

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

**CORRECTED TO OCTOBER, 1858.**

**WITH A LIST OF FORMER**  
**PRESIDENTS, LIBRARIANS, AND TREASURERS,**  
**SINCE MDCCCXXVI.**

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# PRESIDENTS

SINCE 1826.

1826				
H. H. Dodgson,	}	...	...	Christ Church.
D. C. Wrangham, <sup>a</sup>		...	...	Brasenose.
R. Durnford,	}	...	...	Magdalen.
E. E. Villiers,		...	...	Merton.
T. Maedonald,		...	...	Oriel.
1827.				
D. Smith,	}	...	...	Christ Church.
H. Tuffnell, <sup>b</sup>		...	...	Christ Church.
T. Pearson,		...	...	Balliol.
H. Merivale, <sup>c</sup> ...		...	...	Trinity.
1828				
D. Smith,		...	...	Christ Church.
T. B. Hobhouse,		...	...	Balliol.
C. Baring, <sup>d</sup> ...		...	...	Christ Church.
1829.				
S. Wilberforce, <sup>e</sup>	}	...	...	Oriel.
T. D. Acland, <sup>f</sup>		...	...	Christ Church.
G. R. Moncrieff,		...	...	New College.
H. E. Manning, <sup>g</sup>		...	...	Balliol.

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

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

<sup>c</sup> Permanent Under Secretary of State for the Colonies.

<sup>d</sup> Bishop of

Gloucester and Bristol. <sup>e</sup> Bishop of Oxford. <sup>f</sup> M.P. for Devonshire.

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

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

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

	1837.	
H. W. Cripps,	...	New College.
G. R. Moncreiff, <sup>s</sup>	...	Balliol.
J. A. Hessey, <sup>t</sup>	...	St. John's.
	1838.	
W. H. Riley, ...	...	Christ Church.
W. C. Lake, ...	...	Balliol.
H. Highton, ...	...	Queen's.
	1839.	
G. R. Moncreiff,	...	Balliol.
H. W. Sullivan,	...	Balliol.
W. E. Buckler,	...	Brasenose.
	1840.	
J. B. Blackett, <sup>u</sup>	...	Christ Church.
G. Rawlinson, <sup>v</sup>	...	Trinity.
C. T. Arnold,...	...	Magdalen Hall.
	1841.	
R. C. Powles,	...	Exeter.
J. T. B. Landon,	...	Worcester.
R. Congreve,	...	Wadham.
	1842.	
M. Portal, <sup>w</sup> ...	...	Christ Church.
D. P. Chase, <sup>x</sup>	...	Oriel.
E. H. Plumptre,	...	University.
	1843.	
G. F. Bowen, <sup>y</sup>	...	Trinity.
W. H. Scott, ...	...	Trinity.
J. D. Coleridge,	...	Balliol.

<sup>s</sup> Lord Advocate.      <sup>t</sup> Head Master of Merchant Taylor's School,  
 Preacher to Gray's Inn.      <sup>u</sup> Late M.P. for Newcastle on Tyne.  
<sup>v</sup> Bampton Lecturer, 1859.      <sup>w</sup> Late M.P. for North Hants.      <sup>s</sup> Principal  
 of St. Mary Hall.      <sup>y</sup> Secretary to the Lord High Commissioner of  
 the Ionian Isles.

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## 1844.

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

## 1845.

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

## 1846.

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

## 1847.

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

## 1848.

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

## 1849.

F. Meyrick, <sup>c</sup> ...	...	...	Trinity.
G. D. Boyle, ...	...	...	Exeter.
W. H. Milman,	...	...	Christ Church.

## 1850.

J. R. K. Ralph,	...	...	Queen's.
E. H. Knatchbull-Hugessen, <sup>d</sup>	...	...	Magdalen.
E. B. Lomer, ...	...	...	Oriel.

<sup>z</sup> Principal of Cuddesdon College.  
 College.      <sup>b</sup> Professor of Latin.

<sup>d</sup> M.P. for Sandwich.

