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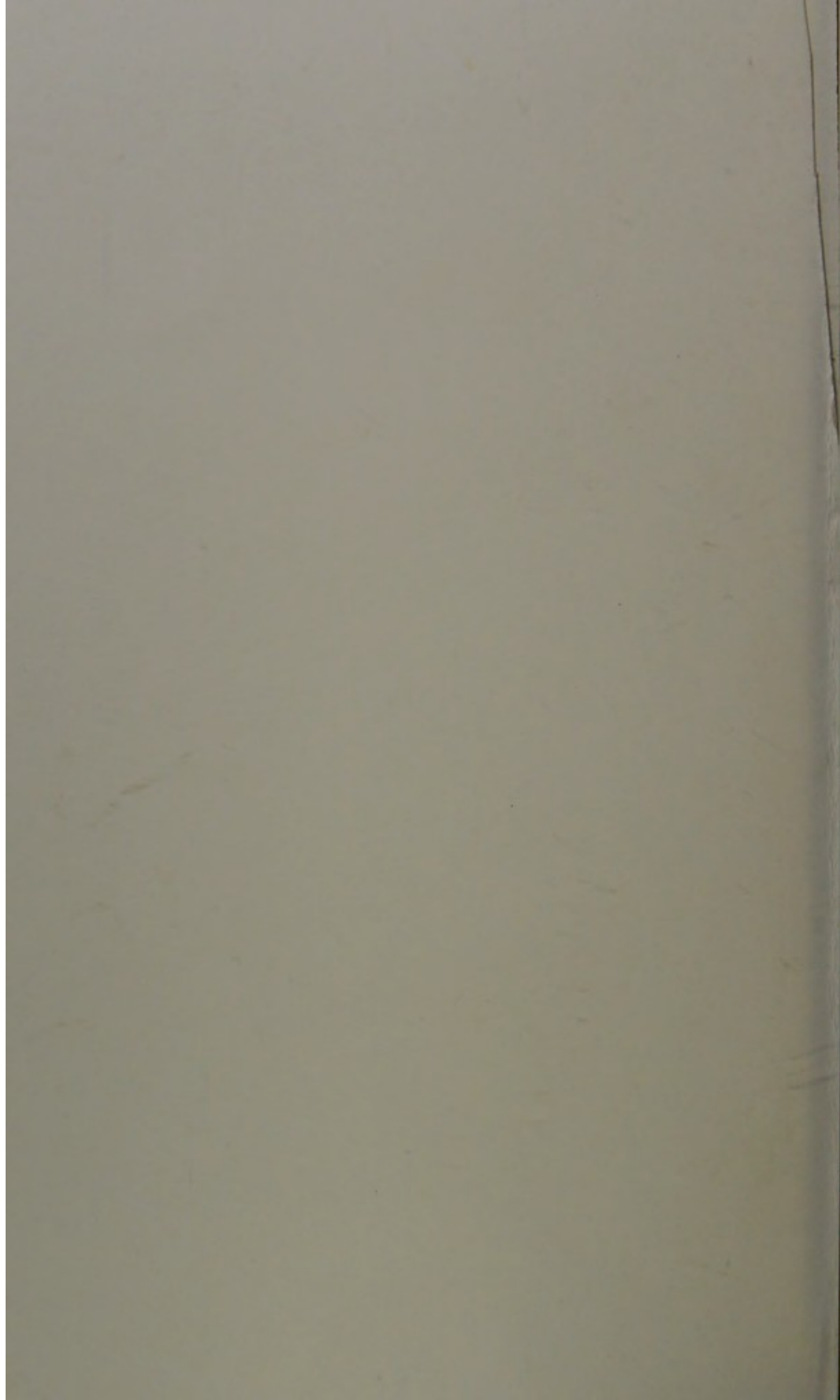
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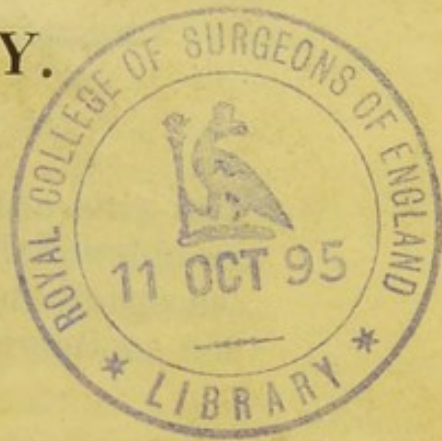
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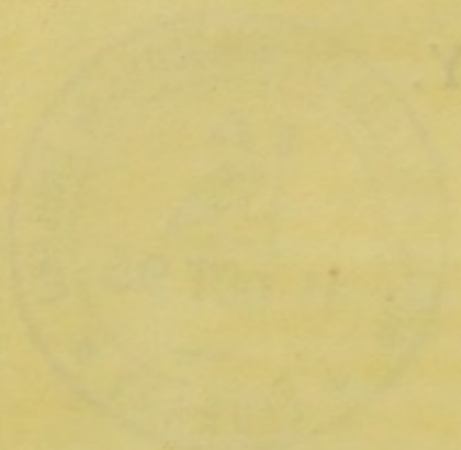
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Rules, &c.

