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STATUTES, &c.

CHAPTER I.

OF THE QUALIFICATIONS, ELECTION, AND ADMISSION OF FELLOWS.

1. THE Society shall consist of Fellows, Honorary Fellows, and Corresponding Fellows.

2. The Fellows of this Society shall consist of persons duly qualified to practise Medicine, Surgery, or Midwifery, resident in London, or within ten miles thereof; and they alone shall direct the affairs of the Society and be eligible to hold any honorary office.

3. The Honorary Fellows shall be composed of distinguished members of the medical profession, and of other gentlemen eminently skilled in sciences connected with medicine.

4. The Corresponding Fellows shall be composed of medical practitioners resident abroad, or beyond ten miles from London; but any Fellow removing beyond ten miles from London, shall, if he desire it, be considered a Corresponding Fellow during his absence.

5. No person shall be elected a Corresponding Fellow who does not hold an appointment to a public institution, or who has not published a work on medical science, or sent a paper to the Society which has met its approbation.

6. No proprietor of any empirical nostrum can be a Fellow of this Society.

7. Every candidate for the Fellowship of the Society must be recommended by three or more Fellows, to one of whom, at least, he shall be personally known, (*vide* Appendix); but the recommendation of an Honorary or Corresponding Fellow may be founded on an acquaintance with his character or writings.

8. The recommendation being presented at an ordinary meeting of the Society to the President, it shall be read by him, and notice given from the chair that the ballot for the candidate thus proposed will take place at the second ordinary meeting from that at which the recommendation has been read; the recommendation to be suspended during the interval in the Library. On the day appointed, if a majority of three-fourths of the fellows present be in his favour, he shall be considered as duly elected, and his election announced by the President.

9. If it appear upon the ballot that the candidate proposed is not elected, no notice thereof shall be taken in the minutes.

10. The admission of every newly-elected Fellow shall be at an

ordinary meeting, when, after he has paid his subscription, he shall sign the following general obligation, viz.—

We, whose names are hereunto subscribed, promise that we will observe the statutes and regulations of the Medical Society of London, and endeavour to promote its honour, so long as we shall continue Fellows thereof.

The President shall then take him by the hand, saying,—

In the name, and by the authority of the Medical Society of London, I admit you one of its Fellows.

11. The Council shall have power to re-admit such Fellows as have resigned, or Corresponding Fellows, again residing in London, or within ten miles thereof, on their application for that purpose, upon such terms as the Council shall think proper.

12. Honorary and Corresponding Fellows, shall have the privilege of being present at all meetings of the Society, but shall not be eligible to hold any office or to take part in any question or discussion relating to the management of its affairs, unless they at the same time be subscribing Fellows.

CHAP. II.

OF THE PAYMENT OF ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS, EXPULSION OF FELLOWS, &c.

1. Every newly elected Fellow shall, on his admission, pay the sum of *One Guinea* as his subscription for the current year ending at Christmas, and be presented with a book of the statutes, and a list of the Fellows of the Society.

2. Every Fellow shall subsequently pay to the Society one guinea annually, in advance, due at Christmas.

3. Every newly elected Fellow paying the sum of ten guineas, and every Fellow advancing the sum of ten guineas above all arrears then due, shall be exempted from all future payments.

4. No annual subscription is compulsory on Honorary or Corresponding Fellows.

5. If any Fellow neglect to pay his first year's subscription within one month after being elected, unless he assign a reason, in writing, satisfactory to the Council, his election shall be void, and he shall be incapable of being proposed again for the space of one year.

6. No Fellow shall have a vote in the Society, or take part in any debate, whose annual subscription is three months in arrear.

7. If any Fellow neglect the payment of his annual subscription for six months, he shall, at the end of two months after notice thereof has been given him by the Secretary without effect, be no longer a Fellow.

8. Any Fellow may withdraw from the Society on writing to that effect to the Council, but he shall be liable to pay his subscription for the current year. Any Fellow neglecting to send in such written

notice, shall not be eligible for re-election except by ballot in the Society.

9. The power of expelling a Fellow from the Society rests with the Fellows at large.

10. The proceedings for the expulsion of a Fellow shall be as follow :—If there should appear cause in the opinion of the Council, or if a requisition has been signed by six Fellows and presented to the Council, for the expulsion from the Society of any Fellow, a Special General Meeting of the Fellows shall be called by the Council within one month for that purpose; and if three-fourths of the Fellows then present be in favor of the expulsion, (the votes being taken by ballot) the Fellow shall be considered as expelled, and his name shall be publicly erased by the President from the list of Fellows.

CHAP. III.

OF THE OFFICERS AND COUNCILLORS, AND THEIR ELECTION.

