

RULES AND REGULATIONS

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RULES
OF THE
OXFORD UNION SOCIETY.

OF THE SOCIETY.

I.

THE Society shall be called "*The Oxford Union Society*," and shall have for its object the promotion of Debates, and the maintenance of a Library, and Reading Room.

II.

The Meetings of the Society shall be held on Thursday Evenings during Term, at Eight in Winter, and Nine in Summer; and shall begin as soon as Residence shall have generally commenced.

III.

But a discretionary power shall be vested in the President, after having placed a written notice in the Reading Room, to alter the appointed day, or hour, and to call Extraordinary Meetings of the Society.

OF THE DEBATE.

IV.

The Debate shall have for its object, the discussion of any subject not immediately involving Theological questions.

V.

No Member shall be allowed to alter a Question which has been chosen for Debate, without the sanction of the President.

VI.

If any Member whose Question has been selected shall omit to open the Debate in person or by proxy, he shall be fined Two Pounds.

VII.

The Debate shall commence immediately after Candidates proposed for admission have been ballotted for ; or, on nights appointed for the election of Officers, immediately after the notices of their proposal have been read to the Society.

VIII.

The Question shall be proposed in the form of a Motion, and it shall be competent for any Member to move an Amendment.

IX.

The President shall not put a second Amendment to the vote, before the Society has disposed of the first.

X.

Any Member may move a Rider either to a Motion or to an Amendment, but it shall be put to the vote afterwards, as a distinct clause, if the Motion or Amendment to which it is annexed shall have been carried.

XI.

The President shall refuse to put to the vote any Amendment or Rider, or any part of such Amendment or Rider, which he shall not consider entirely relevant to the original Motion.

XII.

No Member shall be permitted to speak more than once during the Debate ; the privilege of reply being reserved to the Mover of the Question.

XIII.

It shall be lawful, however, for a Member to rise a second time during the Debate, or after the reply of the Mover, for the purpose of explanation ; or of correcting any *matter of fact* which may have been erroneously stated by any speaker. But in neither of these cases may any *argument* be introduced.

XIV.

And during the course of a speech, with the consent of the speaker, *but not otherwise*, a Member may rise for either of these purposes, and with the same limitation.

PRIVATE BUSINESS.

XV.

No Private Business (with the exception of the proposal of Books by the Librarian, and immediate business by recommendation of Committee) shall be brought forward except at two Meetings, *one* of which shall be in the first fortnight, and *one* in the last fortnight, in Term. On these two Meetings there shall be no Public Debate, if on the Monday preceding either of them the President shall give notice in the Reading Room that there is sufficient Private Business in hand to occupy the evening.

XVI.

If any Business remain over from the *former* of these Meetings, the President shall use his discretion in summoning an Extraordinary Meeting. If any remain over from the *latter* of them, he shall summon Extraordinary Meetings until it is settled. But no Motion shall be introduced at an Extraordinary Meeting, unless notice has been given of it in the Reading Room, before the Sunday previous to the Ordinary Meeting.

XVII.

The President shall give notice in the Reading Room towards the end of each Term, what Meetings in the next Term will be appointed for the discussion of Private Business.

XVIII.

Motions recommended by the Committee may be discussed without previous notice, and shall take precedence of all other Private Business except the Librarian's List of Books.

XIX.

Any Motion may also be brought forward of which it was impossible that notice should have been given, and which has reference solely to the conduct or adjournment of the then Meeting.

XX.

No Motion 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. (This Rule shall also apply to the Debates.)

XXI.

No Motion, if rejected, shall be brought forward a second time in the same Term, but the repeal of any Motion may be moved in the same Term in which it has been carried.

XXII.

A Motion for taking in a Newspaper, if it has been rejected for two consecutive Terms, shall not be brought forward again until the third Term after its second rejection.

XXIII.

The President shall have a discretionary power to suppress any Motion involving a violation of the Rules; provided that such suppression be made on or before the Tuesday previous to the Meeting when the Motion would have been brought forward; and that the President do specify on the Notice Boards of the Society what law or laws he conceives to be violated by the Motion so suppressed. No notice of a Motion which has been placed upon the Boards shall be altered or withdrawn without the sanction of the President; and no Motion under discussion shall be altered or withdrawn, without the

permission of the majority of Members present at a Meeting of the Society. (This Rule shall apply as well to the proposal of Officers, as to Private Business generally.)