I. THAT the following shall be the laws and regulations of the ancient society or fellowship of Barbers Chirurgeons, otherwise Barbers Surgeons, with Chandlers, and all laws and regulations not contained herein shall be void.

II. That, forthwith, all the members of the society, and all new members, at the time of their admission, shall sign the declaration to abide by the laws and regulations, for the time being, of the said fellowship.

III. That the annual meeting shall be held on the first Monday after Trinity in every year, at which meeting two members of the company shall be elected stewards or wardens of the fellowship to govern the same; and every brother who shall be elected, and refuse to take upon himself the office, shall be subject to the fine of ten shillings, provided he has not served the office within the last three years. In the election of these officers, the votes shall be first taken for a brother to act as senior steward; and no brother shall be deemed eligible for that office, unless he shall have previously served the office of steward.

Members to sign declaration.

Annual Meeting first Monday after Trinity.

Stewards to be elected.

Mode of election of stewards.

Clerk to be elected.

A clerk shall be elected at this meeting, who shall receive a salary of two pounds, per annum, for his services: he shall attend all meetings of the fellowship, and enter the minutes of the proceedings, the laws, regulations, and orders made by the company; he shall register the names and times of admission of the members, and shall enrol or register all indentures of apprenticeship, assignments, or petitions; and in case of his absence, his duty shall be taken by one of the stewards.

Duty of the Clerk.

Steward to act for the Clerk in his absence.

Beadle to be elected.

One of the members shall be elected at this meeting as beadle of the company, and shall receive a salary of twenty shillings, per annum; he shall be under the direction as well of the stewards as of the general meetings; he shall act as messenger, and attend upon the stewards and company at all reasonable times, and shall give notice to the members of all meetings of the company when so required by the stewards.

Duty of the Beadle.

Appointment of a person to clean the hall.

A person shall be appointed at this meeting to clean and take charge of the hall; who shall have a salary of twenty shillings per annum, and a preference shall, in all cases, be given to the widow of a deceased brother.

Meeting on Michaelmas Monday to choose an elector.

IV. That a meeting shall be held on Michaelmas Monday, for the purpose of electing a brother of the company as a latter elector, to attend the choosing of the mayor, sheriff, and other the officers of the corporation.

Meeting for election of auditors.

V. That a meeting shall be held, not more than twenty-eight or less than fourteen days previous to the annual meeting on Trinity Monday, to elect two members of the company to audit the accounts of the previous year.

No member to canvass for any office.

VI. That no member of the company shall canvass for any office, under the penalty of five pounds; but he is not hereby prevented from

offering himself as a candidate at the time of election.

VII. That a special meeting may be called by the stewards or wardens, whenever they may deem it necessary; and any six members of the company may, at any time, by writing under their hands, require the stewards or wardens to call a special meeting of the society.

How meetings may be called.

VIII. That a special meeting, called for the purpose, shall have power to levy reasonable fines upon such members of the company as shall act contrary to the laws of the society.

Power to levy fines.

IX. That all meetings of the company shall be held at seven o'clock in the evening, except the meeting on Trinity Monday, which shall be held at two o'clock in the afternoon, and that on Michaelmas Monday, which shall be held at eight o'clock in the morning; the time to be taken from the clock of All Saints'.

