

RULES AND REGULATIONS
OF THE
OXFORD UNION SOCIETY,

CORRECTED TO AUGUST, 1867.

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

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PRESIDENTS.

1826.

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

1827.

D. Smith,	}	...	Christ Church.
H. Tuffnell, ^b		...	Christ Church.
T. Pearson,		...	Balliol.
H. Merivale, ^c		...	Trinity.

1828.

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

1829.

S. Wilberforce, ^e	}	...	Oriel.
T. D. Acland, ^f		...	Christ Church.
H. Moncreiff,		...	New College.
H. E. Manning, ^g		...	Balliol.

^a Serjeant-at-Law. ^δ Late Secretary of the Treasury, M.P.
^c Under-Secretary of State for India. ^d Bishop of Durham.
^e Bishop of Oxford. ^f M.P. for North Devon. ^g Late
 Archdeacon of Chichester.

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1830.		
Hon. S. Herbert, <i>a</i>	...	Oriel.
J. M. Gaskell, <i>b</i>	...	Christ Church.
W. E. Gladstone, <i>c</i>	...	Christ Church.
1831.		
Hon. J. Bruce, <i>d</i>	...	Christ Church.
J. E. Lyall, <i>e</i>	...	Balliol.
Earl of Lincoln, <i>f</i>	...	Christ Church.
1832.		
G. K. Rickards, <i>g</i>	...	Trinity.
R. Palmer, <i>h</i>	...	Trinity.
W. G. Ward,	...	Christ Church.
1833.		
E. Cardwell, <i>i</i>	...	Balliol.
A. C. Tait, <i>k</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. Capece,	...	Balliol.
E. Cardwell,	...	Balliol.
1836.		
T. Brancker,	...	Wadham.
J. R. Cornish,	...	Wadham.
W. Marsh, <i>l</i>	...	Oriel.

a Late Secretary at War, afterwards Lord Herbert of Lea.

b Late one of the Lords of the Treasury.

c Late Chancellor

of the Exchequer

d Earl of Elgin, late Governor-General

of India.

e Late Attorney-General of India.

f Duke of

Newcastle, late Secretary of State for the Colonies.

g Counsel to

Speaker of House of Commons, late Professor of Political Economy.

h Late Solicitor-General, Deputy High Steward of the University.

i Late Secretary of State for the Colonies.

k Bishop of London.

l Now Rev. Sir W. Tilson-Marsh.

1837.

H. W. Cripps, ...	...	...	New College.
G. R. Moncreiff, ^a	...	...	Balliol.
J. A. Heasey, ^b ...	...	...	St. John's.

1838.

W. H. Riley, ...	...	...	Christ Church.
W. C. Lake, ...	...	...	Balliol.
H. Highton, ^c ...	...	...	Queen's.

1839.

G. R. Moncreiff,	...	...	Balliol.
H. W. Sullivan,	...	...	Balliol.
W. E. Buckler,	...	...	Brasenose.

1840.

J. B. Blackett, ^d	...	...	Christ Church.
G. Rawlinson, ^e...	...	...	Trinity.
C. T. Arnold,...	...	...	Magdalen Hall.

1841.

R. C. Powles ...	...	...	Exeter.
J. T. B. Landon,...	...	...	Worcester.
R. Congreve, ...	...	...	Wadham.

1842.

M. Portal, ^f ...	...	...	Christ Church.
D. P. Chase, ^g ...	...	...	Oriel.
E. H. Plumtre,	...	...	University.

1843.

G. F. Bowen, ^h ...	...	...	Trinity.
W. H. Scott, ...	...	...	Trinity.
J. D. Coleridge,	...	...	Balliol.

^a One of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools. ^b Head Master of Merchant Taylor's School, Preacher to Gray's Inn. ^c Late Principal of Cheltenham College. ^d Late M.P. for Newcastle on Tyne. ^e Bampton Lecturer, 1859, Camden Professor of Ancient History. ^f Late M.P. for North Hants. ^g Principal of St. Mary Hall. ^h Governor of Queensland.

1844.

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

1845.

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

1846.

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

1847.

C. H. Stanton,	...	...	Balliol.
Lord Dufferin, ^c	...	...	Christ Church.
G. W. Hunt, ^d ..	...	...	Christ Church.

1848.

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

1849.

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

1850.