XXIV.

Any Member, who has given notice of a Motion in Private Business, and shall not appear to move the same, either by himself or proxy, shall be fined Ten Shillings. (This penalty shall not apply to Members who may not be resident in Oxford.)

XXV.

In the discussion of Private Business, every Member may speak more than once.

XXVI.

Questions may be asked of any Member of the Committee relative to his official duties. Discussions upon such points shall be regulated by the President.

XXVII.

No Motion shall be brought forward involving a contradiction of, or exception to, any existing Rule, unless it be accompanied by Motions to correct the Rules which in the judgment of the President are affected by it.

ADJOURNMENT.

XXVIII.

The President shall declare the House Adjourned,

1. If there be fewer than Fifteen Members present at the Debate ; or Twenty at the Discussion of Private Business, or at the Ballotting for Members and the Election of Officers.

2. If any Member enforce an Adjournment, which may be done at Half-Past Eleven.

3. If a Motion for Adjournment be carried—to which the consent of two-thirds of the Members voting shall be requisite.

XXIX.

Adjournment shall not be moved more than once in half an hour.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

XXX.

Any Member may propose any Candidate who has resided at least one Term in the University. (Easter and Act Terms shall be reckoned as one Term.) Any Member who shall violate this Rule shall be fined Two Pounds.

XXXI.

Any Member having a Candidate to propose shall write the Candidate's name and College, together with his own and those of his seconder, on a Board placed in a conspicuous part of the Reading Room for that purpose. Every Member so proposed must be seconded by two others. Those whose names have been so placed before the previous Sunday, shall be ballotted for at each Meeting, unless they exceed twelve, in which case the twelve first shall be ballotted for.

XXXII.

No Candidate can be ballotted for unless the initials of his Christian name have been entered upon the Boards.

XXXIII.

The balloting for Members shall be the first business transacted at the Society's Meetings.

XXXIV.

No Ballotting Box shall be carried round a second time, after it has once been opened.

XXXV.

The election of Members shall be vested in the whole Society; and one black ball in four shall exclude.

XXXVI.

The President shall give public notice of the names of such Candidates as are elected as soon as the last Candidate has been ballotted for. The Secretary alone shall inspect the Ballot Boxes, and report the result to the President only.

XXXVII.

No Candidate shall be proposed at more than two Meetings in the same Term.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

XXXVIII.

All Members of the Cambridge Union Society, and of the Historical Society of Dublin, are Members of the Society. This privilege does not extend to those Gentlemen who having been Members of the Universities of Cambridge or Dublin, shall *hereafter* become Resident Members of the University of Oxford; but if such Member shall be a Graduate, or shall have otherwise paid the full amount of Subscription required by the Rules of the Society to which he formerly belonged, he shall not be liable to the payment of the £5 on election, required by Rule XXXIX.

XXXIX.

Graduates of Oxford shall be ballotted for as in Rule XXXI, and if elected shall pay £5, and become Honorary Members.

XL.

Every Member, provided he has paid the full *Subscriptions* of four *entire* Terms, (independently of incomplete Subscriptions and of all other payments whatever,) becomes an Honorary Member on ceasing to reside at the University, or at the commencement of the Term in which his name appears on the list of Candidates for the second Examination.

ADMISSION OF STRANGERS.

XLI.

Members of the Committee shall have the power of introducing two Strangers, whether Members of the University or not, to the Debate, and other Members of the Society one each. The Mover of the Question chosen for the Debate, whether on the Committee or not, shall also have the privilege of introducing two Strangers. All Masters of Arts are privileged to attend the Debate.

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XLII.

A Book shall be kept in the Debating Room, in which every Member shall write the name of any Stranger he may introduce to the Debate. And if any Member fail to enter his Stranger's name, or introduce more than he is entitled by the preceding Rule, he shall be fined One Pound.

XLIII.

During the Discussion of Private Business no Stranger shall be permitted to be present.

XLIV.