When meetings shall be held.

X. That every brother of the company, upon being summoned to attend the meetings, shall accordingly repair to the hall, at the time appointed, and in case of absence shall be subject to a fine of one shilling; and for being late, sixpence; except at the annual meeting, when the fine for absence shall be two shillings, and for being late, one shilling; and that the stewards' and clerk's fines of absence, shall be double those of the other brethren.

Fines for absence.

XI. That no brother shall be admitted into the hall whilst the list of names is being called over, and every one shall be deemed late, who shall not be present at the time the calling the list of names is commenced.

Calling over the names.

Brothers' absence, how excused.

XII. That no brother shall be excused his fine of absence, unless he be out of town when summoned, and shall not have returned before the meeting takes place, or be indisposed, and of such his indisposition shall give notice to the stewards, at or previous to such meeting, and the company shall be satisfied that such indisposition is a sufficient excuse for absence.

Exemptions in case of absence.

XIII. That brethren not resident within two miles of Newcastle, shall be exempt from the fines of absence (except at the annual meeting), and shall pay the sum of two shillings and sixpence annually; and that brethren resident within that distance, shall, on paying five shillings annually, be entitled to the like exemption.

When arrears are to be paid.

XIV. That each brother shall pay all arrears of fines and fees due the first time he shall appear at the hall after he shall have incurred the same.

No apprentice to be enrolled, nor any benefit derived until fees are paid.

XV. That no brother shall enrol an apprentice, or make an apprentice free, or have any vote, or any other advantage or benefit in the company, until he shall have discharged all payments due from him to the funds of the company.

Leaving before business is ended.

XVI. That a brother who shall leave any meeting before the business is ended, shall be subject to a fine of one shilling, and on the annual meeting, of two shillings, unless he has permission of the stewards; and if a steward leave, his fine shall be double, unless he has permission of the senior brother present.

Stewards to deliver to successors money, books, &c.

XVII. That the stewards or wardens shall, at the annual meeting, pay to the succeeding stewards or wardens all sums of money that shall be in their hands, and due to the company; and shall also

deliver to them the keys, books, papers, and effects, belonging to the company.

XVIII. That the stewards or wardens, or one of them, or a brother on their behalf, shall attend every Guild, and stop the calling of the Guilds of those who are not entitled, or have not given notice, under the penalty of ten shillings. They shall also attend all meetings of the stewards and wardens of the several companies of the town of Newcastle upon Tyne, and shall report the proceedings at such meetings to the annual or any other meeting of the company, when required so to do.

Stewards to attend Guild.

Stewards to attend meetings of the body of stewards.

Stewards to report proceedings of the body of stewards.

XIX. That if upon any question being put, there shall appear an equal number of votes on each side, the senior steward present shall have the casting vote.

Senior steward to have casting vote.

XX. That every person who is admitted to the fellowship as the son of a brother, shall pay to the funds of the company, on his admission, the sum of three pounds, six shillings, and eightpence; one pound to the benefit fund, and one shilling to the clerk.

Admission of a brother's son.

XXI. That every person who is entitled to the freedom of the company, but whose father neglected to take up his freedom, shall pay to the funds of the company, on his admission, the sum of three pounds, six shillings, and eight pence, and one pound for his father's neglect; together, four pounds, six shillings, and eightpence; one pound to the benefit fund, and one shilling to the clerk.

Admission of a person whose father neglected.

XXII. That every person who has served a legal apprenticeship to a brother of this society, and whose indenture has been properly enrolled in the books of the company, shall be admitted to

Admission of an apprentice.

the freedom of the company, on payment of the sum of three pounds, thirteen shillings, and fourpence; one pound to the benefit fund, and one shilling to the clerk.

Admission of a free burgess on petition.

XXIII. That any person who is admitted as a free burgess of the town, may, on petition to the stewards or wardens of the company, be admitted to the freedom of the society, provided the petition be read at a meeting of the company, and the majority of such meeting shall approve thereof, on payment of the sum of ten pounds, in addition to the admission fee of three pounds, thirteen shillings, and fourpence, and one shilling to the clerk.

Money not to be lent, without sanction of Company.

