

RULES AND REGULATIONS
OF THE
OXFORD UNION SOCIETY.

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PRESIDENTS

SINCE 1826.

1826.

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

1827.

D. Smith, }	...	...	Christ Church.
H. Tuffnell, * }	..	...	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.
J. M. Gaskell, |||	...	...	Christ Church.
W. E. Gladstone, †	...	...	Christ Church.

¶ Serjeant at Law.

* Late Secretary of the Treasury, M.P.

† Bishop of Oxford.

‡ Late Archdeacon of Chichester.

| Secretary at War, M.P.

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

† Chancellor of the Exchequer, M.P.

	1831.	
Hon. J. Bruce, § ...	.. ...	Christ Church.
J. E. Lyall, ** ...	... ..	Balliol.
Earl of Lincoln, †	... ..	Christ Church.
	1832.	
G. K. 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.
W. Marsh, ...	... ..	Oriel.
	1837.	
H. W. Cripps, ...	... ..	New College.
G. R. Moncrieff, ...	... ..	Balliol.
J. A. Hessey, * ...	... ..	St. John's.

§ Earl of Elgin, Governor of Canada.

** Late Attorney-General of India.

† Duke of Newcastle, Colonial Secretary.

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

|| President of the Board of Trade, M. P. †† Dean of Carlisle.

* Head Master of Merchant Taylor's School.

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.
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.

† M.P. for North Hants.

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.
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.

OXFORD UNION SOCIETY.

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.

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

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

RULES

OF THE

Oxford Union Society.

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. Any Member violating this Rule shall be fined Ten Shillings.

III.

Any Member having a Candidate to propose must write upon the notice-board before the Sunday 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,

The Names of the Proposer, and two Seconders, who must be members of the Society, and

The Date of Proposal.

IV.

The Election of Members shall take precedence of all other business at Meetings of the Society. It 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 balloting box shall be carried round a second time, after it has once been opened.

V.

No more than twelve Candidates shall be balloted

for at any Meeting, except when the President shall give notice at least one day beforehand.

VI.

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

VII.

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. He shall annul elections for informality, if detected within a week, but not otherwise.

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 of the Society as soon as he has paid Nine Terminal Subscriptions, exclusive of Entrance Money.

X.

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.

XI.

Members of the Cambridge Union Society and of the Dublin Historical Society are privileged to take part in the Debates and 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.

XII.

Members of the London Union Society, unless resident in Oxford, and all Masters of Arts, are permitted to take part in the Debates.

ADMISSION OF STRANGERS.

XIII.

Members of Committee may introduce two Strangers each and other Members of the Society one each to the Debate, upon entering their names in a book to be kept in the Debating Room for that purpose. If any Member fail to enter such

Stranger's name, or introduce a greater number than this Rule permits, or allow any Stranger introduced by him to vote, he shall be fined One Pound.

XIV.

During the discussion of Private Business no Stranger shall be permitted to be present. Any Member violating this Rule by introducing a Stranger shall be fined One Pound.

XV.

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. Persons so introduced may use the Writing Rooms for a fortnight only. A book shall be kept in the care of the Society's servant, in which Members shall enter the names of all Strangers introduced by them, together with their own names and the date of introduction. Any Member who neglects to make these entries, or who introduces a Resident Member of the University, shall be fined One Pound.

PAYMENTS.

XVI.

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

XVII.

Every Member shall pay his Subscription at the Society's Bankers before the second Meeting after his arrival in Oxford. If he neglect to do so, he shall be fined Two Shillings *per diem* till the Fine amounts to One Pound, when notice thereof shall be given him by the Treasurer, who shall then proceed against him according to Rule XXI.

XVIII.

Newly-elected Members, who 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 will be required till the subsequent Term.

XIX.

All Honorary Members, who post their letters in the Society's Rooms, shall pay Two Shillings and Sixpence each Term towards defraying the expense of Postage. If any Honorary Member shall post a letter in the Society's Rooms without having paid this Subscription, and shall not pay within three days after receiving a notice from the Treasurer, he shall be fined Two Shillings *per diem*, and otherwise proceeded against, as in the case of non-payment of Subscription.

