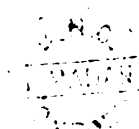


**RULES AND REGULATIONS**  
**OF THE**  
**OXFORD UNION SOCIETY,**

**CORRECTED TO OCTOBER, 1856.**

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**PRESIDENTS, LIBRARIANS, AND TREASURERS,**  
**SINCE MDCCCXXVI.**



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# PRESIDENTS

SINCE 1826.

1826.

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

1827.

D. Smith,	}	...	...	Christ Church.
H. Tuffnell, <sup>b</sup>	}	...	...	Christ Church.
T. Pearson,	...	...	...	Balliol.
H. Merivale, <sup>c</sup>	...	...	...	Trinity.

1828.

D. Smith	...	...	...	Christ Church.
T. B. Hobhouse,	...	...	...	Balliol.
C. Baring, <sup>d</sup>	...	...	...	Christ Church.

1829.

S. Wilberforce, <sup>e</sup>	}	...	...	Oriel.
T. D. Acland, <sup>f</sup>	}	...	...	Christ Church.
G. R. Moncrieff,	...	...	...	New College.
H. E. Manning, <sup>g</sup>	...	...	...	Balliol.

<sup>a</sup> Serjeant at Law.

<sup>b</sup> Late Secretary of the Treasury, M.P.

<sup>c</sup> Permanent Under Secretary of State for the Colonies. <sup>d</sup> Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol.

<sup>e</sup> Bishop of Oxford.

<sup>f</sup> M.P. for Devonshire.

<sup>g</sup> Formerly Archdeacon of Chichester.

B

1830.		
Hon. S. Herbert, <i>h</i>	...	Oriel.
J. M. Gaskell, <i>i</i>	...	Christ Church.
W. E. Gladstone, <i>k</i>	...	Christ Church.
1831.		
Hon. J. Bruce, <i>l</i>	...	Christ Church.
J. E. Lyall, <i>m</i>	...	Balliol.
Earl of Lincoln, <i>n</i>	...	Christ Church.
1832.		
G. K. Rickards, <i>o</i>	...	Trinity.
R. Palmer, <i>p</i>	...	Trinity.
W. G. Ward,	...	Christ Church.
1833.		
E. Cardwell, <i>q</i>	...	Balliol.
A. C. Tait, <i>r</i>	...	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, <i>q</i>	...	Balliol.

*h* Late Secretary at War, M.P. *i* Late one of the Lords of the Treasury, M.P. *k* Late Chancellor of the Exchequer, M.P. *l* Earl of Egin, Governor of Canada. *m* Late Attorney General of India. *n* Duke of Newcastle, late Colonial and War Secretary. *o* Counsel to Speaker of House of Commons, Professor of Political Economy. *p* M.P. for Plymouth, Deputy High Steward of the University. *q* President of the Board of Trade, M.P. *r* Bishop of London.

1836.		
T. Brancker, ...	...	Wadham.
J. R. Cornish, ...	...	Wadham.
W. Marsh, ...	...	Oriel.
1837.		
H. W. Cripps, ...	...	New College.
G. R. Moncreiff,	...	Balliol.
J. A. Hessey, <i>s</i> ...	...	St. John's.
1838.		
W. H. Riley, ...	...	Christ Church.
W. C. Lake, <i>t</i> ...	...	Balliol.
H. Highton, <i>u</i> ...	...	Queen's.
1839.		
G. R. Moncreiff,	...	Balliol.
H. W. Sullivan,	...	Balliol.
W. E. Buckler,	...	Brasenose.
1840.		
J. B. Blackett, <i>x</i>	...	Christ Church.
G. Rawlinson, <i>y</i> ...	...	Trinity.
C. T. Arnold, ...	...	Magdalen Hall.
1841.		
R. C. Powles, <i>z</i> ..	...	Exeter.
J. T. B. Landon, <i>a</i>	...	Worcester.
R. Congreve, <i>b</i> ...	...	Wadham.
1842.		
M. Portal, <i>c</i> ...	...	Christ Church.
D. P. Chase, <i>d</i> ...	...	Oriel.
E. H. Plumptre, <i>e</i>	...	University.

*s* Head Master of Merchant Taylor's School, Preacher to Gray's Inn.  
*t* Fellow of Balliol.      *u* Late Fellow of Queen's.      *s* Late M.P. for  
Newcastle on Tyne.      *y* Late Fellow of Exeter.      *s* Late Fellow of  
Exeter.      *a* Late Fellow of Magdalen.      *b* Late Fellow of Wadham.  
*c* M.P. for North Hants.      *d* Vice Principal of St. Mary Hall.      *e* Late  
Fellow of Brasenose.