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

^a Late Principal of Cuddesdon College.^b Professor of Latin.^c Late Under-Secretary for India 1864—66, and for War, 1866.^d Secretary to the Treasury.^e Late Whitehall Preacher.^f M.P. for Sandwich, late Secretary to the Treasury.

1851.		
A. Mitchell, ...	...	Christ Church.
H. J. S. Smith, ^a ...	...	Balliol.
Hon. F. Lygon, ^b ...	...	Christ Church.
1852.		
W. W. Shirley, ^c ...	...	Wadham.
H. N. Oxenham, ...	...	Balliol.
C. H. Pearson, ^d ...	...	Exeter.
1853.		
J. Fitzgerald, ...	...	University.
B. B. Rogers, ...	...	Wadham.
G. J. Göschen, ^e ...	...	Oriel.
1854.		
A. G. Butler, ^f ...	...	University.
G. Lushington, ...	...	Balliol.
G. C. Brodrick, ...	...	Balliol.
1855.		
R. E. Bartlett, ...	...	Trinity.
J. H. Bridges, ...	...	Oriel.
D. C. Lathbury, ...	...	Brasenose.
1856.		
C. E. Turner, ...	...	Exeter.
W. F. Wilberforce, ...	...	University.
J. Oakley, ...	...	Brasenose.
1857.		
P. F. Eliot, ...	...	Trinity.
J. Mitchinson, ..	...	Pembroke.
T. R. Halcomb, ...	...	Brasenose.
1858.		
T. W. Fowle, ...	...	Oriel.
C. S. C. Bowen, ...	...	Balliol.
E. K. Bennet, ...	...	University.

^a Savilian Professor of Geometry. ^b Late M.P. for Tewkesbury;
now Earl Beauchamp. ^c Late Professor of Ecclesiastical History.
^d Professor of Modern History at King's College, London. ^e Late
Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster. ^f Head Master of Haileybury
College.

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	1859.		
A. V. Dicey,	Balliol.
A. O. Rutson,	University.
P. P. Fogg,	Jesus.
	1860.		
E. Moore, ^a	Queen's.
H. L. Harrison, ...	...	...	Christ Church.
F. M. Beaumont, ...	...	...	St. John's.
	1861.		
K. E. Digby, ...	...	...	Corpus.
T. H. Green, ...	...	...	Balliol.
J. R. Magrath, ...	...	...	Queen's.
	1862.		
Hon. A. E. W. M. Herbert,		}	St. John's.
A. H. Bealey ..	...		Wadham.
J. Bryce, ...	...		Oriel.
O. W. Tancock, ...	...		Exeter.
	1863.		
R. B. Smith, ...	...	...	Corpus.
Hon. R. C. E. Abbot, ...	...	...	Christ Church.
A. Robinson, ...	...	...	University.
	1864.		
W. A. Fearon, ...	...	...	New.
F. H. Jeune, ...	...	...	Balliol.
A. A. Clive, ...	...	...	Lincoln.
	1865.		
A. Robinson, ...	...	...	New.
R. Robinson, ...	...	...	Worcester.
C. P. Ilbert, ...	...	...	Balliol.
	1866.		
E. S. Talbot, ...	...	...	Christ Church.
G. A. Simcox, ...	...	...	Queen's.
W. Awdry, ...	...	...	Queen's.
	1867.		
W. Sanday, ...	...	...	Trinity.
Lord Francis Hervey, ...	...	...	Balliol.
J. L. Strachan-Davidson	...	...	Balliol.

^a Principal of St. Edmund Hall.

LIBRARIANS.

	1830.	
T. D. Acland, ...	...	Christ Church.
	1831.	
G. Rickards, ...	...	Trinity.
B. Harrison, ^a ...	...	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, ...	...	University.
	1834.	
G. Rickards, ...	...	Trinity.
G. C. Pearson, ...	...	Christ Church.
	1835.	
H. Sinclair, ...	...	St. Mary Hall.
W. G. Ward, ...	...	Balliol.
G. E. Brancker, ..	...	Wadham.
	1836.	
J. R. Cornish, ...	...	Christ Church.
W. Marsh, ...	...	Oriel.
G. Mellish, ...	...	University.

^a Archdeacon of Maidstone.

1837.

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

1838.

W. C. Cotton,	Christ Church.
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1839.

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

1840.

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

1841.

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

1842.

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

1843.

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

1844.

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

1845.

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

1846.