XXIV. That no money belonging to the society shall be lent without the sanction of the company.

Allowance for funerals.

XXV. That the sum of six pounds shall be allowed out of the funds of the company, towards defraying the expences of the funeral of any brother, or one wife, or widow, of any brother, in case the friends of the deceased shall request the same within three months after the decease of the person for whom it is claimed.

Borrowing books.

XXVI. That any brother borrowing a book belonging to the company, and not returning it (on the application of the stewards) at, or previous to the annual meeting, shall be subject to a fine of two shillings and sixpence; and if the book be lost, he shall replace it, or pay the value fixed upon it by the company.

REGULATIONS RELATING TO JOURNEYMEN
AND APPRENTICES.

XXVII. That no young man shall be taken upon trial longer than three months, before he shall be bound, under the penalty of forty shillings.

No young man to be taken on trial longer than 3 months.

XXVIII. That every brother, taking an apprentice, shall enrol the indenture of such apprenticeship, or the transfer or assignment thereof, at the next meeting after the same shall be executed; and if he then neglect or refuse to pay the fines and fees for the same, he shall pay to the funds of the company, twenty shillings for any such neglect or refusal.

Indenture of apprenticeship to be enrolled.

XXIX. That every brother shall pay to the funds of the company, sixpence in the pound, for every pound he shall receive as an apprentice-fee; and the like sum in the pound, for any contract or agreement in lieu of money; and that the same shall be paid to one of the stewards, before the indenture of such apprentice shall be enrolled. If no apprentice-fee is paid, the estimated value of the contract is five pounds for every year that the apprentice is to receive no wages.

Apprentice fee or contract in lieu of money.

XXX. That every brother, who shall take an apprentice, to learn any branch of the fellowship business, for a less term than seven years, shall pay to the funds of the company, one shilling, yearly, for each apprentice so taken; such apprentice to be considered as a journeyman, and shall not have any claim to the rights of the company.

Apprentice for less than 7 years.

XXXI. That any brother, who shall have employed, for any period whatsoever, a journeyman or journeymen, shall pay to the funds of the company, at the annual meeting, one shilling, for each such journeyman so employed by him during the preceding year.

Journeymen employed.

Master to report apprentice absenting himself.

XXXII. That if any apprentice shall absent himself from his master's service, the master shall make a report thereof to the next meeting of the fellowship.

In case of assignment, indenture to be enrolled.

XXXIII. That, in case of any assignment from one member of the company to another, a proper and legal assignment shall be made, or a new indenture executed between the parties, which shall be duly enrolled in the book of enrolment of apprentices.

Apprentice may leave his master's service for the last year.

XXXIV. That no brother shall have power to allow his apprentice to leave his service, except for the last year of his apprenticeship; when he shall obtain the sanction of the company for such absence; and on its being granted, shall pay to the funds of the company, one pound, and one shilling to the clerk.*

Town and County of } At a Common Council, held the 20th Day of
NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE } January, 1783.

Apprentices going abroad.

• WHEREAS, some resident Surgeons, members of the company of Free Barber Surgeons, of this Corporation, have of late, with the consent or leave of the company, but (as alleged through inadvertence or mistake) without applying for the approbation and concurrence of the Common Council, allowed their respective apprentices (who were bound by indentures to serve seven years for, and intended after such service to have, their respective freedoms of this Corporation) to attend certain lectures in London, during some part of the last year of their respective apprenticeships, for their further improvement in their business of surgeons.

And whereas, it is expedient that all such apprentices, in such and the like cases, should have the previous approbation and consent of the Common Council, as well as of their masters and the company, for such absence from their servitude.

It is therefore ordered, that no apprentice of any Free Barber Surgeon, or of any other free burges, being a member of any other free company of this Corporation, who shall, before the expiration of the term of his indentures, go from his master's service, to London or elsewhere, even in the last year of his apprenticeship, and for his improvement in his business, shall have, or be entitled to his freedom of this Corporation; unless such apprentice shall previously have and obtain the consent of the Common Council, as well as of his master, and the company to which his master belongs, for such absence.

And it is further ordered, that a printed copy hereof be delivered to the stewards or wardens of every free company of this Corporation, to be by them published in their respective meeting-halls, and enrolled in their respective books, to the end, that the same may be fully known to every present and future member of every such company, and their respective apprentices.

