...	Wadham.

\* Archdeacon of Maidstone.

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1836.

J. R. Cornish, ...	...	...	Christ Church.
W. Marsh, ...	...	...	Oriel.
G. Mellish, ...	...	...	University.

1837.

G. R. Moncrieff	...	...	Balliol.
G. C. Fowler, ...	...	...	Pembroke.
W. W. Woolcombe, ...	...	...	Exeter.

1838.

W. C. Cotton, ...	...	...	Christ Church.
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1839.

W. C. Lake, ...	...	...	Balliol.
J. E. Bode, ...	...	...	Christ Church.

1840.

J. E. Bode, ...	...	...	Christ Church.
F. Courtenay, ...	...	...	Exeter.

1841.

R. Congreve, ...	...	...	Wadham.
J. Bellamy, ...	...	...	St. John's.

1842.

J. Bellamy, ...	...	...	St. John's.
J. B. Blackett, ...	...	...	Christ Church.
R. C. Powles, ...	...	...	Exeter.

1843.

R. C. Powles, ...	...	...	Exeter.
D. P. Chase, ...	...	...	Oriel.
W. H. Scott, ...	...	...	Trinity.

1844.

W. H. Scott, ...	...	...	Trinity.
J. D. Coleridge, ...	...	...	Exeter.

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1845.

E. H. Plumptre,	...	...	University.
A. Pott,	...	...	Magdalen.

1846.

A. Pott,	...	...	Magdalen.
E. B. James,	...	...	Queen's.

1847.

J. Conington,	...	...	University.
J. W. Burgon,	...	...	Oriel.

1848.

J. W. Burgon,	...	...	Oriel.
W. B. Marriott,	...	...	Exeter.
W. H. Milman,	...	...	Christ Church.

1849.

W. H. Milman,	...	...	Christ Church.
J. Earle,	...	...	Oriel.

1850.

W. Stowe,	...	...	Wadham.
H. J. Smith,	...	...	Balliol.

1851.

H. J. Smith,	...	...	Balliol.
W. W. Shirley,	...	...	Wadham.

R U L E S  
OF THE  
**Oxford Union Society.**

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OF THE SOCIETY.

I.

The Society shall be called "The Oxford Union Society," and shall have for its objects the maintenance of a Library and Reading Room, and the promotion of Debates on any subject not immediately involving *theological* questions.

OF THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

II.

No Member shall propose any one as a Member of this Society, who has not resided at least one term in the University. Any Member violating this Rule shall be fined Five Shillings.

N.B.—In these Rules Easter and Act Terms shall be considered one Term.

## III.

The Initials of the Candidate's Christian name,  
The Candidate's Surname,  
The Candidate's College,  
The Names of the Proposer and two Seconders  
(who shall be Members of the Society), and  
The Date of Proposal, must be written on  
the board before the Sunday previous to the  
meeting at which the nomination is to take  
place.

## IV.

No Candidate is to be proposed more than  
twice in the same Term.

## V.

The Election of Members shall take precedence of all other business at Meetings of the Society. It shall be conducted by ballot, in which all Members may vote. One black ball in four shall exclude. No ballot box shall be carried round again after it has been opened.

## VI.

No more than twelve Candidates can be ballotted for at any Meeting, except when the President shall give notice at least one day beforehand.



## VII.

Immediately after the ballot the President shall announce the names of the newly elected Members.

## VIII.

The Treasurer shall send immediate notice to each Member on his election, and shall state the payment due from him to the Society.

## HONORARY MEMBERS.

## IX.

Every Member becomes an Honorary Member, when he shall have paid Nine full Terminal Subscriptions, exclusive of Entrance Money.

## X.

Members of the Cambridge Union Society, and of the Dublin Historical Society, shall enjoy the privileges of Honorary Members of this Society, but after their first Term of residence in Oxford, must produce a Certificate from the Society of which they are Members, stating that they have paid all sums due to their respective Societies.

## XI.

Members of the London Union Society, un-

less resident in Oxford, and all Masters of Arts, are permitted to take part in the Debates.