1. To conduct the affairs of the Society, there shall be annually elected a President, four Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, a Librarian, three Secretaries, a Fellow to deliver the Anniversary Oration, and twenty other Fellows, who, together with the Trustees and Officers, shall constitute the Council.

2. No Fellow shall be eligible to hold any office, if his annual subscription be two months in arrear when the lists are printed; which shall be done eight days at least before the election.

3. The President and two Senior Vice-Presidents shall annually retire from office, and not be eligible for re-election for one year.

4. Of the twenty Councillors, ten, who have attended the fewest meetings of the Council, shall go out annually, and shall not be eligible for re-election for one year. The remaining ten shall also go out, but may be re-elected.

5. The election shall be by ballot on the Saturday preceding the Anniversary. The ballot shall commence at seven o'clock precisely, and close at eight precisely: the return not to be announced until the Anniversary.

6. A particular summons shall be sent to every Fellow, together with two printed lists, at least three days before the time of election. One of these lists shall contain the name of every Fellow, with marks affixed, showing what office he has formerly held, or now holds, in the Society: the other shall contain the names of all the present Officers and Members of the Council, with corresponding blank spaces left for inserting the names of Fellows proposed, distinguishing those ineligible for election for each department. The name which is written in every such space shall exclude the printed name opposite to it.

7. Every Fellow balloting shall deliver his name to the Chairman, and afterwards put his list into the balloting box; but if any Fellow be

unable to attend personally, he is requested to return his list so filled up, sealed, but not signed, and inclosed in another sealed cover, with his name inscribed therein, directed to the President, at the Society's house, on or before the day of election. This list, with the seal unbroken, is to be deposited by the President in the balloting box.

8. The lists shall be examined by an Officer, together with three Scrutators, drawn by lot by the President from ten of the Fellows present, then nominated by the Society—the scrutiny to begin at eight o'clock.

9. Should any irregularity, or error, occur in the filling up of any list, such list shall be rejected by the Scrutators.

10. Should an equal number of votes be given to any two or more Fellows, their names shall be put into the box, and as many drawn therefrom by the Chairman of the Scrutators as are required to complete the number of the Council.

11. If any doubt or difficulty arise during the election, it shall be determined by the majority of the Council then present.

12. If any vacancy happen between the anniversary elections, it shall be filled up by ballot in the Council.

13. The Officers and Councillors announced at each anniversary shall be considered to be in full power, until the first ordinary meeting of the Society following the next anniversary.

CHAP. IV.

OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENTS.

1. The President shall take the chair at all meetings of the Society. He shall regulate the discussions. He shall state and put all questions, according to the intention of the movers. He shall direct the summoning of all extraordinary meetings of the Society, and enforce the execution of its statutes.

2. The President shall have a second vote, when the suffrages are equal.

3. The authority of the President at the Ordinary and Special Meetings of the Society, in relation to the interpretation of the Laws, and upon all points of order, shall be decisive.

4. But should either the President on his part, or any three Fellows on the part of the Society, desire such an interpretation to be referred to the Council for consideration, it shall be allowable for him or them so to refer it.

5. Should the interpretation be so referred by the President, he shall give notice of his intention from the Chair prior to his vacating it for the evening; and if by any three Fellows, they shall give notice of their intention to the President, and he shall read the said notice forthwith from the Chair.

6. In the absence of the President, the chair shall be taken by a Vice-President, or Officer, or Member of the Council.

CHAP. V.

OF THE TREASURER.

1. The Treasurer shall receive all money due to, and pay all money due from, the Society, and keep an account of all such receipts and payments.

2. All claims against the Society shall be laid before the Council, at its meeting on the first Thursday in January in every year, and remain for inspection till the first Thursday in February, when, if found correct, they shall be ordered for payment. The accounts shall be then audited by the Council, and a regular statement entered of all receipts, under the heads of annual Subscriptions and Donations, and of Monies expended, under the heads of New Books, Binding, Periodical Publications, Printing, Taxes, Repairs, Allowance to Registrar, and Incidental Expenses.

3. No bill exceeding three pounds shall be paid by the Treasurer unless audited as above, and signed by the Chairman of the meeting and two members then present.

4. All sums of money for which there shall be no present occasion, shall be laid out in such securities as the Council may approve.

5. The Treasurer shall make out the receipts for Subscriptions; he shall number and sign them, and deliver them to the Collector, and report to the Council the sums he has received from the Collector, at their first meeting in each month.

CHAP. VI.

OF THE LIBRARIAN.

1. He shall ascertain, at least once annually, with the assistance of the Library Committee, the condition of the Library, and report thereon, stating what books and plates are missing or injured, on the Saturday preceding the eighth of March in every year, and at any other time he may deem it necessary.