## 1843.

G. F. Bowen, <sup>f</sup> ...	...	Trinity.
W. H. Scott, ...	...	Trinity.
J. D. Coleridge,	...	Balliol.

## 1844.

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

## 1845.

A. Pott, <sup>g</sup> ...	...	Magdalen.
J. G. Cazenove,	...	Brasenose.
F. R. Sandford,	...	Balliol.

## 1846.

J. Conington, <sup>h</sup> ...	...	Magdalen.
R. J. Simpson, ...	...	Oriel.
S. J. Hulme, ...	...	Wadham.

## 1847.

C. H. 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, <sup>i</sup> ...	...	Trinity.
G. D. Boyle, ...	...	Exeter.
W. H. Milman,	...	Christ Church.

<sup>f</sup> Secretary to the Lord High Commissioner of the Ionian Islands.  
<sup>g</sup> Late Fellow of Magdalen, Principal of Gt. Ouse College. A Pro-  
 fessor of Latin. <sup>i</sup> Fellow of Trinity, Whitehall Preacher.



1850.		
J. R. K. Ralph,	... ..	Queen's.
E. H. Knatchbull-Hugessen,	...	Magdalen.
E. B. Lomer,	... ..	Oriel.
1851.		
A. Mitchell,	... ..	Christ Church.
H. J. S. Smith,	... ..	Balliol.
F. Lygon,	... ..	Christ Church.
1852.		
W. W. Shirley,	... ..	Wadham.
H. N. Oxenham,	... ..	Balliol.
C. H. Pearson,	... ..	Exeter.
1853.		
J. Fitzgerald,	... ..	University.
B. B. Rogers,	... ..	Wadham.
G. J. Göschen,	... ..	Oriel.
1854.		
G. Lushington,	... ..	Balliol.
G. C. Brodrick,	... ..	Balliol.
R. E. Bartlett,	... ..	Trinity.
1855.		
J. H. Bridges,	... ..	Oriel.
D. C. Lathbury,	... ..	B. N. C.
C. E. Turner,	... ..	Exeter.
1856.		
W. F. Wilberforce,	... ..	University.
J. Oakley,	... ..	B. N. C.
<i>k</i> Fellow of All Souls. <i>l</i> Fellow of Wadham. <i>m</i> Professor of Modern History at King's College, London. <i>n</i> Fellow of Wadham. <i>o</i> Fellow of Balliol. <i>p</i> Fellow of Merton. <i>q</i> Fellow of Trinity. <i>r</i> Fellow of Oriel. <i>s</i> Fellow of Exeter.		

## LIBRARIANS SINCE 1830.

	1830.	
T. D. Acland, ...	...	Christ Church.
	1831.	
G. Rickards, ...	...	Trinity.
B. Harrison, <sup>t</sup> ...	...	Christ Church.
E. Massie, ...	...	Wadham.
R. G. Alston, ...	...	Christ Church.
	1832.	
L. D. Goldsmid, ...	...	Balliol
	1833.	
R. Palmer, ...	...	Trinity.
G. Rickards, ...	...	Trinity.
F. P. Lowe, <sup>u</sup> ...	...	University.
	1834.	
G. Rickards, ...	...	Trinity.
G. C. Pearson, ...	...	Christ Church.
	1835.	
H. Sinclair, ...	...	St. Mary Hall.
W. G. Ward, ...	...	Balliol.
G. E. Branker, ...	...	Wadham.
	1836.	
J. R. Cornish, ...	...	Christ Church.
W. Marsh, ...	...	Oriel.
G. Mellish, ...	...	University.

<sup>t</sup> Archdeacon of Maidstone.

<sup>u</sup> Late Fellow of Magdalen.

	1837.	
G. R. Moncrieff, ...	...	Balliol.
G. C. Fowler, ...	...	Pembroke.
W. W. Woolcombe, <i>x</i> ...	...	Exeter.
	1838.	
W. C. Cotton, ...	...	Christ Church.
	1839.	
W. C. Lake, ...	...	Balliol.
J. E. Bode, <i>y</i> ...	...	Christ Church.
	1840.	
J. E. Bode, ...	...	Christ Church.
F. Courtenay, ...	...	Exeter.
	1841.	
R. Congreve, <i>z</i> ...	...	Wadham.
J. Bellamy, ...	...	St. John's.
	1842.	
J. Bellamy, ...	...	St. John's.
J. 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.
	1845.	
E. H. Plumptre, ...	...	University.
A. Pott, ...	...	Magdalen.
	1846.	
A. Pott, ...	...	Magdalen.
E. B. James, <i>a</i> ...	...	Queen's.