A Book shall be kept in the Reading Room, in which shall be entered the names of all Strangers introduced by any Member to the Reading Room. Friends of any Member, who have not resided for a longer period than two months in the town of Oxford, and non-resident Masters of Arts, are thus admissible during their stay in Oxford; but the introduction of any other Member of the University, or of any person who has resided in the town of Oxford for a longer period than two months, shall expose his introducer to a fine of One Pound; and a

fine to the same amount shall be inflicted on any Member who shall introduce a Stranger to the Reading Room without entering his name.

PAYMENTS.

XLV.

The regular Subscription for each Term shall be Twenty-one Shillings ; but no Subscription shall be required of any Member, who shall reside less than one full week in Term.

XLVI.

Every Member, who is in Oxford before the Sunday previous to the second Meeting in Term, shall be bound to pay his Subscription at the Society's Bankers before the second Meeting ; and all Members not included in this provision shall pay their Subscription before the second Meeting after their arrival in Oxford ; under penalty in either case of a fine of Ten Shillings.

XLVII.

The President shall state these Rules, together with Rule LI, in his Circular Letter to Subscribing Members announcing the first Meeting in Term.

XLVIII.

The Subscription of a Member elected at any one of the four first Meetings in Term shall be One Guinea ; if he be elected after the fourth Meeting, Ten Shillings and Sixpence ; but if at the last Meeting in Term, the entrance money alone is required.

XLIX.

The entrance money shall be One Pound, which, together with the Terminal Subscription due from him, must be defrayed by each Member before the second Meeting after his Election, or such Election shall be declared null and void.

L.

The Treasurer shall give notice to each Member immediately on his Election, and shall state the payment due from him to the Society.

LI.

When any Member shall have incurred a Fine for delayed Subscription or otherwise, notice of the same shall be given to such Member by the Treasurer ; if the sum so due be not paid to the Society's Bankers within Three Days, the Member's Name, with the amount and date annexed, shall be placed in a conspicuous part of the Reading Room ; if it be not discharged by the second Meeting after such exposure, his name shall be struck off the list of the Society by the President, who shall communicate the same to the House. All Names thus struck off shall be printed, and placed in the Reading Room.

THE COMMITTEE.



LII.

The affairs of the Society, except as otherwise provided, shall be managed by a Committee of Ten, consisting of the President, Librarian, Treasurer, and seven other Members.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS GENERALLY.

LIII.

1. The names of all Members who may be proposed to be on the Committee, in any capacity, shall be submitted to the Society on the proper day of Election, in the form of a Motion, of which the usual notice shall have been given, and which shall be read to the House by the President, between the balloting for Members, and the commencement of the Debate; or, if there be no Debate, between the balloting for Members, and the commencement of private business.

2. Such Motion shall not, however, be put to the vote openly, but the decision of the Society shall be taken by secret suffrage, in which the Member or Members so nominated, who shall have the largest number of votes, shall be elected.

3. The result of such suffrage shall be ascertained by the Committee after the Meeting, and posted as soon as possible in the Reading Room.

LIV.

The manner of secret suffrage for Candidates for Offices shall be as follows.

Each Member shall deliver into the hands of the Secretary (or some other Member of the Committee appointed for the purpose) a Paper containing the Names of the Candidates for whom he votes, which the Secretary shall, without reading it, put into the balloting box. Each Member so voting, shall also give his own Name in writing to the Secretary, in order to establish his vote on the occasion. No proxies shall be allowed.

LV.

Should any occasional vacancy occur in the Committee, a new Member shall be elected as above.

LVI.

No Member shall be proposed for any Office in the Society without his consent having been previously obtained. Any proposer who violates this Rule shall be fined One Pound.

ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT.

LVII.

The President shall be elected at the second Meeting in each Term, but shall not enter into Office until after the third Meeting.

ELECTION OF THE LIBRARIAN.

LVIII.

The Librarian shall be a Member of the Society of at least eight Terms' standing in the University, and shall be elected at the first Meeting in Term, without any reference to the Public Debates, to serve for two Terms consecutively.

ELECTION OF THE TREASURER.

LIX.

The Treasurer shall be elected at the first Meeting in each Term, and shall enter upon his Office immediately.