2. He shall decide what plates or drawings ought to receive the Society's Stamp, and direct the Registrar accordingly.

3. He shall see that the regulations with regard to the Library are properly attended to, and that the Registrar does his duty as far as it concerns the Library.

CHAP. VII.

OF THE SECRETARIES.

1. There shall be *three* Secretaries; *two* in ordinary, and *one* for foreign correspondence.

2. All papers intended for the use of the Society shall be delivered to one of the Secretaries in Ordinary, whose duty it shall be to ob-

tain the sanction of the Council, or President for the time being, before they can be read.

3. It shall be the duty of the Secretaries in Ordinary to take minutes of the proceedings of the Council and Society, and to transact such other business as the Council may direct: they shall be authorised to pay the postage of all letters sent on the business of the Society, and for any ordinary printing which may be required.

4. It shall be the duty of the Secretaries in Ordinary to have a *complete* copy of the Laws and a List of the Fellows kept in readiness for immediate reference at every meeting of the Society and Council.

5. The Secretaries in Ordinary shall read the minutes of the former meeting, and also any papers which have been referred to the Society by the Council or President.

6. They shall mark the time when any paper is delivered to them, that no person may be deprived of the title to a new thought or discovery.

7. One of the Secretaries in Ordinary shall be present at every meeting of the Society and Council.

8. At every ordinary meeting of the Society, one of the Secretaries in Ordinary shall attend to receive the subscriptions from newly-elected Fellows, and to give receipts for the same. He shall cause such Fellows to sign the obligation imposed by law 10, chapter 1; and, in the absence of the Fellows who signed their recommendation introduce them to the President for admission.

9. The Secretaries in Ordinary shall summon by printed circulars the Members of Council for the first Thursday in every month during the Session; and at all other times, on receiving a written requisition to that effect from the President, or from three Members of Council, three days' notice, at least, being given.

10. They shall send to the Fellow appointed to deliver the Anniversary Oration, a notice in writing of such appointment, together with a request that he will, within a fortnight, inform the Secretaries whether he accepts or declines that honour. This answer shall be laid before the first succeeding ordinary meeting of the Council.

11. They shall fill up the diplomas of Honorary and Corresponding Fellows, procure the proper signatures to the same, and forward them to such Fellows.

12. They shall frame an annual report of the state of the Society for the use of the Council at its first Meeting in February; and summary of the subjects brought before the Society for discussion during the session, which shall be read at the last ordinary meeting in May.

13. They shall also frame an account of the periodical business that is to come before the Council and Society.

14. The Secretaries shall be *ex officio* members of all Committees.

15. The names of both Secretaries shall appear in all printed papers.

16. The Secretary for Foreign Correspondence shall write letters, to Corresponding Fellows or persons resident abroad.

shall provide the Council with translations of any foreign letters or papers received. He shall also communicate from time to time any foreign medical or scientific information, which he may deem likely to interest the Society.

CHAP. VIII.

OF THE REGISTRAR.

There shall be a Registrar. The Council shall have the power of appointing this officer, regulating his duties, and fixing his salary from time to time, as it may deem expedient.

CHAP. IX.

OF THE COUNCIL.

1. The Council shall choose annually from its own members two Chairmen, who shall take the chair alternately.

2. The Council shall meet on the first Thursday in every month, with the exception of the months of June, July, and August, at eight o'clock in the evening, and have the power of adjourning to any future day; five Members to form a quorum.

3. Each member of Council shall be required before entering the Council Room, and taking part in the proceedings, to sign his name in a book kept for that purpose.

4. Special Meetings of the Council may be called by the President, or by any three Members of the Council; three days notice at least being given.

5. The proceedings of the Council shall be recorded in a book to be kept for that purpose.

6. The proceedings shall be confirmed first as to their accuracy, secondly as to their validity, and no motion shall be acted upon by the Council until after such confirmation, *unless voted urgent* at the time of its proposition.

7. The Council shall have the power of regulating the duties of all officers and servants of the Society, when those duties are not accurately defined by the general laws.

8. The Council may, if it think fit, at the termination of each Session, prepare a short statement of the proceedings of the Society, and print the same for distribution, together with a list of the Officers and Fellows.

CHAP. X.

OF SECTIONAL COMMITTEES.

1. The Council shall annually appoint at its first meeting after the 8th of March, or at any other time when it may deem it ne-

cessary, standing Committees upon those branches of medical science, or such other subjects connected therewith, the investigation of which it may think calculated to promote the objects of the Society. The Members of such Committees may be members of the Council.