#### THE ADMISSION OF STRANGERS.

##### XII.

Members of Committee may each introduce to the Debate two Strangers, other Members of the Society one Stranger.

##### XIII.

No Strangers, if Members of the University, are permitted to be present during the discussion of Private Business. Members are responsible for the conduct of Strangers introduced by them.

##### XIV.

Members may introduce into the Reading Rooms of the Society any Strangers, except Resident Members of the University. The names of Strangers so introduced must be given to the Society's Servant, and a Member omitting to give the name of his friend, or introducing a Member of the University, is liable to a Fine of One Pound.

**PAYMENTS.****XV.**

The Entrance Money shall be One Pound ; the Terminal Subscription One Pound Two Shillings.

**XVI.**

All Resident Honorary Members, who post letters in the Society's Rooms, shall pay Two Shillings and Sixpence each Term they reside.

**XVII.**

Every Member shall pay his subscription before the second meeting after his arrival in Oxford. If he neglect to pay his subscription, he shall be Fined Two Shillings per diem, till the Fine amounts to One Pound, and the Treasurer shall then proceed against him according to Rule XX.

**XVIII.**

Newly elected Members, who shall neglect to pay their Entrance Money and Subscription before the second Meeting after their election, shall be struck off the list of Members, but of Members elected at the last Meeting in Term no payment is required till the subsequent Term.

## XIX.

The President in his circular at the beginning of Term shall state the day on which Subscriptions are due.

## XX.

If a Member neglect to pay a Fine within Three Days after it has been inflicted, the amount of the Fine due and the Member's name shall be posted conspicuously in the Reading Room, and if at the second Meeting from this time the Fine is still unpaid, the President shall announce to the House that he has struck off such Member's name from the list of the Society: he shall also post it in the Society's Rooms. No Member struck off for non-payment of debts can be re-elected till those debts are paid.

## THE OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY.

## XXI.

The affairs of the Society (except the management of the Library) shall be carried on by "the Standing Committee," consisting of President, Librarian, Treasurer, and four other Members.

## XXII.

The management of the Library shall be entrusted to a Committee of Six, consisting of the Librarian and five other Members, to be called "The Library Committee."

## XXIII.

No Member, except the Librarian, shall serve on both Committees at the same time.

## THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

## XXIV.

The President shall be nominated at the second Meeting, and shall enter office after the third Meeting in Term. He shall serve for one Term.

## XXV.

The Treasurer shall be nominated at the last Meeting but one in Act Term, and shall enter office at the beginning of the Long Vacation. He shall serve for one year.

## XXVI.

The Librarian shall be nominated at the last Meeting in Term, and shall enter office at the beginning of the next Term. He shall serve for two Terms.

## XXVII.

The Four Ordinary Members of the Standing Committee shall be nominated at the third Meeting in Term. They shall serve for one Term.

## XXVIII.

The Library Committee shall be nominated at the first Meeting in Term. They shall serve for two Terms.

## XXIX.

The following qualifications are required for a Member of the Standing Committee :—

1. That he shall have taken part in the Public Debates.
2. That he shall have been a Member of the Society for at least one Term.

## XXX.

No Member shall propose any Candidate for an office for which he is not qualified, under penalty of a Fine of One Pound.

## XXXI.

The names of Candidates for any vacant office shall be written on the board by the President, President-elect, or Librarian, before the Sunday, by any other Member before the

Wednesday, previous to the day of nomination. On the day of nomination the President shall announce (after the result of the ballot for Members has been declared) the names of such Candidates, and if there be a contest, he shall fix two periods in the following day for the voting, together not less than four or more than five hours. The manner of voting shall be as follows:—Each Member voting shall *in person* deliver his own name in writing to the Secretary (or some other Member of Committee appointed as his substitute), and at the same time a paper containing the name of the Candidate for whom he votes, which the Secretary shall, without reading it, put into the ballot-box.

### XXXII.

The President shall have the power of filling any office temporarily vacant.

### XXXIII.

The Standing Committee shall elect one of themselves to be Secretary.

### XXXIV.

The Library Committee shall elect one of themselves to be Sub-Librarian.