<sup>z</sup> Fellow of Exeter.      <sup>y</sup> Bampton Lecturer 1884.      <sup>z</sup> Fellow of  
Wadham.      <sup>a</sup> Fellow of 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.
	1852.	
C. E. Johnston,	... ...	Oriel.
A. Watson, ...	... ...	Brasenose.
	1853.	
A. Watson, ...	... ...	Brasenose.
E. S. Beesley, ...	... ...	Wadham.
	1854.	
F. Harrison, ...	... ...	Wadham.
	1855.	
J. H. Bridges, ...	... ...	Wadham.
G. C. Brodrick, ...	... ...	Balliol.
W. J. Stephens,	... ...	Queen's.
	1856.	
W. J. Stephens,	... ...	Queen's.
J. M. Mitchinson,	... ...	Pembroke.

## TREASURERS SINCE 1826.

Those marked \* were afterwards Presidents. (See list.)

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, <sup>b</sup> ...	...	Christ Church.
*S. Wilberforce, ...	...	Oriel.
1829.		
J. D. Harding, ...	...	Oriel.
*A. H. Acland, ...	...	Christ Church.
Sir J. Hanmer, <sup>c</sup> ...	...	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.

<sup>b</sup> Warden of Trinity College, Perth.    <sup>c</sup> M.P.

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.

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	1851.	
*F. Lygon, ...	... ..	Christ Church.
*C. H. Pearson,	... ..	Exeter.
	1852.	
T. F. Wetherell,	... ..	Brasenose.
*G. J. Göschen,	... ..	Oriel
	1853.	
G. J. Göschen, ...	... ..	Oriel.
*G. Lushington,	... ..	Balliol.
	1854.	
G. Lushington, ...	... ..	Balliol.
*R. E. Bartlett,	... ..	Trinity.
	1855.	
*D. C. Lathbury,	... ..	Brasenose.
*W. F. Wilberforce,	... ..	University.
	1856.	
E. K. Bennet, ...	... ..	University.



## OXFORD UNION SOCIETY.

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By Deed dated the 1st of July, A.D. 1847, all the property of the Society was vested in Four Trustees—Members of the Society.

The Trustees are by that Deed authorized, upon the order and direction of the Committee of Management, to invest the surplus money for savings of the Society from time to time on such securities as the Committee shall think fit.

To make purchases or mortgages, and to execute deeds and enter into contracts on behalf of the Society.

The Trustees are thereby also constituted *ex officio* Members of the Committee of Management, jointly and together with the Members constituting such Committee under the Rules of the Society.

In the execution of their Trusts they are to be subject to the orders, direction, and control of the majority in number of the Members present and voting at any Meeting of the Committee of Management, and to all Rules and Regulations made at any General Meeting of the Society.

Whenever by death, or unwillingness, or inability to act, or ceasing to reside in Oxford, or removal from office by virtue of the Rules of the Society, or by vote

of a Special General Meeting, there shall be less than Three Acting Trustees, the vacancies are to be supplied by the appointment of so many additional Trustees (then being Members of the Society) as would make up the number of Four Trustees, and as the Committee of Management for the time being (subject to the approbation of any General Meeting of the Members of the Society), shall think fit.

The present Trustees are :—

THE REV. PHILIP BLISS, D.C.L.,  
Principal of St. Mary Hall.

JAMES ADEY OGLE, M.D.,  
Professor of Medicine.

MANUEL JOHN JOHNSON, M.A.,  
Radcliffe Observer.

HENRY WENTWORTH ACLAND, M.D.,  
Lee's Anatomical Lecturer at Ch. Ch.

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BANKERS OF THE SOCIETY, MESSRS. ROBINSON, PARSONS,  
AND THOMSON.

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 *Throughout these Rules Easter and Act Terms are considered as one Term.*

**RULES**  
**OF THE**  
**Oxford Union Society.**

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**THE SOCIETY.**

**I.**

The Society shall be called "The Oxford Union Society," and shall have for its objects the maintenance of a Library, Reading Rooms, and Writing Rooms, and the promotion of Debates on any subject not immediately involving Theological Questions.

**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. But all Members of the University may, upon paying the Terminal Subscription, enjoy the privileges of the Society for one

Term, and until the first meeting of the following Term, at which they may be elected Members; and on their election they shall pay the usual Entrance Money.

The Election of such Subscribers shall take precedence of that of all other Candidates.

### III.

Any Member having a Candidate to propose must write upon the notice-board at least four days previous to the meeting at which the nomination is to take place—

The Initials of the Candidate's Christian Name,

The Candidate's Surname,

The Candidate's College or Hall,

The Names of the Proposer and the Seconder, who must be Members of the Society, and

The Date of the Proposal.