2. These Committees shall act upon the instructions which they shall receive from the Council, to whom they shall report their proceedings; but the Fellows of the Society shall have the power by special motion, made at some ordinary meeting, to propose any subject for investigation to such Committees.

3. These Committees shall be empowered, with the consent of the President or the Council, to summon a special meeting of the Society for the consideration of any subject falling within the province of such Committees. These meetings shall be called, during the session, by a requisition to that effect, which shall be read from the chair at two successive Ordinary Meetings of the Society: and, during the recess, in such other manner as the Council may decide.

CHAP. XI.

OF THE LETTSOMIAN LECTURES.

1. The Council shall at its first meeting in October, appoint two Fellows of the Society, to give a course of three Lectures each, on branches of Medical Science, which all the Fellows of the Society shall, by advertisement in the leading periodicals, be invited to attend.

2. Every Fellow shall have the power personally to admit one visitor; but Honorary Fellows may admit one visitor each by written order. The Council shall also have the power to invite a limited number of persons to the Lectures.

CHAP. XII.

OF THE LIBRARY.

1. Periodical publications, and new works of every kind, shall, immediately on being received, be stamped on the title-page by the Registrar, with the Society's stamp. The weekly and monthly periodicals shall lie upon the table for the inspection of Fellows for a fortnight; the quarterly and half yearly periodicals for one month, and new works for a week; after which they shall be entered in the catalogue, placed in the Library, and circulated under the usual regulations.

2. The books of the Library shall be properly arranged, and each volume distinctly marked and stamped on the Title-page. An alphabetical catalogue shall be kept by the Registrar of all books, expressing the edition of each, the place where printed, date and size,

and place in the Library. Catalogues and Appendices shall, from time to time, be printed for the use of the Fellows, by the order and under the inspection of the Council.

3. The Library shall be open daily, (Sundays excepted,) at such times as the Council shall direct.

4. Should any Fellow injure, or remove from the Society's house, any periodical or new publication, during the time allotted for its lying upon the Library table, he shall incur a fine of five shillings for every such offence.

5. A written acknowledgment shall be taken by the Registrar for every work lent out; the title of the work and the name of the Fellow obtaining it shall be inserted in a book to be kept for that purpose; and, in order that it may be readily known in whose possession a book is, it shall afterwards be entered alphabetically, according to the title of the work. When a book is returned, the entry shall be immediately cancelled by the Registrar, and the book restored to its place.

6. Pamphlets and periodical publications may be kept one week, all other books two weeks; but, though it is desirable that these periods should be attended to by the Fellows, no fines shall be incurred for exceeding them, unless after notice sent for the return of the book, pursuant to law.

7. When a book is required by several Fellows, the order of their application shall be noted by the Registrar, that they may be supplied accordingly.

8. Should a book, when sent for, be in the possession of another Fellow, an answer shall be returned, mentioning the name of the Fellow who has it, and the time that it has been out of the Library. If it be required, the Registrar shall, after the book has been out the specified time, send a proper notice for its being returned; and should this not be immediately complied with by the Fellow in whose possession it is, a fine of one shilling shall be incurred for every day he shall continue to detain it; allowing, however, one day for the delivery of the notice.

9. Four volumes only shall be allowed to be in the possession of any Fellow at one time, without leave of the Council, who may, however, on application to that effect, extend the number to ten. Pamphlets and periodical publications shall in this case, be considered as volumes.

10. No Fellow shall be entrusted with the keys of the Library, nor be allowed to take down books unaccompanied by the Registrar.

11. No Fellow shall lend a book to any person, under a penalty of half-a-guinea.

12. The Registrar shall be answerable for all such books as he cannot account for.

13. Any Fellow who loses or injures a book, shall, within a month after such default, replace it, or pay the value of the set, if there be more than one volume.

14. On the third meeting in February, notice shall be given by

the President in the Society, that all books must be returned within one week from that period, for examination by the Registrar; and notice shall be sent by the Registrar to Fellows having books in their possession. If any Fellow neglect to obey this notice, he shall forfeit two shillings and sixpence for each book, for such neglect. No books shall be allowed to be circulated from this time, until a week after the general meeting in March, but they may be consulted at the proper periods in the Library.

15. The Council shall, on the first meeting after its election, appoint five Fellows, who, with the officers of the Society, shall constitute a Library Committee (two to form a quorum), to recommend to the Council, from time to time, such books as they deem proper to be ordered.

16. In order that any Fellow of the Society may have an opportunity of suggesting to the Committee such publications as he may deem worthy of admission, a book shall lie on the Library table, in which the titles of such publications shall be inserted, with the size, number of volumes, and price.

17. A book shall also lie on the library table, in which the Registrar shall insert the fines imposed by the preceding Laws, and he shall be empowered to collect them as soon as they shall be approved by the Council. Should any Fellow consider himself aggrieved therein, he may appeal to the Council.