## THE PRESIDENT.

## XXXV.

The President is the sole interpreter of the Rules, and shall decide every question of order.

## XXXVI.

The President shall interfere at Meetings of the Society, when there is a breach of order. He shall call on any Member to explain, retract, or apologise for any expression or conduct that he may consider disorderly.

## XXXVII.

A decision of the President shall be considered final, unless reversed by a vote of the Society. Any Member who shall refuse to obey the decision of the President shall be fined One Pound.

## XXXVIII.

Notice of appeal against a decision of the President must be written on the board within a week after that decision has been pronounced; the appeal shall be tried on the first Private Business Meeting after the President's term of office shall have expired.

## XXXIX.

The President shall be allowed to take part



in the debate on resigning the chair, in which case, or in case of his absence, the chair shall be taken by the Librarian, Treasurer, or any other Member of Committee except the Secretary. The Chairman shall have the full power and responsibility of the President, so far as relates to the conduct of that Meeting; provided always that he shall not rule any point of order, or interpret any law, in opposition to an announced decision or interpretation of the President.

#### XL.

The President shall have no vote in Meetings of the Society, except when the numbers for and against a motion are equal, in which case he shall give the casting vote.

#### XLI.

In any case of Informality of Election the President shall at the next Meeting declare void such election, whether of Members or of Officers.

#### THE LIBRARIAN AND LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

#### XLII.

The Treasurer shall pay to the Librarian, for Library Expenses each Term, 45*l.*, of which 10*l.* shall be set apart for the purpose of binding.

## XLIII.

The Library Committee shall meet weekly. Any two of the ordinary Members together with the Librarian shall form a quorum.

## XLIV.

It shall be the duty of the sub-Librarian to see that all books purchased for the Society be properly entered in the Library catalogue.

## XLV.

The Library Committee only shall propose books for the Society's purchase. The names of books selected by them shall be written on the board (with the edition and probable expense affixed to each book) before the Sunday previous to that Meeting of the Society, at which they are to be proposed.

## XLVI.

No amendment shall be moved to the Librarian's list of books.

## XLVII.

Any Member may propose any maps, magazines, reviews, or newspapers, provided that the motion does not extend to volumes already formed.

## XLVIII.

At Meetings of the Society the Librarian's list shall be brought forward by the Librarian, or in his absence by the sub-Librarian, or some other Member of the Library Committee.

## XLIX.

No more than ten books shall be proposed at one Meeting, except by special consent of the President.

## L.

No book presented to the Society shall be accepted by the Librarian, until he, after due notice, shall have proposed and carried a motion, that it be accepted by the Society.

## LI.

The Librarian shall order for the Society such pamphlets as he may think fit.

## LII.

The Librarian, on going out of office, shall make a report to the Society, containing a classified list of all books purchased during his period of office; he shall also make a financial statement of the condition of the Library Fund.

## THE TREASURER.

## LIII.

The Treasurer shall direct the financial affairs and have sole management of the rooms of the Society, except in those matters which belong to the Librarian.

## LIV.

The Treasurer shall give notice to any Member, who shall incur a fine, (except Library fines,) and in case of non-payment shall proceed according to the provisions of Rule XX.

## LV.

The Treasurer's Terminal Accounts of Receipts and Expenditure shall be audited before the first Meeting in each Term by the Secretary and some other Member of Committee to be nominated by the President. At the first Meeting in Term the Treasurer shall read the accounts so audited ; and it shall be the duty of the Secretary to see that they be forthwith entered on the minutes.

## LVI.

An Annual Account of the Receipts, Expenditure, and Liabilities of the Society, shall be drawn out according to a certain schedule ; this

Account shall be entered on the minutes of the Society, signed by the Treasurer, and countersigned by the Auditors.

## LVII.

The Annual Account of the Receipts, Expenditure, and Liabilities of the Society shall be printed and sent to all Members of the Society, before the Fourth Meeting in Michaelmas Term; it shall also be conspicuously placed in the Reading and Writing Rooms.