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

^a Bampton Lecturer, 1855.

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, ^a	...	Oriel.
1850.		
W. Stowe,	...	Wadham.
H. J. S. Smith,	...	Balliol.
1851.		
H. J. S. Smith,	...	Balliol.
W. W. Shirley,	...	Wadham.
1852.		
C. E. Johnston,	...	Oriel.
A. Watson,	...	Brasenose.
1853.		
A. Watson,	...	Brasenose.
E. S. Beesly, ^b	...	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. Mitchinson,	...	Pembroke.

^a Late Professor of Anglo-Saxon.

^b Professor of History at
University College, London.

1857.		
J. Mitchinson, ...	...	Pembroke.
T. R. Halcomb, ...	...	Brasenose.
F. St. John Thackeray, ...	...	Lincoln.
1858.		
F. St. John Thackeray, ...	...	Lincoln.
E. Moore, ...	...	Pembroke.
1859.		
E. Moore, ...	...	Queen's.
C. H. O. Daniel, ...	...	Worcester.
1860.		
J. R. King, ...	...	Merton.
Æ. J. G. Mackay, ...	...	University.
1861.		
J. R. Magrath, ...	...	Queen's.
J. Bryce, ...	...	Trinity.
1862.		
J. Bryce, ...	...	Trinity.
C. Burney, ...	...	Corpus.
E. C. Boyle, ...	...	Trinity.
1863.		
W. Berkley, ...	...	Trinity.
I. Bywater, ...	...	Exeter.
1864.		
I. Bywater, ...	...	Exeter.
C. P. Ilbert, ...	...	Balliol.
1865.		
C. P. Ilbert, ...	...	Balliol.
E. Caird, ^a ...	...	Merton.
1866.		
E. Caird, ...	...	Merton.
J. L. Strachan-Davidson	...	Balliol.
1867.		
J. L. Strachan-Davidson	...	Balliol.
M. Creighton, ...	...	Merton.

^a Professor of Moral Philosophy in the University of Glasgow.

TREASURERS.

1826.		
Hon. J. S. Wortley, ^a	...	Christ Church.
H. Merivale,	...	Trinity.
1827.		
T. Macdonald,	...	Oriel.
D. Smith,	...	Christ Church.
1828.		
T. B. Hobhouse,	...	Balliol.
C. Wordsworth, ^b	...	Christ Church.
S. Wilberforce,	...	Oriel.
1829.		
J. D. Harding,	...	Oriel.
T. D. Acland,	...	Christ Church.
Sir J. Hanmer, ^c	...	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. D. Acland,	...	Christ Church.
C. H. Oakes,	...	Merton.
1832.		
F. J. H. Reeves,	...	Merton.
W. G. Ward,	...	Christ Church.
W. G. Brandreth,	...	Christ Church.
1833.		
W. G. Ward,	...	Balliol.

^a Late Recorder of London and Solicitor-General, M.P. for Bute.

^b Bishop of St. Andrew's.

^c M.P. for Flint.

	1834.	
G. C. Pearson, ...	...	Christ Church.
E. Majoribanks, ...	...	Christ Church.
J. M. Capes, ...	...	Balliol.
	1835.	
W. Hussey, ...	...	Balliol.
G. Mellish, ...	...	University.
	1836.	
G. Mellish, ...	...	University.
G. R. Moncreiff, ...	...	Balliol.
	1837.	
J. A. Hessey, ...	...	St. John's.
W. C. Lake, ...	...	Balliol.
	1838.	
S. H. Northcote, ^a ...	...	Balliol.
H. Highton, ...	...	Queen's.
W. Buckley, ...	...	Brasenose.
	1839.	
F. W. Robertson, ^b ...	...	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.
	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.

^a M.P. for Stamford, Secretary of State for India.

^b Late Incumbent of Trinity Chapel, Brighton.

	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, ^a ...	...	Christ Church.
	1850.	
E. B. Lomer, ...	...	Oriel.
Hon. F. Lygon, ...	...	Christ Church.
	1851.	
Hon. F. Lygon, ...	...	Christ Church.
C. H. Pearson, ...	...	Exeter.
	1852.	
T. F. Wetherell, ...	...	Brasenose.
G. J. Göschén, ...	...	Oriel.
	1853.	
G. J. Göschén, ...	...	Oriel.
G. Lushington, ...	...	Balliol.
	1854.	
G. Lushington, ...	...	Balliol.
R. E. Bartlett, ...	...	Trinity.
	1855.	
D. C. Lathbury, ...	...	Brasenose.
W. F. Wilberforce, ...	...	University.