18. For every neglect of such insertion the Registrar shall incur a penalty of two shillings and sixpence, and for every other neglect of duty, such fine or reprimand as the Council may think proper.

19. The Library shall be closed during the hours of meeting of the Society.

20. Every plate or drawing shall be stamped, under the direction of the Librarian, with the Society's stamp in the body of the engraving, care being taken not to injure any part which may be essential to the utility of the engraving.

21. The donor's name shall be entered in every work presented to the Society.

22. The Council shall designate such manuscripts and books of value, as shall not be taken out of the Library without its written permission, or the written permission of the Librarian.

CHAP. XIII.

OF THE COLLECTOR.

1. The Collector shall be appointed by the Council, and receive a poundage upon all subscriptions collected by him. He shall give such securities to the Trustees for the performance of his duties as shall be satisfactory to the Council.

2. He shall keep a record of all Fellows in arrear, and shall in-

form the Treasurer when any Fellow has neglected to pay his subscription for six months.

3. He shall send to the Treasurer previously to the meeting of the Council in every month, an account of receipts, resignations, &c.

CHAP. XIV.

OF THE TRUSTEES.

1. The Library, Museum, Furniture, Fixtures, Stock in the public funds, and all other personal property of the Society, shall be invested in the hands of at least three Trustees, to be elected by the Council, in trust for the general purposes of the Society.

2. Any Fellow holding the office of Trustee, shall on his resignation of the Fellowship of the Society, or on his removal beyond ten miles from London, cease to be a Trustee; and all vacancies occurring in the office of Trustee, shall be filled up by the Council at such periods as it may deem fit.

3. The Trustees shall be *ex officio* Members of the Council.

CHAP. XV.

OF THE ORDINARY MEETINGS.

1. The Ordinary Meetings, of which public notice shall be given by advertisement, shall commence on the second Saturday in October, and shall continue weekly until the last Saturday in May. Additional Meetings may be held when the Council think them necessary.

2. The Chair shall be taken at eight o'clock.

3. Each Fellow shall be required, before entering the room, to insert his name in a book kept for that purpose.

4. At the Ordinary Meetings, the business shall be conducted in the following order:—

1. The Minutes of the proceedings of the last Meeting shall be read and confirmed as to their correctness.
2. The Candidates proposed at the last Meeting but one shall be balloted for.
3. Certificates in favour of Candidates shall be read, and notice shall be given that a ballot for their election will take place at the second Meeting from that at which they have been proposed.
4. The Fellows elected at this or former Meetings shall sign the obligation to obey the Laws, and be formally introduced to, and admitted by the President.
5. The Visitors admitted for the evening shall be announced from the Chair. Medical Visitors shall be invited to take part in the discussion.
6. The President shall invite the Fellows to make short communications on interesting cases, or to exhibit pathological specimens; such communications, or discussions thereon, to close at half-past eight o'clock, unless of special interest, when the President may defer the reading of the paper for the evening, till a quarter to nine o'clock.

7. The Subject for the evening's discussion shall be brought forward.
8. The Subject proposed for discussion at the next Meeting shall be announced.
9. At ten o'clock precisely, the President shall adjourn the Meeting, unless a special resolution be passed to extend the discussion for half-an-hour longer.
5. Dissertations presented to the Society for discussion, shall relate only to subjects connected with Medical science, and shall not exceed in length what may be read in half-an-hour. Papers of greater length shall be read in abstract.
6. Papers presented to the Society, shall be read either by the author or by one of the Secretaries, and after being read, the Fellows shall be at liberty to make observations upon them. Should the subject introduced not give rise to discussion, the Fellows may, with permission of the President, make communications to the Society.
7. Fellows may bring before the Society a communication on any subject, consistent with the objects of the Society.
8. Fellows wishing to introduce a paper, are requested to give notice thereof, in writing, to one of the Secretaries in ordinary, stating its nature, when, if approved, the Council shall appoint a time for its discussion. The titles of such papers shall be suspended in the Library prior to their being read.
9. The discussions at the ordinary meetings shall be strictly confined to medical and scientific subjects. All matters relating to appeals, the expulsion of Fellows, or to any other extraordinary business, shall be transacted only at Special Meetings.
10. During these discussions, no Fellow shall be entitled to speak more than once, except in explanation; but the author of a paper read to the Society, or the person communicating a case, has a right to reply thereon.
11. A copy of the Statutes and the Insignia of the Society shall lie on the table, before the President, at all its meetings.

CHAP. XVI.

OF THE GENERAL MEETINGS.