XX.

The President shall state Rules XVII. and XXI. in his Circular Letter to Subscribing Members, announcing the first Meeting in Term.

XXI.

If a Member neglect to pay a Fine within three days after he has received notice of the same, the amount of the Fine due and the Member's name shall be posted conspicuously in the Writing Room, and, if at the second Meeting from this time the Fine is 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. No Member struck off for non-payment of debts can be re-elected till those debts are paid: if re-elected, he must pay his Entrance-Money again, but his previous Subscriptions shall not thereby be nullified.

THE OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY.

XXII.

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-treasurer, Secretary, and four other Members.



XXIII.

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.

XXIV.

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

THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS.**XXV.**

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.

XXVI.

The Librarian shall be nominated at the last Meeting in Act Term, and shall enter office at the beginning of Michaelmas Term. He shall serve for one Year.

XXVII.

The Treasurer shall be nominated at the last Meeting but one in Lent Term, and shall enter office at the beginning of Easter Term. He shall serve for one Year.

XXVIII.

The Sub-Treasurer shall be nominated at the first Meeting in each Term, and shall enter office immediately on his election. He shall serve for one Term.

XXIX.

The Secretary and four remaining Members of Committee shall be nominated at the third Meeting in each term, and shall enter office immediately on their election. They shall serve for one Term.

XXX.

The five ordinary Members of the Library Committee shall be nominated at the first Meeting in each Term, and shall enter office immediately on their election. They shall serve for one Term.

XXXI.

The Secretary and four ordinary Members of the Standing Committee shall be proposed by the President-elect, the Members of the Library Committee by the Librarian, and the other officers of the Society by the President ; but it shall be competent for any other Member to propose a Candidate in opposition.

XXXII.

The names of Members proposed for any vacant

office shall be written on the notice-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.

XXXIII.

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.

XXXIV.

No Member shall propose any Candidate for an

office for which he is not qualified, or without his consent having been previously obtained, under pain of a Fine of One Pound.

XXXV.

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.

THE PRESIDENT.

XXXVI.

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

XXXVII.

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 apologize for any expression or conduct that he may consider disorderly. All explanations shall be received without question as to the real meaning and 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 at the time they are uttered.

XXXVIII.

The sole authority of inflicting Fines shall be vested in the President, but it shall be imperative upon him to inflict them when he considers them to have been incurred by transgression of the Rules of the Society, or by disorderly conduct at the Society's Meetings.

Any Member refusing to explain or withdraw expressions used at the meetings, when desired by the President, or persisting in what the President has declared to be disorderly conduct, shall be fined One Pound.

On any Member being fined by the President for being out of order, the particular act for which he is fined shall be specified on the Minutes of the Society, in order that the same may be fully considered, if an appeal to the Society should afterwards be brought forward.

XXXIX.

Notice of appeal against any Fine inflicted by the President or any decision pronounced by him 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 has expired.

XL.

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.

XLI.

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.

XLII.

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

XLIII.

The President shall send a circular note to Subscribing Members, announcing the first and last Meeting in each Term respectively.

THE LIBRARIAN AND LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

XLIV.

The Library Committee shall meet weekly. Any two of the ordinary Members together with the Librarian shall form a quorum. Every Member of the Library Committee shall attend the Committee meeting within ten minutes of the time appointed by the Librarian, under pain of a Fine of Five Shillings, unless he shall have received the Librarian's permission to absent himself. This Fine, however, shall not be inflicted on any Member who has served on the Library Committee more than two Terms.

XLV.

The Library Committee alone shall recommend Books for the Society's purchase; but any Member of the Society may propose Maps, Magazines, Reviews or Newspapers, provided that the motion does not extend to Volumes already formed.

XLVI.