^a M.P. for Stamford, Viscount Cranborne.

	1856.	
W. F. Wilberforce,	...	University.
E. K. Bennet,	...	University.
	1857.	
E. K. Bennet,	...	University.
C. S. C. Bowen,	...	Balliol.
	1858.	
P. P. Fogg, ...	...	Jesua.
	1859.	
H. L. Harrison,	...	Christ Church.
F. M. Beaumont,	...	St. John's.
	1860.	
F. M. Beaumont,	...	St. John's.
A. O. Hardy, ...	...	Trinity.
	1861.	
A. O. Hardy, ...	...	Trinity.
O. W. Tancock,	...	Exeter.
	1862.	
O. W. Tancock,	...	Exeter.
A. Robinson, ...	...	University.
	1863.	
A. Robinson, ...	...	University.
F. H. Jeune, ...	...	Balliol.
	1864.	
F. H. Jeune, ...	...	Balliol.
R. Robinson, ...	...	Worcester.
	1865.	
R. Robinson, ...	...	Worcester.
E. S. Talbot, ...	...	Christ Church.
	1866.	
W. G. F. Phillimore,	...	Christ Church.
Lord Francis Hervey,	...	Balliol.
	1867.	
W. Lock, ...	...	Corpus.
H. G. Shee, ...	...	Christ Church.

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 also thereby 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 :—

HENRY WENTWORTH ACLAND, M.D.,
Regius Professor of Medicine.

THE REV. HENRY OCTAVIUS COXE, B.D.,
Librarian of the Bodleian.

J. CONINGTON, M.A.,
Professor of Latin.

THE REV. EDWIN PALMER,
Fellow of Balliol.

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

☛ Throughout these Rules, Easter and Act Terms are considered as one Term, except in Rule 78.

RULES
OF THE
Oxford Union Society.

THE SOCIETY.

I.

The Society shall be called "The Oxford Union Society," and shall have for its chief objects the maintenance of a Library, Reading Rooms, and Writing Rooms, and the promotion of Debates.

THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

II.

Any one may be proposed as a Member of the Society who has resided at least one Term in the University.

III.

The Election of Members shall be vested in the whole Society, and shall take place at any of the Society's Public Meetings.

Any Member having a Candidate to propose shall write upon the notice-board at least five

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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 and Colleges or Halls of the Proposer and two Seconders (who must be Members of the Society), and
 The Date of the Proposal.

On the day of nomination the President shall announce the names of the Candidates, and if no ballot has been demanded shall declare them elected.

IV.

Any Member who wishes the Election of Members, at any particular Meeting, to be conducted by ballot, shall give notice to the President at least three days before the Meeting, and the President shall give at least twenty-four hours notice of the ballot.

V.

In the Ballot one black ball in four shall exclude. The Secretary alone shall inspect the Ballot-boxes, and report the result to the President.

VI.

If a Ballot has been demanded, the President shall announce the names of such Candidates as are elected as soon as the last Candidate has been ballotted for. No Candidate shall be proposed more than twice in the same Term.

VII.

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

HONORARY MEMBERS AND SUBSCRIBERS.

VIII.

All Members of the University in their first Term of Residence may, upon paying the Terminal Subscription to the Society's Steward, enjoy all the privileges of the Society except taking part in Private Business. The Subscribers may continue to enjoy these privileges until the first meeting of the following Term, provided they have already been proposed for election.

IX.

Every Member of the Society shall become an Honorary Member as soon as he has paid Nine

Terminal Subscriptions, inclusive of Subscription before election but exclusive of Entrance Money. But Subscribing Members who have ceased to reside in Oxford shall be made Honorary Members, on payment of a Composition at the rate of £1 per Term, for every Term necessary to complete their period of Subscription.

X.

Any Members of the University of Twenty-seven Terms standing who shall be recommended to the Society by the Trustees, or any persons officially connected with the University and so recommended, shall become Honorary Members of the Society, without ballot, on the payment of a composition of Ten Pounds, or of the usual Entrance Money and Terminal Subscriptions.

XI.

Members of the Cambridge and Durham Union Societies, and of the Dublin Historical Society, are privileged to take part in the Public Debates, but not in Private Business, 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.