ELECTION OF THE SEVEN REMAINING MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE.

LX.

The seven remaining Members of Committee shall be elected at the third Meeting in each Term.

LXI.

If in voting for them, any Member of the Society shall send in a list of more than seven, he shall be considered as having voted for the first seven on his list.

LXII.

From these seven, a Secretary shall be appointed by the Committee themselves.

LXIII.

No Member of the Society shall be eligible to be on the Committee (except in the capacity of Librarian) until he has been in the Society during the space of one Term, and taken part at least once in the Public Debates.

LXIV.

The tenure of office by the Committee, (with the exception of the Librarian and Treasurer,) shall expire after the third Meeting in Term.

MEETINGS AND POWERS OF THE COMMITTEE.

LXV.

The Committee shall meet once every week, (or oftener, if summoned by the President.) Three shall form a quorum, of whom 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 Reading Room a fortnight before their discussion.
2. To consider all subjects referred to their arbitration, and report thereon to the House.
3. To examine the votes of the Society in election of Committees or Officers.

4. To appoint Bankers, make choice of Tradesmen, and hire Servants.

5. To examine all Demands upon the Society previous to their being paid by the Treasurers.

LXVI.

Any special contract or application of money shall be recommended by the Committee at a General Meeting, and if approved, shall be carried into effect on behalf of the Society by or in the name of such Graduate Members as the Society shall elect.

LXVII.

The Committee shall have the power to order all Pamphlets they may think proper for the use of the Reading Room, (with the exception of strictly Theological Pamphlets,) without obtaining previous permission from the Society.

LXVIII.

If any Member of the Committee absent himself therefrom, without sufficient excuse, or do not attend within a quarter of an hour of the time appointed for

its sitting, he shall be fined Five Shillings. This fine, however, shall not be imposed, if he shall already have served on the Committee three Terms, or filled the office of President, Librarian, or Treasurer, provided that he does not hold one of these offices at the time.

LXIX.

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

LXX.

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

OF THE PRESIDENT.

LXXI.

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

LXXII.

1. In the Meetings of the Society, it shall be the duty of the President to interfere (though not appealed to) whenever there is a breach of order; and it shall be in the power of any Member to call his attention to any conduct which appears to him disorderly, or to request him to fine any Member.

2. The President shall also interfere, when any words are spoken in the Society, which in his judgment impute dishonourable motives or conduct to, or are otherwise injurious to the personal honour and character of, any Member of the Society; and the speaker so called on by the President shall be bound immediately to explain.

3. 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.

LXXIII.

1. 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.

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

3. 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 Journals of the House, in order that the same may be fully considered, if an appeal to the House should afterwards be brought forward.

LXXIV.

But no fine inflicted by the President, or any decision pronounced by him, shall be subject to appeal until after the expiration of his Office: nor even then, unless notice of such appeal shall have been placed by the appealing party in a conspicuous part of the Reading Room, within a week of the occurrence complained of.

LXXV.

The President shall be allowed to take part in any discussion, whether on the subject for Debate or in Private Business, on resigning his chair at discretion to the Librarian or Treasurer ; or in their absence to any Member of the Committee except the Secretary. And the *locum tenens* of the President, either in the case supposed, or in the absence of the President from any Meeting of the Society, shall have the full power and also the full responsibility of the President, so far as relates to the conduct of that Meeting ; provided always, that he shall be bound not to rule any point of order or interpret any law in opposition to any announced decision or interpretation of the President.

LXXVI.

The President shall have no vote, except when the numbers for and against a Question are equal, when he shall have the Casting Vote.

LXXVII.

The absence of the President for two successive Meetings, without sufficient reason being laid before the Society, shall be equivalent to the resignation of his Office.

LXXVIII.

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

OF THE LIBRARIAN.

LXXIX.

The Books and other property of the Society shall be in the custody of the Librarian for the time being, and so vested in him, that any Legal proceedings for its protection and recovery may be had in his name, as the owner in trust for the purposes of the Society.

LXXX.

The Treasurer shall be authorized to pay to the Librarian each Term the sum of £30 for the purchase of Books. It shall be the duty of the Librarian to consider the best manner of expending this sum in the Books ordered by the Society, to keep account of its expenditure, and to propose to the Society such Books as he shall deem best fitted for the Library.