## LVIII.

Two Resident Members of the Degree of M.A., or former Treasurers of the Degree of B.A., shall be appointed by the President as Auditors of the Annual Accounts of the Society, which must be Audited before the second Meeting in Michaelmas Term.

## LIX.

The Treasurer shall propose his List of Newspapers at the first Meeting in Lent Term. This List shall stand good for a year. The Treasurer shall also order such Theological Papers as he shall think fit, taking care that all parties shall be, as much as possible, represented.



## LX.

The Treasurer shall, in all necessary cases, order additional Newspapers, and in that case shall place a List of them in the Reading Room.

## LXI.

No portion of the Society's Funds shall be applied to the support of any Institution.

## THE SECRETARY.

## LXII.

The Secretary shall minute all the proceedings of the Society in a book to be kept for that purpose. He shall have charge of all the Records of the Society.

## LXIII.

All Alterations of the Rules shall be written by the Secretary in an interleaved copy, which, at Meetings of the Society, he shall always keep by him for such corrections. He shall also, at the end of each Meeting, index the minutes of such Meeting.

## THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

## LXIV.

The Standing Committee shall meet once a week, and oftener, if summoned by the Presi-

dent. Three shall form a quorum, whereof the President, Librarian, or Treasurer must be one. The Chairman shall give the casting vote.

#### LXV.

Every Member of Committee shall attend the Committee Meetings within ten minutes of the time appointed, under penalty of a fine of Five Shillings, unless he shall have received the President's permission to absent himself. Members, who have served on Committee more than two Terms, are exempt from any fine for non-attendance.

#### LXVI.

If any member of either of the Committees shall refuse to transact any business assigned to him by the President, such refusal shall be equivalent to the resignation of his office.

#### THE LIBRARY.

#### LXVII.

The Librarian shall provide a book to be kept in the Writing Room, that Members may enter therein the names of such Works as they may think desirable for the Society to purchase, and may also make such suggestions as they shall consider suitable.

## LXVIII.

No Member, under penalty of a fine of One Pound, shall remove any book from the Library, but shall desire one of the Society's servants to leave it in his rooms.

## LXIX.

No Member shall keep out at one time more than four volumes, nor retain them longer than a week ; but, if no application is made for them, he may retain them for a fortnight,—in no case for a longer period.

## LXX.

All applications for works in circulation shall be made to the Society's servant, and by him entered in the Library Book, so that each applicant may in turn receive any book he requires.

## LXXI.

At the expiration of the period allowed for the perusal of any book, the Librarian shall require the Member in whose possession it may be, to return it before twelve o'clock of the day following that on which the notice is served. If the Member then neglect to return the book, the Librarian shall notify to him that he is fined One Shilling, and that an additional fine of One Shilling is incurred every day the volume



is detained, till the fine amounts to One Pound. The Librarian (*mutatis mutandis*) shall then proceed according to the provisions of Rule XX.

## LXXII.

Every Member is responsible for the injury or loss of any volumes whilst in his possession.

## LXXIII.

Every book shall be returned on or before the day of the last Meeting in Term, under penalty of a fine of Five Shillings; and if the book be not returned by the Thursday following, an additional fine of Five Shillings is incurred.

## LXXIV.

The Librarian shall confine to the Rooms such books as he may think fit. A list of books so confined shall be placed by him in the Reading Room. If personally applied to the Librarian may allow such books to be removed.

## LXXV.

Every book for the first week after its purchase shall be confined to the Reading Room.

## THE READING ROOMS.

## LXXVI.

The Reading and Writing Rooms shall be

closed on Sundays, Good Friday, and Christmas Day.

#### LXXVII.

On other days the Society's Rooms shall be open from Nine A.M. to Ten P.M., except in the Long Vacation, when they shall be open from Ten A.M. to Eight P.M. No Member shall enter the Rooms after the servants have left.

#### LXXVIII.

Any Member wantonly defacing or injuring the property of the Society, or for which it is responsible, shall be fined One Pound.

#### LXXIX.

Any Member who shall remove a newspaper from the Rooms, shall be fined One Pound.