<sup>a</sup> Vice-Provost of Cambridge  
<sup>c</sup> Late Whitehall Preacher



	1851.	
A. Mitchell, ...	...	Christ Church.
H. J. S. Smith, ...	...	Balliol.
Hon. F. Lygon, <sup>e</sup> ...	...	Christ Church.
	1852.	
W. W. Shirley, ...	...	Wadham.
H. N. Oxenham, ...	...	Balliol.
C. H. Pearson, <sup>f</sup> ...	...	Exeter.
	1853.	
J. Fitzgerald, ...	...	University.
B. B. Rogers, ...	...	Wadham.
G. J. Göschel ...	...	Oriel.
	1854.	
A. G. Butler, ...	...	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.

<sup>e</sup> M.P. for Tewkesbury.  
College, London.

<sup>f</sup> Professor of Modern History at King's

## LIBRARIANS SINCE 1830.

	1830.	
T. D. Acland,	...	Christ Church.
	1831.	
G. Rickards, ...	...	Trinity.
B. Harrison, g...	...	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. Branker,	...	Wadham.
	1836.	
J. R. Cornish ...	...	Christ Church.
W. Marsh, ...	...	Oriol.
G. Mellish, ...	...	University.

g Archdeacon of Maidstone.

	1837.	
G. R. Moncrieff,	...	Balliol.
G. C. Fowler,	...	Pembroke.
W. W. Woolcombe,	...	Exeter.
	1838.	
W. C. Cotton,	...	Christ Church.
	1839.	
W. C. Lake, ...	...	Balliol.
J. E. Bode, <sup>A</sup> ...	...	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. 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. Colaridge,	...	Exeter.
	1845.	
E. H. Plumptre,	...	University.
A. Pott, ...	...	Magdalen.
	1846.	
A. Pott, ...	...	Magdalen.
E. B. James, ...	...	Queen's.

<sup>A</sup> Bampton Lecturer, 1851.

	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, <sup>i</sup> ...	...	Oriel.
	1850.	
W. Stowe, ...	...	Wadham.
H. J. Smith, ...	...	Balliol.
	1851.	
H. J. Smith, ...	...	Balliol.
W. W. Shirley	...	Wadham.
	1852.	
C. E. Johnston,	...	Oriel.
A. Watson, ...	...	Brasenose.
	1853.	
A. Watson, ...	...	Brasenose.
E. S. Beesley,	...	Wadham.
	1854.	
F. Harrison, ...	...	Wadham.
	1855.	
J. H. Bridges,	...	Wadham.
G. C. Brodrick,	...	Balliol.
W. J. Stephens,	...	Queen's.
	1856.	
W. J. Stephens,	...	Queen's.
J. Mitchinson,	...	Pembroke.

<sup>i</sup> Late Professor of Anglo-Saxon.

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**1857.**

<b>J. Mitchinson,</b>	...	...	<b>Pembroke.</b>
<b>T. R. Halcomb,</b>	...	...	<b>Brasenose.</b>
<b>F. St. John Thackeray</b>	...	...	<b>Lincoln.</b>

**1858.**

<b>F. St. John Thackeray,</b>	...	...	<b>Lincoln.</b>
<b>E. Moore,</b>	...	...	<b>Pembroke.</b>

## TREASURERS SINCE 1826.

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

<sup>a</sup> Late Recorder of London and Solicitor-General, M.P. for Buteshire.

<sup>b</sup> Bishop of St. Andrews.

<sup>c</sup> M.P. for Flint.

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	1833.	
W. G. Ward, ...	...	Balliol.
	1834.	
G. C. Pearson,	...	Christ Church.
E. Marjoribanks,	...	Christ Church.
J. M. Capes, ...	...	Balliol.
	1835.	
W. Hussey, ...	...	Balliol.
G. Mellish, ..	...	University.
	1836.	
G. Mellish, ...	...	University.
G. R. Moncrieff,	...	Balliol.
	1837.	
J. A. Hessey,	...	St. John's.
W. C. Lake, ...	...	Balliol.
	1838.	
S. H. Northcote, <sup>d</sup>	...	Balliol.
H. Highton, ...	...	Queen's.
W. Buckley, ...	...	Brasenose.
	1839.	
F. W. Robertson,	...	Brasenose.
G. B. Northcote,	...	Exeter.
C. T. Arnold, ...	...	Magdalen Hall.
	1840.	
G. Rawlinson,	...	Trinity.
R. Congreve, ...	...	Wadham.
R. C. Powles,	...	Exeter.
	1841.	
J. Clements, ...	...	Oriel.
M. Portal, ...	...	Christ Church.