LXXXI.

The Librarian shall transact all business relating to the Books and Periodical Publications of the Society.

LXXXII.

The Librarian shall make a Report to the Society on the last Meeting but one in each Term, containing a classified list of all books purchased by the Society during the Term, together with a Financial Statement of the Library Fund; and such statement shall be printed in the President's Circular announcing the last Meeting in each Term.

LXXXIII.

It shall be in the power of any other Member of the Society, after giving notice of his intention before the Sunday previous to the Debate, to propose any Maps, Magazines, Reviews, or Newspapers, provided the motion do not extend to volumes already formed.

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LXXXIV.

No Member of the Society but the Librarian shall have the power to propose Books to the Society ; and no Member shall on any pretence move an Amendment, except in the way of a direct negative, to his proposals. It shall be necessary for the Librarian to give Notice of the Books he intends to propose, before the Sunday previous to the Meeting on which they are brought forward.

LXXXV.

Proposals of Books by the Librarian shall take precedence of all other Private Business.

LXXXVI.

No more than Ten Books shall ever be proposed at one Meeting ; and it shall be necessary for the Librarian to affix their probable expense to the notice of the proposal of each of them.

THE LIBRARY AND READING ROOM.

LXXXVII.

The Library of the Society shall consist of such of the Books proposed by the Librarian as shall be

approved of by a Meeting of the Society, and the bound Volumes of such Pamphlets and Periodical Publications as the Society shall take in for the use of the Reading Room, and subsequently keep.

LXXXVIII.

A Book shall be kept in the Reading Room, in which any Members may enter the names of such Works as they may think desirable for the Society.

LXXXIX.

Any Member desiring the use of a Book at his own Rooms may receive it upon application to the Society's Servant, at the Reading Room. But if he take it without seeing the Servant, or leaving notice for the Librarian, he shall incur a fine of 5s.

XC.

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 they were sent and returned, together with the Names of any Members desiring to borrow a Book which has been already taken out.

XCI.

No Member shall have more than two volumes out at the same time, or detain them longer than a week, if a claim is made for them, as provided for in the preceding Rule; but, if no such claim be made, the Member who is in possession of a Book may retain it for another week: but in no case shall any Book be kept out longer than a fortnight. In the Easter Vacation, however, any Member may have three Books out at the same time; in the Christmas, four; and in the Long Vacation, five.

XCII.

The Servant shall deliver Books at the rooms of Members desiring the use of them, *only* between the hours of Ten and Eleven, of Two and Three, and of Eight and Nine.

XCIII.

At some one of these hours the Servant shall call at the rooms of any Member, who has had a Book

from the Library in his possession for a week, in order to receive and bring it back to the Library : but he shall not, in the absence of the Member, take such Book from his rooms, unless he shall have been specially directed by him to do so.

XCIV.

If the Servant shall call at any Member's rooms, and shall not find him at home, he shall leave a written or printed notice, and in no case shall the Servant call a second time for the same Book. But every Member, who has received the notice before Eight o'clock, shall be bound to return the Book the same night: if after Eight, before Eleven the next morning. If he neglect to do so, a notice shall be sent him by the Librarian, requiring him to return it within a day after receipt of the notice, on pain of a fine of Five Shillings : and every Member who receives such notice, shall pay a fine of One Shilling: for every additional week which he may keep it, he shall pay a fine of £1 ; and if he do not return it within a year, his name shall be struck off the list of the Society. Absence from Oxford shall be considered no excuse whatever.

XCV.

Every Member shall be held responsible for the safety of all Books which he may borrow : and for any injury, the Committee shall authorize the President to inflict a fine according to the value of the Book.

XCVI.

Any Member who shall wantonly deface or damage the other property of the Society, or injure its Reading or Debating Room, shall be fined £2. (Under the head of defacing the property of the Society shall be considered the writing irrelevant questions, or any questions under fictitious signatures.)

XCVII.

All fines that have relation to the Library shall be collected by the Librarian ; but shall be subject to an appeal to a General Meeting. And all monies hence proceeding shall be applied to the use of the Library.