#### LXXX.

Any Member, who shall bring a dog into the Society's Rooms, shall be fined One Pound.

#### THE MEETINGS OF THE SOCIETY.

#### LXXXI.

The Meetings of the Society shall be held on every Thursday evening during Term, at Eight o'clock in Winter, and Nine o'clock in Summer, unless otherwise appointed by the President,

who may summon other Meetings, after two days' notice at the least, if he judge it necessary.

#### LXXXII.

There shall be at least two Private Business Meetings in each Term, viz. the second Meeting in Term, and the last Meeting but one. The President may postpone the Debate, if there be sufficient Private Business to occupy the Evening ; but in this case he shall give notice before the Wednesday previous to the Private Business Meeting.

#### LXXXIII.

The Standing Committee shall select the Questions for Debate.

#### LXXXIV.

Notice must be given of all Motions before the Sunday previous to their discussion ; but Motions recommended by the Standing Committee may be discussed without notice, and shall take precedence of all Private Business except the Librarian's List of Books.

#### LXXXV.

Questions may be asked of Officers of the Society without notice, but all discussion on such points shall be at the discretion of the President.

**LXXXVI.**

No Member shall be allowed to alter or withdraw, except by permission of the President, any Motion he may have placed upon the boards.

**LXXXVII.**

No Member shall neglect to bring forward a Motion of which he has given notice, under penalty of a fine of One Pound.

**LXXXVIII.**

Any Member may move an Amendment to any Motion or Rider, or a Rider to any Motion or Amendment. A Rider shall not be put to the vote till the Motion or Amendment to which it is annexed shall have been carried. A second Amendment or Rider shall not be put to the vote till the first has been disposed of. The President may refuse to put an irrelevant Amendment or Rider.

**LXXXIX.**

In a Debate, no Member except the Mover, (who shall have the privilege of reply,) shall speak more than once. In Private Business Members may speak as often as they please.

**XC.**

A Motion which affects any Rule, and fails

to specify the Rule so affected, shall be suppressed by the President before the Wednesday previous to the Meeting at which it is to be discussed. The President shall notify on the boards the Rule he conceives to be affected.

#### XCI.

Official Motions may be discussed at any Meeting. The Librarian's List of Books shall precede all other Private Business.

#### XCII.

The President shall not put to the vote any Motion which, in form or substance, shall have been disposed of during the same Term.

#### XCIII.

A Motion for taking in a Newspaper or Periodical, which has been rejected for two consecutive Terms, shall not be again brought forward till the second Term after its rejection.

#### XCIV.

If a Motion for Adjournment be rejected, it may not be repeated till the lapse of half an hour.

#### XCV.

The President shall adjourn any Meeting,—

1. If there be less than twenty Members

present at the Ballot or Private Business, or less than fifteen at a Debate.

2. If at 11.30 P.M. any Member enforce the adjournment.

### **XCVI.**

All Business, interrupted by such adjournment, shall be disposed of at the next Meeting of the Society.

### **VIOLATION OF THE RULES.**

### **XCVII.**

Any Member, who shall break any of the foregoing Rules, to which no penalty is attached, shall be fined an amount not exceeding One Pound, at the discretion of the President, subject to an appeal to a Meeting of the Society.

H. J. SMITH, President.

W. W. SHIRLEY, Librarian.

F. LYGON, Treasurer.

July 2nd, 1851.

## TABLE OF FINES.

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For violating Rule II. Five Shillings.

For violating Rule XIV. One Pound.

For violating Rule XVII. Two Shillings per diem till the Fine amounts to One Pound.

For violating Rule XXX. One Pound.

For violating Rule XXXVII. One Pound.

For violating Rule LXV. Five Shillings.

For violating Rule LXVIII. One Pound.

For violating Rule LXIX. One Shilling per diem till the Fine amounts to One Pound.

For violating Rule LXXIII. Five Shillings.

For violating Rule LXXIX. One Pound.

For violating Rule LXXX. One Pound.

For violating Rule LXXXVII. One Pound.

For violating any Rule to which no special penalty is attached, Rule XCVII. One Pound.