### IV.

The Election of Members shall be conducted by Ballot, in which one black ball in four shall exclude, and shall be vested in the whole Society. The Secretary alone shall inspect the Ballot-boxes, and report the result to the President. No Ballot-box shall be carried round for the Election of

the same Candidate on the same evening, after it has once been opened.

## V.

No more than twelve Candidates shall be balloted for at any Meeting, except in the case provided for in Rule II, or when the President shall have given notice at least one day beforehand.

## VI.

The President shall give public notice of the names of such Candidates as are elected, as soon as the last Candidate has been balloted for. No Candidate shall be proposed more than twice in the same Term.

## VII.

The Treasurer or a Sub-Treasurer shall send immediate notice to each Member on his Election, and shall state the payment due from him to the Society.

## HONORARY MEMBERS.

## VIII.

Every Member becomes an Honorary Member of the Society as soon as he has paid Nine Terminal Subscriptions, inclusive of Subscription before election, but exclusive of Entrance Money.

## IX.

Any Members of the University of the standing of M.A., who shall be recommended to the Society by the Trustees, shall become Honorary Members of the Society, without ballot, on the payment of a composition of Ten Pounds.

## X.

Members of the Cambridge and Durham Union Societies, and of the Dublin Historical Society, are privileged to take part in the Debates, and to have the use of the Society's Rooms, as if they were Honorary Members of the Society: but after their first Term of residence in Oxford, they 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, unless resident in Oxford, and all Members of the University of the standing of Master of Arts, are permitted to take part in the Debates.

## XII.

It shall be competent to the standing Committee, if unanimous, with the consent in writing of three at least of the Trustees, to recommend any dis-

tinguished individual, not being usually resident in Oxford, for Election as an Honorary Member of the Society, without ballot, or payment of any Subscription.

#### ADMISSION OF STRANGERS.

##### XIII.

Members have the power of introducing into the Rooms of the Society Non-resident Members of the University and Strangers who have resided in Oxford less than two months, and such persons only. Persons so introduced may use the Society's Rooms for a Month only. A Book shall be kept in the care of the Society's Steward, in which Members shall enter the Names of all Strangers introduced by them, together with their own Names and the date of introduction.

##### XIV.

Members of Committee may introduce not more than two Strangers each, and other Members of the Society not more than one each to the Debate, except by permission of the President. The Names of all such Strangers must be entered in a book to be kept in the Debating Room for that purpose.

No Member shall introduce a Stranger to the Discussion of Private Business.

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

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

**XVI.**

**All Honorary Members, who post their letters in the Society's Rooms, shall pay a composition of Two Shillings and Sixpence each Term for postage.**

**XVII.**

**All Members who post letters in the Society's Rooms during Vacation shall either pay a composition of Two Shillings and Sixpence in the Long Vacation, and of One Shilling in the Easter and Christmas Vacations, respectively ; or shall provide their own Postage Stamps. Stamps shall be kept on sale for the purpose by the Society's Steward.**

**XVIII.**

**Newly-elected Members shall pay their Entrance Money and Subscription at the Society's Bankers before the second Meeting after their election : and Ordinary Members their Subscription before the second Meeting after their arrival in Oxford.**



**THE OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY.****XIX.**

The affairs of the Society (except the management of the Library) shall be carried on by the Standing Committee, consisting of President, Librarian, Treasurer, Sub-Treasurers, Secretary, and three other Members.

**XX.**

The management of the Library shall be entrusted to a Committee of Six, consisting of the Librarian and five other Members, two of whom shall be Honorary, and three Subscribing Members.

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

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS.****XXI.**

The President, Librarian, Treasurer, and Sub-Treasurers, shall be nominated at the last Meeting but one in Term.

The Secretary and the Members of the Standing and Library Committees shall be nominated at the last Meeting in Term.

All Officers, and the other Members of both



Committees, shall enter office on the first day of the Term following their election.

The President, Sub-Treasurers, Secretary, and the Non-official Members of both Committees, shall serve for one Term.

The Librarian shall be elected in Act Term; the Treasurer in Lent Term. They shall both serve for one Year.

## XXII.

The Secretary and the Non-official Members of the Standing Committee shall be proposed by the President-elect, the Members of the Library Committee by the Librarian or Librarian-elect, and the other Officers of the Society by the President; but it shall be competent for any Member to propose Candidates in opposition, or in default of their nomination by the proper Member.

## XXIII.

The names of Candidates for any vacant office shall be written on the notice-board by the President, President-elect, Librarian, or Librarian-elect, at least four days, by any other Member at least two days previous to the day of nomination. On the day of nomination the President shall announce the names of such Candidates, and if

there be an opposition shall proceed according to the provisions of Rule 80 and 81.