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 distinguished 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 Visitors who have resided in Oxford less than two months, and such persons only.

XIV.

A Book shall be kept in the care of the Society's Steward, in which Members shall enter the names of all Persons so introduced, together with their own Names and the Date of introduction. Persons so introduced shall have the use of the Society's Rooms, but their privileges shall last for a month only, and shall not include the power of taking books out of the Library.

XV.

Any Member of the Society may introduce a Stranger to the Public Debates. No Member shall introduce a Stranger to a Private Business Meeting.

PAYMENTS AND POSTAGE OF LETTERS.

XVI.

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

XVII.

Newly-elected Members shall pay their Entrance Money and Subscription at the Society's Bankers within a fortnight after their Election, and Ordinary Members their subscription within a fortnight after their arrival in Oxford, on pain of a Fine of Two Shillings and Sixpence which the Treasurer shall notify to defaulters at the earliest opportunity.

XVIII.

Subscribers and Subscribing Members shall be entitled to have their Letters stamped during Term and in the Easter and Christmas Vacations.

XIX.

All Honorary Members, who post their Letters in the Society's Rooms, shall pay a composition of

Three Shillings and Sixpence each Term for postage, or shall provide their own Postage Stamps.

Stamps shall be kept on sale for the purpose by the Society's Steward.

XX.

All Members and Strangers introduced under Rule XIV. who post Letters in the Society's Rooms during the Long Vacation shall provide their own Postage Stamps.

XXI.

No one shall be entitled to have more than two penny stamps put upon any Letter, or to send through the Post or distribute in Oxford by means of the Society's Servants any printed circulars, or to post any Letters not written in the Rooms of the Society.

THE OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY.

XXII.

The affairs of the Society, except as otherwise provided, shall be carried on by the Standing Committee.

The Standing Committee shall consist of the President, Librarian, Treasurer, Sub-Treasurer, Secretary; all Ex-Presidents who (not being of twenty-seven Terms standing), shall signify their consent to serve, and three other Members.

XXIII.

The management of the Library shall be entrusted to a Committee of Six, consisting of the Librarian and five other Members who shall have been Members of the Society at least one Term.

No Member, except the Librarian, or an Ex-President, shall serve on both Committees at the same time.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.**XXIV.**

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

The Secretary, the Sub-Treasurer, and the ordinary Members of the Standing and Library Committees shall be nominated at the last Public 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-Treasurer, Secretary, and the ordinary 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.

XXV.

The Librarian shall be proposed by the President or out going Librarian, the Secretary and the ordinary Members of the Standing Committee shall be proposed by the President-elect, the Members of the Library Committee by the Librarian or Librarian-elect, the Sub-Treasurer by the Treasurer or Treasurer-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 proposal by the proper Officer.

No person shall propose any Candidate without his consent having been previously obtained.

XXVI.

The names of Candidates for any vacant office shall be written on the notice-board by the proper Officer at least five 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 Rules LXXXI and LXXXII.

XXVII.

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.

XXVIII.

In the event of any office becoming vacant before the time for which it can legally be held shall have expired, the necessary steps, as directed by Rule XXV, shall be taken for filling it before the second Public Meeting after the occurrence of such vacancy.

THE STANDING COMMITTEE.**XXIX.**

The President shall summon the Standing Committee to meet once a week at least, except in Vacation. Three shall form a quorum, whereof the President, Librarian, or Treasurer must be one.

XXX.

Every Member of the Standing and Library Committees shall attend Committee Meetings

under penalty of a fine of Five Shillings, unless he shall have received permission from the President or Librarian respectively to absent himself.

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

THE PRESIDENT.

XXXI.

The President is the sole interpreter of the Rules and shall decide all questions of order. He shall interfere at Meetings of the Society where there is a breach of order. He shall call on any Member to explain or apologise for any expression or conduct which 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 after such explanation to direct the speaker to withdraw the expression objected to. He may also check any speaker whom he considers to be departing from the question. For any refusal to submit to his authority he shall have power to inflict a fine not exceeding One Pound. No ex-

pression or conduct however shall be questioned or fine imposed, except at the Meeting at which the breach of order occurs.

XXXII.

It shall be competent to any Member to appeal against any decision of the President. Notice of such appeal shall be written on the notice-board within a week after such decision is pronounced, and it shall be tried at the next Private Business Meeting. The President shall leave the chair while it is being tried.