<sup>d</sup> M.P. for Stamford.

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1842.		
E. B. James, ...	...	Queen's.
S. Lucas, ...	...	Queen's.
P. Parnell, ..	...	St. John's.
1843.		
W. H. Scott, ...	...	Trinity.
H. Tickell, ...	...	Queen's.
H. M. White,	...	New College.
1844.		
J. F. Mackarness,	...	Merton.
A. Pott, ...	...	Magdalen.
1845.		
R. Lawson, ...	...	Christ Church.
F. R. Sandford,	...	Balliol.
R. J. Simpson,	...	Oriel,
1846.		
R. J. Simpson,	...	Oriel.
C. H. Stanton,	...	Balliol.
1847.		
G. W. Hunt, ...	...	Christ Church.
H. Hayman, ...	...	St. John's.
1848.		
G. R. Portal, ...	...	Christ Church.
F. Meyrick, ...	...	Trinity.
1849.		
G. D. Boyle, ...	...	Exeter.
Lord R. Cecil, <sup>e</sup>	...	Christ Church.
1850.		
E. B. Lomer, ...	...	Oriel.
Hon. F. Lygon,	...	Christ Church.

<sup>e</sup> M.P. for Stamford.



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1851.		
Hon. F. Lygon,	...	Christ Church.
C. H. Pearson,	..	Exeter.
1852.		
T. F. Wetherell,	...	Brasenose.
G. J. Göschen,	...	Oriel.
1853.		
G. J. Göschen,	...	Oriel.
G. Lushington,	...	Balliol.
1854.		
G. Lushington,	...	Balliol.
R. E. Bartlett,	...	Trinity.
1855.		
D. C. Lathbury,	...	Brasenose.
W. F. Wilberforce,	...	University.
1856.		
W. F. Wilberforce,	...	University.
E. K. Bennet,	...	University.
1857.		
E. K. Bennet,	...	University.
C. S. C. Bowen,	...	Balliol.
1858.		
P. P. Fogg, ...	...	Jesua.



## OXFORD UNION SOCIETY.

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

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

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

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

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

Whenever by death, or unwillingness, or inability to act, or ceasing to reside in Oxford, or removal from office by virtue of the Rules of the Society, or by vote of a Special General Meeting, there shall be less than

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

The present Trustees are :—

MANUEL JOHN JOHNSON, M.A,  
Radcliffe Observer.

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

THE REV. WILLIAM JACOBSON, D.D.,  
Regius Professor of Divinity.

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

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

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

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

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**THE SOCIETY.**

**I.**

The Society shall be called "The Oxford Union Society," and shall have for its chief 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.

But all Members of the University may, upon paying the Terminal Subscription, enjoy the privi-

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

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

### III.

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

The Initials of the Candidate's Christian Name,

The Candidate's Surname,

The Candidate's College or Hall,

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

The Date of the Proposal.

### IV.

The election of Members shall be vested in the whole Society, and shall be conducted by Ballot, in which one black ball in four shall exclude. The Secretary alone shall inspect the Ballot-boxes, and report the result to the President. No Ballot-box shall be carried round for the Election of the same Candidate on the same evening, after it has once been opened.

## V.

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

## VI.

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

## VII.

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

## HONORARY MEMBERS.

## VIII.

Every Member 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.

## IX.

Any Members of this University of the standing of M.A., who shall be recommended to the

Society by the Trustees, shall become Honorary Members of the Society, without ballot, on the payment of a composition of Ten Pounds.

X.

Members of the Cambridge and Durham Union Societies, and of the Dublin Historical Society, are privileged to take part in the Debates, and to have the use of the Society's Rooms, as if they were Honorary Members of the Society : but after their first Term of residence in Oxford, they must produce a certificate from the Society of which they are Members, stating that they have paid all sums due to their respective Societies.

XI.