#### XXIV.

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

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

#### XXV.

No Member shall propose any Candidate for any office for which he is not qualified, or without his consent having been previously obtained.

#### XXVI.

In the event of any office becoming vacant before its legal expiration the President shall take the necessary steps for filling it before the second Meeting after the occurrence of such vacancy. But in the event of any vacancy in the Library Committee, it shall be filled by the Librarian, in the same manner as by the President.

#### DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT.

#### XXVII.

The President is the sole interpreter of the

Rules, and shall decide any question of order, provided that he do not decide any question against the Rules, or interpret one Rule so that it be inconsistent with another. But it shall be competent to any Member to appeal against any decision of the President, (or his substitute). Notice of such appeal shall be written on the notice-board within a week after such decision has been pronounced.

### XXVIII.

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. All explanations shall be received without question of the real intention of the speaker: but it shall be in the power of the President (if he deem it necessary) after such explanation, to direct the speaker to withdraw the expression objected to. No words however shall be questioned, except in the course of the Debate during which they are uttered.

### XXIX.

The President shall be allowed to take part in the Debate or in Private Business 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.

### XXX.

The President shall have no power of putting the Question either in Public or Private Business, at his discretion.

### XXXI.

The President shall have no vote on a Poll or Division, except when the numbers for and against a motion are equal, in which case he shall give the casting vote.

### XXXII.

In any case of Informality, whether of Division or Election (of Officers or Members), the President shall annul such Division or Election, and shall post a notice, at the furthest within forty-eight hours, to the effect that such Division or Election shall be brought again before the Society at their next Meeting.

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## XXXIII.

The President shall send a circular note to Subscribing Members, announcing the first and last Meeting in each Term respectively: in the former of which notes shall be cited Rules 18 and 88, and in the latter, Rule 87.

## THE LIBRARIAN AND LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

## XXXIV.

The Library Committee shall meet at the least once a week in Term-time. The Librarian with any two Members shall constitute a quorum.

## XXXV.

The Library Committee shall recommend Books, Maps, and Pamphlets, for the Society to purchase, the names of which shall be placed upon the notice-boards (with the edition and probable expense affixed to each) at the least four days previous to the Meeting at which they are to be brought forward. They shall be separately proposed to the Society by the Librarian, or in his absence by some other Member of the Library Committee.

## XXXVI.

No Book presented to the Society shall be accepted by it, until the Librarian, after due notice,

shall have proposed and carried a motion to that effect.

### XXXVII.

The Librarian on going out of office shall make a report to the Society, containing a classified list of all books and pamphlets purchased during his period of office; he shall also make a financial statement of the condition of the Library Fund. His report shall be audited by two Graduate Members of the Society, appointed by the President, and shall be entered by the Librarian, before the second Meeting after his term of office has expired, in a book to be kept for that purpose in the Library, which shall be open to the inspection of every Member.

### THE TREASURER.

### XXXVIII.

The Treasurer shall direct the financial affairs and have the sole management of the Rooms of the Society, except in those matters which belong to the Librarian, provided that his power shall not extend to closing the Society's Rooms without the consent of a General Meeting in Term-time, and of the Committee in Vacation. He shall incur no special expense above the value of Two Pounds, without the consent of the Committee, and no

such expense above the value of Ten Pounds without the sanction of the Society.

### XXXIX.

A ledger shall be kept in the Rooms of the Society, open to the inspection of Members, into which the Treasurer shall enter the receipts and expenditure of the Society at the end of each Term; also, before the fourth Meeting in Easter Term he shall cause a general statement of the accounts of the whole year to be duly entered likewise in the ledger; in each case they shall be signed by himself, and countersigned by Auditors.

### XL.

The *Terminal* Accounts of Receipts and Expenditure shall be audited before the first Private Business Meeting in each Term by the Secretary, and some other Member of Committee to be appointed by the President. At the first Private Business Meeting in Term the Treasurer shall read the accounts so audited.

### XLI.

The *Annual* Accounts of Receipts and Expenditure shall be audited before the first Private Business Meeting in Easter Term by two Resident



Members of the Degree of M.A., or former Treasurers of the Degree of B.A., to be appointed by the President. At the first Private Business Meeting in Easter Term, the Ex-Treasurer shall read the totals of the accounts so audited.

## XLII.

The Treasurer shall propose a List of Newspapers, Magazines, and Reviews, of which a week's notice shall be given, on the first Private Business Meeting in Lent Term, and in bringing them forward shall state which of them have up to that time been taken in by the Society. Members who wish to move any amendments to this list, or who may at any time propose additional publications, must give notice of their intention at the least two days previous to the Private Business Meeting at which they are to be brought forward. 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 last rejection.