1. There shall be three General Meetings in every year; the first on the Saturday preceding the 8th of March, at seven o'clock, P.M. (*vide* sect. 5, Chap. III.); the second on the 8th of March (the Anniversary), at five o'clock, P.M.; and the third on the first Saturday in November, at the usual hour.
2. At the first of these meetings, the election of Officers and Council shall take place, after which a general report of the state of the Society shall be presented from the Council, and of the Library from the Librarian.
3. At the second of these Meetings (the Anniversary) —
 1. The Names of the Officers and Council elected on the previous Saturday shall be read over to the Society.
 2. The Oration shall be delivered, commencing at five o'clock *precisely*.
 3. The Medals shall be presented to the successful Candidates.

4. At the third general meeting such alterations or additions to the laws of the Society shall be made as may be thought necessary, agreeably to Chap. XVII.

5. Besides the three meetings above mentioned, a general meeting may be called by the President and Council, at any time when the interests of the Society may seem to require it, notice thereof being given to each Fellow, at least six days previously to such meeting.

CHAP. XVII.

OF THE MAKING AND REPEALING LAWS OR STATUTES.

1. New Laws or Regulations may be made, and old ones repealed or altered, at the third General Meeting of the Society, or such Special General Meeting as shall at any time be summoned for that purpose.

2. If two thirds of the Fellows present ballot in favour of the proposed regulation, it shall be declared a Law of the Society.

3. The Council shall nevertheless have the power to make alterations in the Laws of the Society, or new Laws, at other times in the following manner. The alteration having been agreed upon by the Council, the same shall be read to the Society from the Chair, before nine o'clock, at two successive Ordinary Meetings; and the proposed alteration having been suspended during the interval in the Library, shall become a Law of the Society when it has been thus twice publicly read, without an appeal being lodged against it. If, however, an appeal, signed by at least six Fellows, be delivered to the President, at either of the two meetings above-named, he shall take the sense of the Society, as to the convention of a Special Meeting, according to the usual form; at which meeting, should the majority of the Fellows present be averse to the change, the proposed Law shall be declared by the President to be null and void.

CHAP. XVIII.

OF THE APPEALS AND SPECIAL MEETINGS.

1. The Fellows have the right of appeal from any act of the Council, to the Society at large.

2. An appeal to the Society must be signed by six or more Fellows, and delivered at any ordinary meeting to the President before nine o'clock, who shall read it from the Chair; and should the appeal not be withdrawn before nine o'clock at that or the ensuing Ordinary Meeting, the President shall then take the sense of the Society, whether or not a Special Meeting shall be convened for its consideration. The time at which the meeting shall be held, to be determined by the votes of the Fellows present.

3. The Fellows, when assembled in Special Meeting, shall have full power to determine all questions submitted to their consideration, but no foreign matter shall be introduced, nor any subjects discussed of which notice has not been given in the requisition.

CHAP. XIX.

OF VISITORS.

1. Each Fellow shall have the privilege of introducing two visitors at any Ordinary Meeting of the Society, and at the General Meeting on the eighth of March.

2. No gentleman who is eligible to become a Fellow of the Society, shall be introduced oftener than twice during the year to the Ordinary Meetings, unless by permission of the President.

3. The names of Visitors, with those of the Fellows introducing them, shall be written on cards, or in a book kept for that purpose; and Medical Visitors shall be allowed to take part in any medical or surgical debate, but not in any question relating to the private affairs of the Society.

CHAP. XX.

OF THE MEDALS.

1. The Society offers, annually, to the author of the best dissertation on a subject proposed, a GOLD MEDAL, value twenty guineas, called the Fothergillian Medal, for which the learned of all countries are invited to become candidates; but if in any year it should be the opinion of the Committee appointed for the adjudication of this medal, that, among the dissertations presented to the Society, no one is of sufficient merit to receive this prize, the Council shall have the power of suspending the presentation of the medal.

2. The subject for this medal shall be determined by the Council, and announced at the meeting of the Society preceding the Anniversary Meeting in March.

3. Each dissertation shall be written in English or Latin, and shall be delivered to the Registrar, on or before the first day of December, in the year subsequent to that in which the subject is proposed.

4. With the dissertation shall be delivered a sealed packet, having a motto or device on the outside, and, within, the author's name and designation: the same motto or device shall be inscribed on the dissertation, that the Society may know how to address the successful candidate.

5. No dissertation in the handwriting of the author, or with his name affixed, can be received; and if the author shall become known to the Committee, or to any member thereof acting thereon, his dissertation shall be excluded from all competition for the medal.

6. The successful dissertation shall be the property of the Society, the Council having the power of permitting the author to publish it; and all the dissertations, the successful one excepted, shall be returned, if applied for within twelve months, with the sealed packets unopened.