All Members of this University of the standing of Master of Arts, are permitted to take part in the Debates.

XII.

It shall be competent to the standing Committee, if unanimous, with the consent in writing of three at least of the Trustees, to recommend any 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 Strangers who have resided in Oxford less than two months, and such persons only. Persons so introduced may use the Society's Rooms for a Month only. A Book shall be kept in the care of the Society's Steward, in which Members shall enter the names of all Strangers introduced by them, together with their own Names and the date of introduction.

## XIV.

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

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

## PAYMENTS.

## XV.

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

## XVI.

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

## XVII.

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

## XVIII.

Newly-elected Members shall pay their Entrance Money and Subscription at the Society's Bankers before the second Meeting after their election, and Ordinary Members their Subscription before the second Meeting after their arrival in Oxford ; on pain of a fine of Two Shillings and Sixpence, which the Treasurer shall notify to defaulters at the earliest opportunity.

## THE OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY.

## XIX.

The affairs of the Society (except as otherwise

provided) shall be carried on by the Standing Committee, consisting of President, Librarian, Treasurer, Sub-Treasurer, Secretary, and three other Members.

## XX.

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

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

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

## XXI.

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

The Secretary, the Sub-Treasurer, and the Members of the Standing and Library Committees shall be nominated at the last meeting in Term.

All Officers, and the other Members of both Committees, shall enter office on the first day of the Term following their election.

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

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

## XXII

The Secretary and the Non-official Members of the Standing Committee shall be proposed by the President-elect, the Members of the Library Committee by the Librarian or Librarian-elect, 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 nomination by the proper Member.

## XXIII.

The names of Candidates for any vacant office shall be written on the notice-board by the President or President-elect, Librarian or Librarian-elect, Treasurer or Treasurer-elect, at least four days, by any other Member at least two days previous to the day of nomination. On the day of nomination the President shall announce the names of such Candidates, and if there be an opposition shall proceed according to the provisions of Rule LXXX. and LXXXI.

## XXIV.

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

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

**XXV.**

No Member shall propose any Candidate for any office on the Standing or Library Committees without his consent having been previously obtained.

**XXVI.**

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 XXII) shall be taken for filling it before the second meeting after the occurrence of such vacancy.

**THE STANDING COMMITTEE.****XXVII.**

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

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

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

#### XXVIII.

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

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.

#### DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT.

#### XXIX.

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

first Private Business Meeting after the President's term of office shall have expired.

### XXX.

The President shall interfere at Meetings of the Society when there is a breach of order. He shall call on any Member to explain, retract, or apologise for, any expression or conduct that he may consider disorderly. All explanations shall be received without question of the real intention of the speaker: but it shall be in the power of the President (if he deem it necessary) after such explanation, to direct the speaker to withdraw the expression objected to. No words however shall be questioned, except in the course of the Debate during which they are uttered.

### XXXI.

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.

### XXXII.

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

### XXXIII.

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

### XXIV.

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

### XXXV.

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 XVIII., and in the latter, Rule LXIV.



## THE SECRETARY.

## XXXVI.

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

## XXXVII.

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

## PUBLIC DEBATES.

## XXXVIII.

The Meetings of the Society for Debate shall be held Once a Week in Term-time, and shall begin as soon as residence shall have generally

commenced. But a discretionary power shall be vested in the President to alter the appointed time, by giving due notice on the previous day, and to call Extraordinary Meetings after two days' notice.

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

### XXXIX.

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

### XL.

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

### XLI.

Amendments on such Motions, or Riders to

such Motions or Amendments, may be moved without notice in the course of the Debate; and at any time during the Meeting any Member may bring forward a Motion which has reference solely to the Conduct or Adjournment of the then Meeting, and the Mover of such Motion shall have precedence of all other speakers. But no speaker on any such motion for adjournment shall introduce any matter not bearing solely on the question for 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.

All Business interrupted by an Adjournment of the House shall be brought forward at the next Meeting.

#### XLII.

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.

#### XLIII.

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

## XLIV.

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

## XLV.

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

## XLVI.

The President shall adjourn the House—

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

## XLVII.

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

## XLVIII.

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.