## XLIII.

The Treasurer shall in cases of emergency order extra Newspapers, provided he place a list of them in the Rooms of the Society; and in vacations he

shall, with the consent of the Standing Committee, reduce the number of Newspapers, provided that he place in each News-room a list of the number of Papers allotted to each Room in Term time, and also in Vacation, and that he do not wholly discontinue any Paper.

#### XLIV.

The Treasurer shall provide a Book to be kept in the Writing Room, that Members may make therein such suggestions for the general management of the affairs of the Society as they shall consider suitable.

#### XLV.

No part of the Society's Funds shall be applied to any Public Subscription whatever.

#### THE SUB-TREASURERS.

#### XLVI.

There shall be two Sub-Treasurers, who shall assist the Treasurer in all matters appertaining to the duties of his office, and during his temporary absence shall discharge all his functions. It shall be their especial duty to examine the Letter-vouchers, and having compared them with the Postage account to report the result to the Treasurer.

## THE SECRETARY.

## XLVII.

The Secretary shall minute the proceedings of the Society at each Meeting in a minute-book to be kept for the purpose. This book shall be open to the inspection of any Member, and it shall be competent to any Member to notify any omission or mistake in the Report to the Secretary, by whom alone it shall be corrected. After the expiration of a fortnight the Secretary shall copy the minutes into another minute-book, in which no names or corrections shall be allowed. The Secretary shall also within two days index the minutes of each Meeting in the fair copy of the minute-book.

## XLVIII.

The Secretary shall keep by him the interleaved copy of the Rules at all Meetings of the Society, and enter therein all alterations in the Rules within two days after the Meeting at which such alterations were made.

## THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

## XLIX.

The President shall summon the Standing Committee to meet once a week at the least. Three shall form a quorum, whereof the President,

Librarian, or Treasurer must be one. Their office shall be—

1. To select Questions for Debate, of which notice shall be placed in the Rooms at the least five days previous to their discussion.
2. To receive and examine the Votes of the Society on all occasions on which a Poll of the Society has been taken.
3. To examine and, if necessary, correct the Minutes of the preceding Meeting.

#### L.

If any Member of the Standing or Library Committee shall refuse to transact any portion of the Business of the Society assigned to him by the President or Librarian, such refusal shall be equivalent to the resignation of the office.

### THE LIBRARY.

#### LI.

The Librarian shall provide a Book to be kept in the Library, 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 with reference to his department as they shall consider suitable.

## LII.

Any Member desiring the use of a Book at his own Rooms may receive it on filling up and depositing with the Society's Steward one of the Vouchers provided for that purpose in the Library. But no Member shall ordinarily have in his possession at one time more than Four Volumes, nor retain them longer than a Week. If, however, no application be made for them, they may be retained for a Fortnight; and in the Vacation any Member may take out double the number of Volumes.

## LIII.

The Society's Steward shall keep a Book in which he shall enter the Titles of all Books borrowed, the Names of the borrowers, and the Dates at which the Books were lent and returned, together with the Names of any Members desiring to borrow a Book which has been already taken out.

At the expiration of the period allowed for the perusal of a Book, he shall require the Member in whose possession it may be to return it before Twelve o'clock on the day following that on which the notice was served. Every Book borrowed in Term-time shall be returned on or before the day of the Last Meeting in Term.

## LIV.

Every Member shall be held responsible for the safety of all Books which he may borrow ; and for any injury or loss the Librarian shall inflict a Fine in proportion to the amount of damage done.

## LV.

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 Library. Every new Book shall be confined to the Library for a period of Two Calendar Months after its arrival.

## READING, WRITING ROOMS, &amp;c.

## LVI.

The Society's Premises shall be closed on Sundays, Good Friday, Christmas Day, and all Days of National Fast and Thanksgiving specially appointed. On other days they shall be open from Nine a.m. to Ten p.m., except in the Act Term, up to the Day of Commemoration, when they shall be open from Nine a.m. to Eleven p.m.; and in the Long Vacation, when they shall be open from Nine a.m. to Seven p.m.

## LVII.

No Member shall remove a Newspaper from the Society's premises, nor carry a Newspaper into the Library, Upper Reading Room, or Writing Rooms, or remove a Book or Review into the Writing Rooms or Newspaper Rooms.

## LVIII.

Members shall be entitled to have their Letters Stamped in Term time, and in Vacation, if they have paid the composition, on filling up one of the Vouchers provided for the purpose.

## LIX.

No Member shall introduce a Dog into the Society's House.

## PUBLIC DEBATES.

## LX.

The Meetings of the Society for Debate shall be held Once a Week in Term-time, and shall begin as soon as residence shall have generally commenced. But a discretionary power shall be vested in the President to alter the appointed time, by giving due notice on the previous day,

and to call Extraordinary Meetings after two days' notice.