XCVIII.

All Books shall be returned on or before the day of the last Meeting in every Term, on pain of a fine of £1.

XCIX.

The following Books are always confined to the Reading Room.

ALL ATLASSES and MAPS.

ALL NEWSPAPERS, bound or unbound.

ALL REVIEWS, MAGAZINES, or PAMPHLETS, unbound.

ALL JOURNALS, REGISTERS, LISTS, and CALENDARS.

ANNUAL REGISTER.

BOYER'S DICTIONNAIRE FRANCOIS.

CAMDEN'S BRITANNICA.

CAMPBELL'S POLITICAL SURVEY OF GREAT BRITAIN.

CARLISLE'S TOPOGRAPHICAL DICTIONARY.

CHALMERS' BIOGRAPHICAL DICTIONARY.

CRUTWELL'S GAZETTEER.

ENCYCLOPÆDIA BRITANNICA.

ENCYCLOPÆDIA METROPOLITANA, except the volumes containing
History and Biography.

JOHNSON'S DICTIONARY.

LIBER ECCLESIASTICUS.

MIRROR OF PARLIAMENT.

PARLIAMENTARY DEBATES.

PARLIAMENTARY HISTORY.

PATERSON'S ROADS.

UNIVERSITY POLL BOOK.

Any Member who shall take out any Newspapers belonging to the Reading Room shall be fined Five Shillings.

And any Member who shall take out any other Work or part of a Work, mentioned in this List, shall be fined One Pound,

The Committee shall have the power at any time of recommending to the Society the addition to this List of any Books they may think fit.

The Librarian also shall add to this List at any time such Books as he may conceive to be much wanted for reference upon the subject of an approaching Debate. And the Committee shall have power at their next Meeting to annul, confirm, or extend all such additions.

C.

No Book shall be allowed to circulate among the Members for the first week after its purchase by the Society.

CI.

The bound volumes of Reviews, Magazines, and Pamphlets, may be taken out of the Reading Room for the space of three days only during Term, if a claim be made for them, as provided for in Rule LXXXIX, and if no such claim be made, for one week only; but in the Vacations they may be taken out in the same way as other Books.

CII.

In the Long Vacation there shall be no Books whatever confined to the Reading Room.

CIII.

The Reading Room shall be closed on Sundays, Good Friday, and Christmas Day.

CIV.

On other days the Reading Room shall be open between the hours of Nine A. M. and Ten P. M. except in the Long Vacation, when it shall be opened at Ten in the Morning, and shut at Eight in the Evening. No Member shall on any pretext be allowed to enter it after the Servants have left.

CV.

Any Member who shall bring a Dog into either the Reading or the Debating Room, shall be fined Ten Shillings.

CVI.

Any Member who shall be convicted by a majority of the Meeting of the Society of a breach of any of the Standing Rules, for which no special penalty is provided, shall be fined £1.

OF THE TREASURER.

CVII.

The Treasurer shall keep a regular account of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Society, and shall manage its financial affairs, subject to the provisions of Rule LXV. He shall also have the general arrangement of the Reading Room, except in such matters as fall under the province of the Librarian. It shall be his duty to give notice to Members of all fines incurred by them, according to Rule LI.

CVIII.

The Treasurer shall make a financial statement to the Society at the last Meeting in each Term, which shall be entered in the Book of the Society's proceedings; and such statement shall be printed in the President's circular, announcing the First Meeting in each Term.

CIX.

Every Treasurer's Accounts shall be audited by his successor and the Secretary for the time being, who shall meet for that purpose in the Committee Room an hour before the time appointed for the Second Meeting in Term.

OF THE SECRETARY.

CX.

The Secretary shall minute the proceedings of the Society, and enter them in a Book kept for that purpose. It shall be his duty to open the Ballot Boxes, according to Rule XXXVI. He shall also have charge of all the records of the Society.

CXI.

He shall also keep an interleaved copy of the Rules of the Society, in which he shall enter all alterations made from time to time. This copy he shall always have by him at the Meetings of the Society.

OF LEAVING THE SOCIETY.

CXII.

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 its sender from liability to that Term's subscription.



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