7. All unsuccessful dissertations, not reclaimed within twelve months, shall be disposed of in such manner as the Council may think proper.

8. The Medal shall be presented to the successful candidate, or to his substitute, at the Anniversary Meeting in March; at which time also shall be announced the subjects proposed for the two succeeding years.

9. The prize dissertation shall be read before the Society at the meeting preceding the Anniversary, if a resolution to that effect, previously carried in Council, be approved of by the majority of the Fellows then present.

10. The Council shall, at its first meeting after the election, appoint seven Fellows as an Adjudication Committee, to which all dissertations shall be referred, and which shall decide by ballot upon their respective merits.

11. The Society proposes to give annually two *silver medals*; one of which shall be adjudged for an essay or essays written by a Fellow, and read before the Society, or for any special services rendered to the Society by a Fellow: the other for an essay or essays written by an Honorary or Corresponding Fellow, or by any person not a Fellow of the Society, and read before the Society; the adjudication to be made by the Council.

12. A silver medal cannot be awarded to any gentleman who has had the honour of receiving the Fothergillian Medal, the preceding year.

CHAP. XXI.

OF PAPERS.

1. All papers read before the Society shall be considered the property of the Society, with a view to publication, unless claimed by the author, in writing, within one month after being read; but in no case shall any paper be published without the consent of the author.

2. Ten members of the Sectional Committees, together with ten Fellows of the Society, not members of Council, shall be appointed by the Council to constitute a Committee of Referees, who shall report confidentially to the Council, on the merits of papers read before the Society, more especially as to their fitness for publication in the Society's Transactions.

3. Should the author of any paper, read before the Society desire its publication in the Society's Transactions, such paper shall not be taken out of the possession of the Secretary, for the purpose of alteration, until the question as to its publication be decided by the

Council; but such papers as are chosen for publication may afterwards be altered with the sanction of the Council—the original manuscripts being returned to the Society.

4. No paper referred to the consideration of the Council shall be published unless two-thirds of the Members present vote in its favour.

5. No member of the Council shall vote, or be present, when the propriety of publishing any of his own papers is discussed.

6. All unclaimed papers, not selected for publication, and the original manuscripts of those published, shall be deposited by the Secretary in the Library.

7. No request for printing the Anniversary Oration shall be valid, unless confirmed by the Council.

CHAP. XXII.

OF DONATIONS TO THE SOCIETY.

1. Every person who shall make any valuable present to the Society, shall receive its thanks, and have his name registered in the catalogue of Donors, with an account of his donation.

2. The thanks of the Society shall not be given for any present, the nature or composition of which is concealed; nor for any publication which is not recommended by the Librarian, or Library Committee, as worthy of the same; nor without the sanction of the Council.

CHAP. XXIII.

GENERAL LAWS.

1. When the determination of the Society is required on a question, it shall be taken by ballot, if so demanded by any Fellow.

2. All questions, excepting those for which it is otherwise provided, shall be determined by a majority of the Fellows present.

APPENDIX.

o. 1.

Form of Recommendation.

We, the undersigned, do recommend * _____
residing at _____

a _____ Fellow of the Medical Society of London.

(date.) _____ (Signed) _____ from personal knowledge.

Proposed _____

Elected _____

* Here insert the Candidate's name and qualification.

o. 2.

Form for Notifying the Election of a Fellow.

Medical Society of London,
33, George street, Hanover Square.

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Sir,—We have the honor of informing you that at the last Meeting of this Society, you were elected a Fellow, and we have to request your attendance on one of the following Saturdays, at 8 o'clock, p.m. precisely.

to be admitted by the President.

The first year's subscription is £1. 1s., which must be paid at the time of admission.

We have the honor to remain, Sir,

Your obedient Servants,

_____ } Hon. Secs.

N.B. By Law 5, Chap. II., it is provided, that if any Fellow neglect to pay his first year's subscription within one month after being elected, unless he assign a person in writing, satisfactory to the Council, his election shall be void, and he shall be incapable of being proposed again for the space of one year.

No. 3. Form for Notifying the Election of an Honorary or Corresponding Fellow.

Medical Society of London,
33, George Street, Hanover Square.
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Sir,—We have the honor of informing you, that at a Meeting of this Society, held on the _____ of _____ you were elected a _____ Fellow. We enclose herewith the diploma.

We have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servants,

} Hon. Secs.

No. 4. Form for Notifying the Election of a Fellow as a Member of a Sectional Committee.

Medical Society of London,
33, George Street, Hanover Square.
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Sir,—We have the honor to inform you, that at a Meeting of the Council of this Society, held on _____ of _____ you were elected Member of the Sectional Committee, on _____

We shall therefore feel obliged to you to inform us on or before the _____ of _____ whether you are willing to accept the office. We have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servants,

} Hon. Secs.