At such Meetings no Private Business shall be introduced, except the Election of Members, the Nomination of Officers, the Librarian's List of Books, Official Notices, and Questions, which shall at all times take precedence of the Public Debate.

#### LXI.

Questions may be asked of Officers of the Society relative to their official duties, without notice, immediately after the Ballot at all Meetings, Private as well as Public ; but it shall be at the discretion of the President to stop all discussion on such points, or to postpone it till after the Debate.

#### LXII.

Any Member desirous of bringing forward a Motion for discussion shall communicate the same in writing to the Committee, and the President shall communicate their decision to the Proposer. A Box shall be kept to receive such Motions in a conspicuous position on the Society's premises.

#### LXIII.

Amendments on such Motions, or Riders to such Motions or Amendments, may be moved



without notice in the course of the Debate ; and at any time during the Meeting any Member may bring forward a Motion which has reference solely to the Conduct or Adjournment of the then Meeting, and the Mover of such Motion shall have precedence of all other speakers.

#### LXIV.

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 shall refuse to put an irrelevant Amendment or Rider.

#### LXV.

Every Member shall, either in person or by proxy, bring forward all Motions or Amendments of which he may have given notice, or resume a Debate which on his Motion has been adjourned.

#### LXVI.

No Member shall alter or withdraw any Motion or Amendment which he shall have brought forward, or placed on the boards, without permission of the President ; nor (if such Motion or Amendment have been seconded) without the consent of the seconder.

## LXVII.

No Motion shall be again brought forward which in form or substance shall have been disposed of during the same Term.

## LXVIII.

The President shall adjourn the Debate—

1. If on the Motion of any Member the House being counted, there be less than Fifteen Members present ; or,
2. If at Eleven in Michaelmas and Easter Terms, or at Half-past Eleven in the Summer Term, any Member enforce the adjournment.

If a Motion for Adjournment be rejected, it may not be repeated till after the lapse of Half-an-Hour.

## LXIX.

The President shall appoint Two Members of Committee, or, if necessary, more, to tell the numbers on each side in a division. In taking the numbers no other Member shall be permitted to interfere.

## LXX.

In a Debate, no Member except the Mover,

(who shall have the privilege of reply,) shall speak more than once. It shall be lawful, however, for a Member to rise again during the Debate, or after the reply of the Mover, for the purpose of explanation or of speaking to order; but in neither of these cases may any fresh argument be introduced.

## LXXI.

The President shall order all Strangers to withdraw before putting the Question, or at any time during the Debate, in cases where he deems it necessary for the preservation of order.

## THE PRIVATE BUSINESS OF THE SOCIETY.

## LXXII.

There shall be at least Two Private Business Meetings in each Term, of which the first shall be not later than the second Meeting in Term, and the second not earlier than the last Meeting but one in Term. On these evenings there shall be no Public Debate. It shall be competent to the President to summon an Extraordinary Meeting for the dispatch of Private Business. Of such Private Business Meetings, public notice must be given at the least four days previously. If, how-

ever, any business remains over from such Meetings, the President shall adjourn the Meeting to the following day, or to some day within a week at the furthest, until it be settled, but no new Business shall be introduced on these occasions. The President shall give notice of such adjourned Meeting on the morning following the adjournment.

### LXXIII.

Private Members must give notice of all Motions to be discussed at such Meetings at the least Four Days previous to the Meeting; but Motions recommended by the Standing, Library, and Select Committees, provided that they do not affect any Rule or Standing Order, may be discussed without notice, and shall take precedence of all other Private Business.

All such Motions shall, however, be announced to the House by the President immediately before the commencement of the Business of the evening.

### LXXIV.

A Motion which affects any Rule, and does not specify the Rule so affected, shall be suppressed by the President the day previous to the Meeting at which it is to be discussed. The President shall

notify on the Board the Rule he conceives to be affected.

### LXXV.

In Private Business Members may speak more than once.

### LXXVI.

No Motion in Private Business which has been rejected on a Poll by a majority of more than Fifty Votes, shall be brought forward again in form or substance within Two Full Terms after such rejection.

### LXXVII.

No Motion in Private Business shall be put to the Vote as a Single Question which shall involve two or more distinct Propositions; but each shall be brought forward separately.

### LXXVIII.

The President shall adjourn the Meeting if on the Motion of any Member the House being counted, there be less than Twenty Members present.