The names of Books selected by the Library Committee shall be placed upon the notice-boards (with the edition and probable expense affixed to each Book) before the Sunday previous to the

Meeting at which they are to be brought forward. They shall be proposed to the Society by the Librarian, or, in his absence, by some other Member of the Library Committee. No Member shall be allowed to move an amendment to them.

XLVII.

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

XLVIII.

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.

XLIX.

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

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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. His report shall be audited by two Graduate Members of the Society, appointed by the President, and shall be

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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.

LI.

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; but he shall incur no special expenses above the value of Two Pounds, without the consent of the Committee, and no such expenses above the value of Ten Pounds, without the sanction of the Society.

LII.

A Ledger shall be kept in the Rooms of the Society, open to the inspection of every Member, into which the Treasurer shall be bound to enter the Receipts and Expenditure of the Society at the end of each Term, signed by himself, and countersigned by Auditors; 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, signed by himself, and countersigned by Auditors.

LIII.

The 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 appointed by the President. At the first Meeting in Term the Treasurer shall read the accounts so audited.

LIV.

The Annual Accounts of Receipts and Expenditure shall be audited before the second 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 second Meeting in Easter Term, the Ex-Treasurer shall read the accounts so audited.

LV.

The Treasurer shall propose a List of Newspapers, Magazines and Reviews, of which a week's notice shall be given, on the second Meeting of Lent Term, and in bringing them forward shall state which of them have up to that time been taken in by the Society. Members wishing to move any amendments on this List at the time of its proposal must give notice of the same before the Wednesday previous.

LVI.

The Treasurer shall order such Theological papers as he shall think fit, taking care that all parties be as far as possible represented ; in cases of emergency also he shall order extra Newspapers, provided he place a list of them in the Rooms of the Society.

LVII.

The Treasurer shall give notice to any Member who shall incur a Fine, unless it be a Library Fine, and in case of non-payment shall proceed according to the provisions of Rule XXI.

LVIII.

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.

LIX.

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

THE SUB-TREASURER.

LX.

The Sub-Treasurer shall assist the Treasurer in

all matters appertaining to the duties of his office, and during the temporary absence of the latter shall discharge all his functions.

THE SECRETARY.

LXI.

The Secretary shall minute the proceedings at the Meetings of the Society, and enter them in a Book kept for the purpose.

LXII.

The Secretary shall enter all alterations in the Rules in an interleaved copy, within two days after the Meeting at which such alterations were made. He shall also within the same period index the Minutes of each Meeting. It shall be his duty to keep by him the interleaved copy of the Rules at all Meetings of the Society.

THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

LXIII.

The Standing Committee shall meet once every week, and oftener, if summoned by the President. 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

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notice shall be placed in the Rooms, before the Sunday previous to their discussion.

2. To examine the votes of the Society in the election of Committees or Officers.

3. To examine, and, if necessary, correct the Minutes of the preceding Meeting.

LXIV.

Every Member of Committee shall attend the Committee within ten minutes of the time appointed, under pain of a Fine of Five Shillings unless he shall have received the President's permission to absent himself. This Fine, however, shall not be imposed, if he shall have already served on the Committee three Terms, or filled the office of President, Librarian, or Treasurer.

LXV.

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

THE LIBRARY.

LXVI.

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.

LXVII.

Any Member desiring the use of a Book at his own Rooms may receive it on application to the Society's Servant, but no Member shall remove a Book from the Premises, without making such application, under pain of a Fine of One Pound.

LXVIII.

No Member shall borrow at one time more than four Volumes, nor keep them longer than a Week ; if no application, however, be made for them, they may be retained for a Fortnight : in no case for a longer period. In the Vacations any Member may take out double the number of Volumes.

LXIX.

The Society's Servant 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 sent and returned, together with the names of any Members desiring to borrow a Book which has been already taken out.

LXX.

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 on 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 XXI. Absence from Oxford shall be considered no excuse.

LXXI.

Every Member shall be held responsible for the safety of all Books which he may borrow; and for any injury or loss the President shall inflict a Fine according to the value of the Book.