No. 5. Form for Notifying the Election of a Lettsomian Professor.

Medical Society of London,
33, George Street, Hanover Square.
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Sir,—We have the honor to inform you, that at a Meeting of the Council of this Society, held on the _____ of _____ you were elected one of the Lettsomian Professors for the Session 185 _____

We shall therefore feel obliged to you to inform us, on or before the _____ of _____ whether you are willing to accept the office, and if so, on what subject you would propose to Lecture, in order that the proper advertisements may be forthwith inserted in the Periodicals.

We have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servants,

} Hon. Secs.

No. 6. *Form for Notifying the Election of an Orator.*

The same Form as No. 4 to be used, when giving notice of the Election of a Fellow as Orator, but substituting the words "Orator for the year 185," for the words "a Member of the Sectional Committee, on"

No. 7. *Form for Notifying the Election of a Referee.*

The same as No. 4, substituting the words "one of the Referees for the Session 185," to report confidentially on the merits of papers to be published in the Society's Transactions," in lieu of the words "a Member of the Sectional Committee on."

No. 8. *Form of Application for Arrears of Subscriptions.*

Medical Society of London,
33, George Street, Hanover Square.
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Sir,—We are directed by the Council of the Medical Society of London to inform you, that the sum of One Guinea was due on account of your _____ Subscription, on the _____ of _____ the payment of which is hereby requested as early as possible.

We take this opportunity to refer you to Law _____ Chap.

We have also to inform you, that to save trouble, the Collector has been directed to call on you.

We have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servants,

_____ } Hon. Secs.

No. 9. *Form notifying a Vote of thanks passed for a Donation to the Library.*

Medical Society of London,
33, George Street, Hanover Square.
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Sir,—We have the honor to inform you, that at a Meeting of the Council, held on _____ of _____ your book _____

was presented by the Librarian and accepted by the Council, when the following vote was passed:

"That the thanks of the Council are due and are hereby given to _____ for his Donation to the Library."

We have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servants,

_____ } Hon. Secs.

No. 10. *General Form of Diploma to be given to a Foreign or Resident Honorary Fellow, not previously a Fellow of this Society, or to a Corresponding Fellow.*

SCIANT omnes, Nos, Præsidem, Propræsides, et Socios, Societatis Medicæ Londinensis, virum doctissimum et spectatissimum _____ Societatem nostram inter Socios _____ cooptasse. Cujus rei in testimonium fidemque, has literas, manibus nostris, sigillo Societatis munitas, lubentissime dedimus.

Datum Londini, _____ die mensis _____ Anno Domini, 18—.

_____ Præsides.

_____ } Propræsides.

_____ } Scribæ.

* "Honorarios" vel "Correspondentes."

No. 11. *Special Form of Diploma to be given to an Honorary Fellow, elected from among the Fellows of the Society.*

(*Medical Society of London, 1775.*)

Societas Medica Londinensis ad incrementum Scientiæ institutæ omnibus arti Hippocraticis fautoribus.

S. P. D.

Quoniam Socius noster spectatissimus A. B. plurima nobis peritiæ suæ in rebus medicis signa publice protulit; illum eximium semper et clarissimum habuimus amplificare igitur dignitatem, celebrare scientiam, optimarum artium studium commendare, viri denique modestiam exornare, quantum est situm in nobis, hoc publico laudis monumento statuimus, subsignatis nominibus, sigilloque appenso.

_____ Præsides.

_____ } Propræsides.

_____ Thesaurarius.

_____ } Scribæ.

No. 12.

Form of a Legacy.

To such as are inclined to become Benefactors by Will, the following form of Legacy is recommended :

“ I give and bequeath to the Treasurer, for the time being, of a Society,
 “ called or known by the name of **THE MEDICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON**, insti-
 “ tuted in the year 1773, the sum of _____ to be applied
 “ towards carrying on the useful designs of the said Society.”

N.B. Gifts by Will, of land, or of money or stock, to be laid out in the purchase of any lands, are void by the statute of Mortmain; but money or stock may be given by Will, if not directed to be laid out in land.

To each of the following is to be made a receipt by W.H. the following form of Receipt is recommended:

"I give and bequeath to the Treasurer, for the time being, of a Society, called or known by the name of the Albany Society of London, in the year 1775, the sum of £100 to be applied towards carrying on the useful design of the said Society."

N.B. (Note by W.H. of 1775) or of money or stock, to be laid out in the purchase of any lands, and with the profits of the same, but money or stock may be given by W.H. if not directed to be laid out in land.