### LXXIX.

In all respects save those herein excepted, the

**Private Business** shall be conducted according to the same Rules as the Public Debate.

## **THE POLL.**

### **LXXX.**

**A Poll of the whole Society shall be taken,—**

- 1. If there be opposition to the election of Officers or Members of Committees.**
- 2. If any Member demand a Poll on any question of Private Business, after a division on it has been taken, so that it be demanded immediately such division has been taken.**

But in this latter case, it shall be necessary to present to the President, within forty-eight hours after such demand, a requisition to the same effect, signed by one hundred Members.

### **LXXXI.**

The President shall send a circular note to all Resident Members, announcing the day and hours of the Poll, which shall always be held within a week. The Polling shall take place at two separate periods in the same day, together not less than four, nor more than five hours.

**LXXXII.**

The Poll shall be taken by any Member of the Standing Committee, assisted by the demander of the Poll, or proposer of the opposition Candidates, or any Member of the Union nominated by him. Each Member voting shall in person deliver his name in writing to the Scrutators, and at the same time a folded paper containing his vote, which the Scrutator shall put into the Ballot-box.

The Scrutators and the rest of the Committee shall examine the votes, the result of which shall be immediately announced to the Society by the President.

**FINES.****LXXXIII.**

The President, Treasurer, and Librarian shall have the power of inflicting Fines; and it shall be imperative upon them to inflict them when they consider them to have been incurred by transgression of the Rules of the Society. Each of these officers shall respectively give notice of the amount of the Fine, on the day following that on which it has been incurred.

**PRESIDENT'S FINES.****LXXXIV.**

The President shall inflict a Fine of One Pound for disorderly conduct at the Society's Meetings, or for refusal to retract or explain irregular expressions; he shall also inflict a Fine not exceeding One Pound, at his discretion, for the violation of any Rule not referable to the authority of the Librarian or Treasurer, or to which no special penalty is attached.

**LIBRARIAN'S FINES.****LXXXV.**

The Librarian shall inflict a Fine of One Shilling per diem on any Member who shall omit to return a Book before Twelve o'clock on the day following that on which he shall have received notice that it is due.

He shall also inflict a Fine of Five Shillings on any Member who shall omit to return a Book on or before the day of the Last Meeting in Term, —absence from Oxford shall be considered no excuse.



## TREASURER'S FINES.

## LXXXVI.

The Treasurer shall inflict a Fine of Two Shillings and Sixpence if the Subscription of ordinary and newly-elected Members be not paid by the time prescribed, and shall notify the same to such defaulters on the following day.

He shall also inflict a Fine of Two Shillings per diem if any Honorary Member shall Post a Letter in the Society's Rooms without having paid his Terminal Composition, and shall not pay within Three Days after receiving a notice from the Treasurer.

## LXXXVII.

If at the expiration of a week from the time of the infliction of a Fine, the Subscription and Fine, or Fine, be not paid, a further Fine of Two Shillings and Sixpence shall be inflicted, and the Member's name conspicuously posted in the Writing Room. If after a week from this time the Subscription and Fines be still unpaid, the President shall strike off such Member's name from the Society's List, and announce the same to the Society at their next Meeting; he shall also post it in the Society's Rooms.

## LXXXVIII.

All Monies arising from Fines inflicted by the President or Treasurer shall be applied to the general purposes of the Society ; those arising from Fines inflicted by the Librarian to the use of the Library.

## LXXXIX.

It shall be competent to any Member on whom a Fine has been inflicted, to appeal against the same.

## LEAVING THE SOCIETY.

## XC.

Any Member may withdraw his name from the List of the Society by communicating his intention of so doing to the Treasurer ; but unless such notice be forwarded before the Second Meeting in Term it shall not exempt the Member from liability to that Term's Subscription.

HENRY S. BYRTH,	} Revising Committee.
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## STANDING ORDERS.

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### I.

The Treasurer shall pay to the Librarian each Term for Library expenses Fifty-Five Pounds, of which Ten Pounds shall be set apart for the purpose of Binding. In this sum shall be included all such expenses as may be incurred for Pamphlets, or for the continuation of Works ordered by previous Librarians.

### II.

The Treasurer of the Society shall invest in Exchequer Bills, or other Government securities, the sum of Forty Pounds every Term, together with the available balance of the Society, until such fund amount to Five Hundred Pounds, when it shall be paid over to the Trustees towards discharging the liabilities incurred by the Society on entering their premises.

## III.

The Society shall subscribe annually to Mudie's Library the sum of Twelve Pounds Ten Shillings, for the hire of Novels and Works of Current Literature, of which the Librarian shall submit a list to the House each Term, and it shall be competent to any Member to move Amendments to this list on giving the usual notice.

## IV.

The Meetings of the Society for Debate shall be held on Monday Evenings at Eight p.m. in Winter, and at Nine p.m. in Summer.

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