XXXIII.

The President shall be allowed to take part in the Public Debate or in Private Business on leaving 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 the Standing Committee except the Secretary. The Chairman shall have the full power and responsibility of the President, but the President may on his return to the chair reverse his decisions.

XXXIV.

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

XXXV.

In any case of Informality, whether of Election of Officers or Members, Division, or Poll, the President shall annul such Election, Division, or Poll, within forty-eight hours at the furthest, and shall cause it to be repeated at the earliest opportunity permitted by the Rules.

XXXVI.

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 Rule **XVII**, and in the latter Rule **LXVI**.

THE SECRETARY.**XXXVII.**

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, but no correction shall be made except by the Secretary, or by the order of the Standing Committee which shall

revise the Minutes weekly. No suggestion shall be made after the revision by the Standing Committee. Within three days after such revision the Secretary shall copy the minutes into another minute-book, in which no erasures or corrections shall be allowed. The Secretary shall also index the minutes of each Meeting in the fair copy of the minute-book.

XXXVIII.

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

PUBLIC DEBATES.

XXXIX.

There shall be eight weekly Meetings of the Society for Public Debate in each Term, which 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, and other Motions recommended by the Standing, Library, or Select Committees, Official Notices, and Questions, which in this order shall at all times take precedence of the Public Debate.

XL.

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

XLI.

Any Member desirous of bringing forward a Motion for discussion shall communicate the same in writing to the Standing Committee, and the President shall communicate their decision to the Proposer. A Box to receive such Motions shall be kept in a conspicuous position on the Society's premises. No motion immediately involving any theological question shall be brought forward. If no suitable motion shall be proposed the Committee shall be responsible for providing one. Five days notice shall be given of every such motion previous to its discussion.

XLII.

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 of the then Meeting, or adjournment of the House or of the Debate, and the mover of such Motion shall have precedence of all other speakers. But no speaker on any such Motion shall introduce any matter not bearing directly on the question of adjournment or the conduct of the Meeting.

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

In all cases of an adjournment of the House all Motions which have not been disposed of shall be considered withdrawn.

XLIII.

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.

XLIV.

Every Member shall either in person or by proxy bring forward all Motions, Amendments, or Riders, of which he may have given notice, or resume a Debate, which on his Motion has been adjourned, or which has been adjourned under the second clause of Rule XLVII while he was in possession of the House.

XLV.

No Member shall alter or withdraw any Motion, Amendment, or Rider, which he shall have brought forward, or placed on the boards, without permission of the President; nor, if it has been seconded, without the consent of the Secunder.

XLVI.

If no opposition be made to a Motion when proposed it shall be considered carried.

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

A Motion which has been withdrawn shall not be considered decided.

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XLVII.

The House shall be adjourned if on the Motion of any Member the House being counted there be less than fifteen Members present. At 11.30 p.m., if the Mover has not begun his reply, the President shall put to the House a Motion that the debate be closed; if the motion is carried, the Mover shall be immediately called upon for his reply; if the Motion is lost the President shall adjourn the debate. In all cases the reply of the Mover shall be concluded not later than 11.45 p.m

XLVIII.

The President shall appoint two or more Members to tell the numbers on each side in a division. In taking the numbers no other Member shall be permitted to interfere. The President shall have no vote on any division except in case of an equality

XLIX.

In a Public Debate, no Member except the Mover, who shall have the privilege of reply, shall speak more than once, except on a question of adjournment or of order. 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; but in this case no fresh argument may be introduced.

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The President may 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.

LI.

No Speech shall be allowed to exceed Half an Hour in length, except by leave of the President.

THE PRIVATE BUSINESS OF THE SOCIETY.

LII.

There shall be two ordinary 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 two 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 all Private Business Meetings public notice must be given at least five days previously.

LIII.

Three days' notice at least must be given of all Private Business Motions except those recommended by the Standing, Library, or Select Com-

mittees, which, provided that they do not affect any Rule or Standing Order, may be discussed without notice, and shall take precedence of all other Motions. All such Motions shall, however, be announced to the House by the President immediately before the commencement of the Business of the evening.

LIV.

A Motion which affects any Rule, and does not specify the Rule so affected, shall be suppressed by the President before the Meeting at which it is to be discussed. The President shall notify on the Motion-Board the Rule affected.