## XLIX.

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

## THE PRIVATE BUSINESS OF THE SOCIETY.

## L.

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

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

#### LI.

Motions recommended by the Standing, Library, and Select Committees, provided that they do not affect any Rule or Standing Order, may be discussed without notice at any Meeting, 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: but three days' notice at least must be given of all other Motions.

#### LII.

A Motion which affects any Rule, and does not specify the Rule so affected, shall be suppressed by the President some 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.

#### LIII.

In Private Business Members may speak more than once.

## LIV.

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

## LV.

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

## LVI.

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

## LVII.

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.

## LVIII.

The Library Committee shall elect one of its Members Sub-Librarian, whose especial duty it shall be to see that the Books and Pamphlets pur-

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

#### LIX.

The Library Committee 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 the least four days previous to the Meeting at which they shall be brought forward. They shall be separately proposed to the Society by the Librarian, or in his absence, by the Sub-Librarian, or by some other Member of the Library Committee. No amendment shall be moved to the Librarian's List of Books. The Librarian shall order for the Society such Pamphlets as he may think fit.

#### LX.

No Book presented to the Society shall be accepted until the Librarian, after due notice, shall have proposed and carried a Motion to that effect.

#### LXI.

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 then be entered by the Ex-Librarian in a Book to be kept in the Library for the inspection of Members.

#### LXII.

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.

#### LXIII.

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

## LXIV.

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

At the expiration of the period allowed for the perusal of a Book, he shall require the Member in whose possession it may be to return it 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 in Term-time shall be returned on or before the day of the Last Meeting in Term, on pain of a Fine of Five Shillings.

## LXV.

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.

## LXVI.

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

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.

#### LXVII.

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

#### LXVIII.

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.

#### LXIX.

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 account so audited.

#### LXX.

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.

#### LXXI.

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 the least two days previous to the Private Business Meeting at which they are to be brought forward. A motion for taking in a Newspaper or Periodical, which has been rejected for two consecutive Terms, shall not be again brought forward till the second Term after its last rejection.

#### LXXII.

The Treasurer shall in cases of emergency order extra Newspapers, provided he place a list of them in the Rooms of the Society; and in vacations he shall, with the consent of the Standing Committee, reduce the number of Newspapers, provided that he place in each News-room a list of the number of Papers allotted to each Room in Term time, and also in Vacation.

#### LXXIII.

The Treasurer shall provide a book to be kept in the custody of the Society's Steward, 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.

**LXXIV.**

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

**THE SUB-TREASURER.****LXXV.**

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.****LXXVI.**

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

**LXXVII.**

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.

**LXXVIII.**

Members shall be entitled to have their Letters Stamped in Term time, and in Vacation, if they have paid the composition.

**LXXIX.**

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

**POLLS.****LXXX.**

A Poll of the whole Society shall be taken,—

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

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

**LXXXI.**

The President shall send a circular note to all Resident Members, announcing the day and hours of the Poll, which shall always be held within a week. The Polling shall take place at two, or

three, separate periods in the same day, together not less than four, nor more than five hours.

#### LXXXII.

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

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

#### FINES.

#### LXXXIII.

The President shall inflict a Fine of One Pound for disorderly conduct at the Society's Meetings, or for refusal to retract or explain irregular expressions.

He shall inflict a Fine not exceeding One Pound, at his discretion, for the violation of any Rules, to which no special penalty is attached.

#### LXXXIV.

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.

#### LXXXV.

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.

#### LXXXVI.

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

#### LEAVING THE SOCIETY.

#### LXXXVII.

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.**

<b>T. R. HALCOMB,</b>	<b>} Revising Committee.</b>
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## STANDING ORDERS.

### I.

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

### II.

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

### III.

The Society shall subscribe annually to Mudie's Library the sum of Twelve Pounds Ten Shillings

for the hire of Novels and Works of Current Literature, the selection of which shall be at the discretion of the Librarian and the Library Committee.

## IV.

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

## V.

No abstract or report of Speeches delivered at the Society's Meetings shall be published in any Newspaper or Periodical whatsoever. The President, with the concurrence of the Standing Committee, is empowered to take steps to prevent such publication.

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