By order, GIBSON

XXXV. That on the death of an apprentice's master, such apprentice may serve the remainder of his apprenticeship with his master's widow, if she continues to carry on the business; or such apprentice shall, within one month after his master's death, or his widow declining business, go as an apprentice to a brother of the company, to whom he shall be legally assigned, and shall faithfully serve the remainder of his apprenticeship; but if no brother will accept his services, he shall petition the company, at the first meeting after such refusal, for leave to serve another master, or to be released from his servitude.

On the death of an apprentice's master, how to proceed.

XXXVI. That any brother who shall procure his apprentice to be called in guild, without first giving notice to the stewards, shall be subject to the penalty of ten shillings; and if any apprentice shall procure himself to be called in guild, without giving notice, he shall be subject to a like penalty.

Apprentices not to be called in guild before notice to stewards.

XXXVII. That no apprentice shall be entitled to the freedom of the fellowship, until the fees and fines of enrolment and for non-enrolment are paid.

Apprentices not entitled to freedom until fees are paid.

XXXVIII. That all indentures of apprenticeship, either for seven or a less number of years, and the assignments thereof, and all petitions and other documents, shall be prepared by the clerk of the company, who shall not enrol any of them which have been prepared by others, and shall be entitled to receive the usual charges for preparing and completing the same.

Indentures, petitions, &c., to be prepared by the clerk.

XXXIX. That no existing law or regulation shall be altered or repealed, except at the annual meeting, which shall have full power to make any new laws or regulations, or to amend, alter, or repeal, either wholly or in part, all or any of the existing laws or regulations, provided that notice, in writing, shall have been given, and read at a previous meeting, of the intended alteration or repeal or of such new law.

How rules may be altered

DECLARATION & OBLIGATION.

I openly declare, and voluntarily promise, that I will obey and maintain all the orders, rules, and regulations, acts, and laws, which now are, or shall hereafter be agreed upon, to be observed and kept by this society of Barbers Chirurgeons, with Chandlers, or the major part of them, for the benefit and advantage of the company or fellowship, and, especially, that I will be particularly careful of all books, papers, and goods, belonging to the society; that I will never consent to any alienation of any of the property or effects of the society, unless the same shall have been agreed to at the annual meeting of the fellowship. And I further promise to pay, at the proper times, all fees of admission, fines, and charges, which are usual to be paid by the members of the company. And I also further promise that all things which be spoken or said in the said company, that ought to be kept secret, in no wise shall I disclose.

BENEFIT FUND.

That the fund established in this company, in the year 1825, for the support of sick and decayed brothers of the company, their wives and families, shall for the present be conducted under the following rules :—

Establishment
of fund.

That every meeting brother, who was a member of the company when the fund was established, shall pay yearly, at the annual meeting, the sum of ten shillings, to the treasurer of the fund.

Annual pay-
ment.

That every new member, admitted since the establishment of this fund, or who shall be admitted to the company, shall pay, on the day of admission, the sum of twenty shillings, and shall also pay the sum of fifteen shillings, at the next and every ensuing annual meeting, for six years after he becomes a brother of the company ; and after the expiration of six years, he shall pay the same sum annually as the original brethren pay.

Payment by
new members.

That one half of all fees and fines, payable to the company, shall be appropriated to this fund.

Half fees and
fines of com-
pany go to fund.

That the fund shall be kept distinct from the general funds of the company.

Fund distinct
from company.

That no payment shall be made out of this fund, until it amount to the sum of five hundred pounds, when rules are to be prepared for its management, and to fix who shall be deemed proper objects to be placed on it.

No payments
until funds a-
mount to £500.

That in case any brother die before the fund amount to five hundred pounds, and be opened, all the money he has subscribed shall be repaid to his widow or representative, provided he has paid up all his subscriptions to the time of his decease, and it be applied for within one month after such decease.

In case of
death before
the fund a-
mounts to
£500, money
to be returned.