LV.

In Private Business Members may speak more than once.

LVI.

No Private Business Motion 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.

LVII.

No Private Business Motion which shall involve two or more distinct propositions shall be put to the vote as a single Question.

LVIII.

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

No new business shall be brought forward after 11 p.m. At 11.30 p.m. the President shall put to the House a Motion that the Debate be closed: if the Motion is carried, the House shall immediately divide; if the Motion is lost, the President shall adjourn the House.

LIX.

In all respects save those herein excepted, the Private Business shall be conducted according to the same Rules as the Public Debate.

THE LIBRARIAN, THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE,
AND THE LIBRARY.

LX.

The Librarian shall nominate one of the Members of the Library Committee Sub-Librarian, whose especial duty it shall be to see that

the Books and Pamphlets purchased for the Society are properly entered in the Catalogue. The Committee shall meet once a week at least during Term. The Librarian, or in his absence the Sub-Librarian, with any two Members shall constitute a quorum.

LXI

The Library Committee alone shall recommend Books and Maps 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 least five days previous to the Meeting at which they shall be brought forward. The List shall be read to the Society by the Librarian, or in his absence by the Sub-Librarian, or by some other Member of the Library Committee, and those books to which there is no opposition shall be considered to be carried. The rest shall then be proposed to the Society separately. No Amendment shall be moved to the Librarian's List of Books. The Library Committee shall have power to spend a sum not exceeding £10 per Term on the purchase of old or rare books. The Librarian shall announce the names of such works to the House at the next Public Business Meeting. The Librarian shall order for the Society such Pamphlets as he may think fit.

LXII.

No Book presented to the Society shall be accepted until the Library Committee, after three days' notice, shall have proposed and carried a Motion to that effect.

LXIII.

At the first Private Business Meeting in Michaelmas Term the Ex-Librarian shall make a Report to the Society, containing a classified list of all Books and Pamphlets purchased during the past year. He shall also make a financial statement of the condition of the Library Fund, which shall be audited by two Graduate Members of the Society, appointed by the President. This report and financial statement shall be entered by the Ex-Librarian in a Book to be kept in the Library for the inspection of Members.

LXIV.

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.

LXV.

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, except in the case of Novels, be retained for a Fortnight.

LXVI.

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. He shall also keep a list of 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 to one of the Society's Servants before Twelve o'clock on the day following that on which the notice was served, on pain of a Fine of One Shilling per diem. Every Book borrowed during Term shall be returned on or before the day of the Last Meeting in Term,

on pain of a Fine of Five Shillings. The Librarian shall have power, on giving three days' notice, to call in all Books and to close the Library for twenty-four hours, for the purpose of examining the condition of the Books.

LXVII.

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.

LXVIII.

Every new Book shall be confined to the Library for a period of One Month during Term and a fortnight during Vacation.

The Librarian shall also confine to the Rooms such Books as he may think fit. But a list of Books so confined shall be placed by him in the Library. Every Member removing a Book so confined shall be subject to a Fine not exceeding One Pound at the discretion of the Librarian.

THE TREASURER.

LXIX.

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, and of the Standing Committee in Vacation. He shall incur no special expense above the value of Five Pounds without the consent of the Standing Committee, and no such expense above the value of Fifteen Pounds without the sanction of the Society. His power shall not extend to the appointment or dismissal of the Society's Servants, which shall be vested in the Standing Committee. He shall superintend the delivery of all notices issued by any Officer of the Society.

LXX.

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.

LXXI.

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.

LXXII.

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.

LXXIII.

The Treasurer shall propose a List of Newspapers, Magazines, and Reviews, of which a week's notice shall be given, on the last Private Business Meeting in Michaelmas 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 least two days previous to the Private Business Meeting at which they are to be brought forward.

LXXIV.

The Treasurer shall at his discretion, for temporary reasons, increase or diminish the number of copies of Newspapers already taken in by the Society, provided he place a notice to that effect in the Rooms of the Society ; and in the Long Vacation he may with consent of the Standing Committee, discontinue any Newspaper not filed by the Society. He shall place in each News-room a list of the number of Papers allotted to each Room in Term, and also in Vacation. He shall order such Theological papers as he shall think fit, taking care that all parties be as far as possible represented. No motion for taking in or discontinuing a Theological Paper shall be brought forward.

LXXV.