LXXII.

Every Book shall be returned on or before the day of the last Meeting in Term, under pain 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.

LXXIII.

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. If personally applied to, he may allow such Books to be removed.

LXXIV.

Every Book for the first week after its purchase shall be confined to the Library.

LXXV.

All Fines that have relation to the Library shall be collected by the Librarian, subject to an appeal to a General Meeting, and all monies thence proceeding shall be applied to the use of the Library.

READING, WRITING ROOMS, &c.

LXXVI.

The Society's Premises shall be closed on Sundays, Good Friday, and Christmas Day. On other days they shall be open from Nine A.M. to Ten P.M., except in the Long Vacation, when they shall be opened at Ten A.M. and closed at Eight P.M.

LXXVII.

Any Member wantonly defacing or injuring the property of the Society, or that for which it is responsible, shall be fined One Pound, besides making good any damage he may occasion.

LXXVIII.

Any Member who shall remove a Newspaper from the Society's Premises shall be fined One Pound, and the same Fine shall be inflicted on any Member who shall carry a Newspaper into the Library, Upper Reading Room, or Writing Rooms, or a Book or a Review into the Writing Rooms or Newspaper Rooms.

LXXIX.

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

THE MEETINGS OF THE SOCIETY.**LXXX.**

The Meetings of the Society shall be held on Thursday Evenings, during Term, at Eight o'clock in Winter and Nine o'clock in Summer, 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.

LXXXI.

No Member shall be allowed to alter or withdraw, except by permission of the President, any motion he may have placed on the Boards.

LXXXII.

If any Member neglect to bring forward a Motion of which he has given notice, or to resume a Debate, which on his Motion has been adjourned, either in person or by proxy, he shall be fined One Pound.

LXXXIII.

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. Any motion may also be brought forward, which has reference solely to the conduct or adjournment of the then Meeting.

LXXXIV.

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.

LXXXV.

Any Member may move an Amendment to any Motion, 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 shall refuse to put an irrelevant Amendment or Rider.

LXXXVI.

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

LXXXVII.

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.

LXXXVIII.

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. In Private Business Members may speak more than once.

LXXXIX.

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.

XC.

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. If any business remain over from these Meetings, the President shall summon extraordinary Meetings till it is settled, but no new business shall be introduced on such occasions. The President shall give notice of an extraordinary Meeting

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on the day succeeding that, the business of which has been postponed.

XCI.

No Motion in Private Business shall be put to the vote as a single Question, which shall appear to the President to involve two or more distinct propositions; but each shall be brought forward separately.

XCII.

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.

XCIII.

On Motions involving any change in the number of Newspapers taken in by the Society, no Member shall move an Amendment affecting any other Newspapers than those specified in the Motion, unless he have given notice of such an Amendment before the Wednesday previous to its discussion.

XCIV.

Official Motions may be discussed at any Meeting, after due notice has been given.

XCV.

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

XCVI.

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 any Member enforce the adjournment.

XCVII.

Any Motion interrupted by the adjournment of the Meeting, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XCVI. must be put up afresh, but all other business interrupted by such adjournment shall be disposed of at the next Meeting of the Society.

XCVIII.

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

LEAVING THE SOCIETY.**XCIX.**

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.

VIOLATION OF THE RULES.

C.

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

J. FITZ-GERALD,	} Committee for Revising the Rules, 1853.
F. R. JOHNSTONE,	
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G. J. GÖSCHEN,	

STANDING ORDERS.

I.

The Treasurer shall pay to the Librarian each Term for Library expenses £35, of which £8 shall be set apart for the purposes 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.

From and after October, 1852, the Treasurer of the Society shall pay over to the Trustees a sum of £40 every Term, to be applied by them as a Sinking Fund towards discharging the liabilities incurred by the Society on entering on their new premises.

III.

The Society shall subscribe annually to Cawthorne's Library the sum of £25, one half to be appropriated to Novels, the remainder to Works of current Literature.

IV.

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