A LIST
OF
THE BRETHREN
OF THE
BARBERS SURGEONS' COMPANY,
ON THE 30TH MAY, 1831,

*With the Dates of their Admission, and how they obtained
their Freedom.*

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Date.</i>	<i>How obtained.</i>
William Fife,	4th Oct. 1790,	by Servitude
Thomas Carr,	1st Nov. 1790,	do.
Nathaniel Watson,	3rd Sept. 1792,	do.
George Todd,	27th May, 1793,	do.
Matthew Oliver,	17th Oct. 1797,	do.
Henry Moulter,	26th Mar. 1801,	do.
Sanderson Ilderton,	26th Oct. 1801,	by Patrimony
Edward Smiles,	7th Jan. 1805,	by Servitude
Ralph Gibson,	23rd Oct. 1810,	do.
Alfred Hall,	27th Jan. 1812,	by Patrimony
David Hardy	3rd Mar. 1812,	by Servitude
John Rayne,	13th June, 1814,	by Patrimony
William Middlemas,	14th Nov. 1814,	do.
Banister Lupton,	22nd May, 1815,	do.
John Fife,	2nd June, 1817,	do.
Henry Dixon,	2nd June, 1817,	do.
Benjamin Tulloch,	17th Feb. 1818,	by Servitude
Henry Cockburn,	29th June, 1818,	by Patrimony
William Watson,	15th Feb. 1819,	do.
James Carr,	24th May, 1819,	do.
John Daglish,	7th June. 1819,	by Servitude
William Lupton,	11th Oct. 1819,	by Patrimony
Wm. Collinson Preston,	9th Oct. 1820,	by Servitude
William Fife,	Jun. 28th May, 1821,	by Patrimony

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Date.</i>	<i>How obtained.</i>
John Robson	28th May, 1821,	by Patrimony
William Nesham,	10th April, 1822,	by Servitude
Thos. W. Keenlyside,	20th May, 1822,	by Patrimony
John Hartley Dixon,	3rd June, 1822,	do.
James Ayre,	30th Sept. 1822,	do.
William Affleck,	20th Feb. 1824,	do.
William Boag,	20th Feb. 1824,	do.
George Hindmarsh,	31st May, 1824,	by Servitude
John Swan,	14th June, 1824,	by Patrimony
Richard Swan,	14th June, 1824,	do.
Thomas Swan,	14th June, 1824,	do.
Chas. Rutherford	Henzell, 4th Oct. 1824,	by Servitude
Thomas Wilde,	14th Feb. 1825,	do.
George Hall,	30th May, 1825,	do.
James Thompson,	2nd Oct. 1826,	by Patrimony
Thomas Hogarth,	11th June, 1827,	by Servitude
Jacob Ord,	12th June, 1829,	by Patrimony
James Neale,	12th June, 1829,	by Servitude
Anthony Barkas,	15th June, 1829,	by Patrimony
Cuthbert Ayre,	15th June, 1829,	do.
Heartwell Steel	Gilvray, 24th June, 1830,	by Servitude
Sir M. W. Ridley,	28th April. 1831,	by Presentation
John Hodgson,	28th April, 1831,	do.

Name	Date	How obtained
John Hobson	28th May, 1821	by Testimony
William Nesham	10th April, 1822	by Service
Thos. W. Keenbridge	20th May, 1822	by Testimony
do.	do.	do.
John Hartley Dixon	8th June, 1822	do.
James Ayle	30th Sept. 1822	do.
William Atkiss	20th Feb. 1824	do.
William Hoar	20th Feb. 1824	do.
George Hindmarsh	31st May, 1824	by Service
John Swan	14th June, 1824	by Testimony
Richard Swan	14th June, 1824	do.
Thomas Swan	14th June, 1824	do.
Chas. Rutherford	1st Oct. 1824	by Service
do.	do.	do.
Thomas Wilde	14th Feb. 1825	do.
George Hall	30th May, 1825	do.
James Thompson	2nd Oct. 1826	by Testimony
James Hogarth	11th June, 1827	by Service
Jacob Oel	12th June, 1828	by Testimony
James Neale	12th June, 1828	by Service
Anthony Barker	14th June, 1828	by Testimony
do.	do.	do.
Cuthbert Ayle	15th June, 1828	do.
Henry Widdowson	17th June, 1828	by Service
Sir M. W. Raper	28th April, 1827	by Presentation
John Hodgson	28th April, 1827	do.