The Treasurer shall provide a book to be kept in the Large Writing Room, that Members may make therein such suggestions and remarks as they may consider suitable, provided that such suggestions be authenticated by the writer's signature.

LXXVI.

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

THE SUB-TREASURER.

LXXVII.

The Sub-Treasurer shall assist the Treasurer in all matters appertaining to the duties of his office, and during his temporary absence shall discharge all his functions, subject to his directions.

READING-ROOMS, WRITING-ROOMS, &c.

LXXVIII.

The Society's premises shall be closed on Sundays in Vacation, Good Friday, Christmas Day, and all days of National Fast and Thanksgiving specially appointed. On Sundays during Term and on Ascension Day, the Library, Reading, and Writing Rooms shall be open between the hours of 3 in the afternoon and 10 in the evening, but there shall be no delivery of Oxford notes. On other days they shall be open from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. except in the Act Term, when they shall be closed at 11 p.m., and in the Long and Christmas Vacations, when they shall be closed at 8 p.m. The Treasurer shall have the power to determine when the Vacations begin and end.

LXXIX.

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 Newspaper Rooms.

LXXX.

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

POLLS.

LXXXI.

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 two days after such demand, a requisition to the same effect signed by one hundred and fifty Members. No signatures shall be affixed to the requisition except on the Society's premises. If a Poll has been demanded on an Amendment carried in the House, a Poll shall at the same time be taken on the original Motion.

LXXXII.

The Poll shall always be held within a week. The Polling shall take place at two or three separate periods in the same day, together not less than four nor more than five hours.

LXXXIII.

The Poll shall be taken by any Member of the Standing Committee assisted by some one Member of the opposite party. Each Member voting shall in person deliver his name in writing to one of 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 Standing Committee shall examine the votes, the result of which shall be immediately announced to the Society by the Senior Member of Committee present.

The President shall have no vote except in case of an equality, in which case he shall have a casting vote: and if he be unavoidably absent at the close of the Poll, he shall leave a sealed envelope containing his vote in charge of the Society's Steward, to be opened only if required.

FINES.

LXXXIV.

The President shall inflict a Fine not exceeding One Pound, at his discretion, for the violation of any Rules, to which no special penalty is attached. Any officer of the Society may remit or mitigate a fine which he has himself inflicted.

LXXXV.

If at the expiration of a week from the time of the infliction of a Fine, the Fine, or Subscription and 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 Fine, or Subscription and Fine, 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.

LXXXVI.

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.

LXXXVII.

It shall be competent to any Member on whom a Fine has been inflicted to appeal against the same, the Fine meantime having been paid provisionally. Appeals against Fines inflicted by the Librarian or Treasurer must be tried at the next Private Business Meeting, notice being given as is directed in Rule XXXII.

STANDING COMMITTEE IN VACATIONS.

LXXXVIII.

At the end of Term the Standing Committee shall have power to add to their number any three Members of the Society, who shall be Members of the Committee for the ensuing vacation. Members appointed under this Rule are exempted from the qualification required in the 2nd Clause of Rule XXVII. During the Vacation the Standing Committee shall exercise the powers of those officers who are not in Oxford, provided that they shall not expend any Money without the consent of the Treasurer.

LEAVING THE SOCIETY.

LXXXIX.

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 no-

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tice be forwarded before the Second Meeting in Term it shall not exempt the Member from liability to that Term's Subscription.

If a Member who has withdrawn be re-elected he shall pay a fresh entrance fee, but the terminal subscriptions which he has already paid shall be counted amongst those required for Honorary Membership.

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STANDING ORDERS.

I.

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

II.

The Treasurer shall annually invest in Exchequer Bills or other Government securities, in the names of the Trustees, the available balance of the Society.

III.

The Society shall subscribe annually to some Circulating Library a sum not exceeding Twelve Pounds Ten Shillings for the hire of Novels and Works of Current Literature, the selection of which shall be at the discretion of the Librarian and the Library Committee. Novels shall not be added to the Library till the expiration of Six Months from the date of their publication.

IV.

The Meetings of the Society for Public Debate shall be held on Thursday Evenings, at Eight p.m. in Winter and at Half-past Eight p.m. in Summer.

V.

A complete supplement to the Library Catalogue shall be published annually containing all Books not included in the last printed Edition of the Catalogue.

VI.

A List shall be printed each Vacation of all the Books added to the Library in the preceding Term.



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