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# INTRODUCTION.

1. **N**OTHING has contributed more to the advancement of science, than the establishment of literary societies. These excite a generous ardour in liberal minds, and raise even envy itself into useful emulation.

2. In that science, which rational estimation has placed first in the scale of honour, the science which proposes the noblest object for its end, the preservation and restoration of health; the improvements which have already resulted from the formation of societies, are well known to the medical world.

3. The principal part of our knowledge must be ever derived from comparing our own observations with those of others. In this view the utility of societies,

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*books*

which afford an opportunity for the mutual communication of our thoughts, must be sufficiently apparent. ~~Deceased authors~~ cannot solve all our difficulties, nor will the observations made in other ages and climates, hold always true in our own.

*Rule*

4. There are some circumstances peculiarly favourable to a rising society. Each member thinking the honour of the association in some measure dependent upon himself, is stimulated to the highest exertion of his powers; ~~unawed by the fame, and fearless of being eclipsed by the lustre of his predecessors, no damp is cast upon the vigour of that genius, which can alone produce great discoveries.~~

*in medicine*

5. The intention of this society is to give the practitioners in ~~the healing art,~~ frequent opportunities of meeting together, and conferring with each other, concerning any difficult or uncommon cases which may have occurred; or communicating any new discoveries in medicine

cine which have been made, either at home or abroad.

6. Medical papers, which may tend to the advancement of the science, will be received by the society, and such as may be deemed worthy of publication, carefully preserved, until sufficient matter for a volume shall be collected.

7. Many useful facts are lost ~~from~~ the want of a proper opportunity of conveying them to the world; and though when considered separately, they may not be of sufficient importance to claim the attention of the publick, yet when a number of them are collected together, they may become highly deserving of notice. To such facts, when properly authenticated, the society will always be particularly attentive.

8. In order to excite practitioners to bring those talents to light, which would otherwise lie buried and useless to the community, the society have resolved to hold forth honorary rewards to those who shall improve the medical art: and altho' this has not been hitherto attempted in these kingdoms, yet they hope that their

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*Dele* } example may appear not altogether unworthy of imitation.

9. The society has likewise founded a medical library, that its members may obtain an easy access to the best ancient and modern authors.

*Dele* } 10. The members of this society have extended its foundation as much as possible. Wishing to rise superior to all low distinctions, they have endeavoured to render every person useful in that branch of the science, to which he properly belongs.

11. Animated with these designs, the society submit their plan to the consideration of the faculty in general, whose assistance is requested, in order to render it extensively beneficial to mankind.

CHAP.

## CHAPTER I.

*Of the different branches of the Society, and  
the qualifications of its Members.*

1. **T**HE society shall consist of ~~prac-~~<sup>20/</sup>  
~~titioners~~ in physick, ~~surgery,~~<sup>ians / 30 / ions</sup>  
~~and pharmacy,~~ divided into <sup>10 / apothecaries</sup>  
fellows, corresponding members, and can-  
didates.

2. The number of fellows shall be  
restricted to thirty in each branch of the  
profession, ~~who alone shall direct the af-~~  
~~airs of the society, and be eligible into~~  
~~any office.~~ <sup>and</sup>

3. No person shall be eligible as a fel-  
low, or candidate of this society, unless  
settled in business in the city of London,  
or within seven miles of it.

4. No physician shall be eligible as a  
fellow, who does not produce a diploma,  
and testimonials of having studied medi-  
cine regularly in some reputable uni-  
versity, <sup>who does not</sup> ~~or belong to the College of Physicians~~

*of London.* A 4

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5. No surgeon shall be eligible as a fellow, who has not been approved of by the court of examining surgeons.

~~6. These rules shall not, however, prevent the society from receiving persons of acknowledged literary merit.~~

7. As soon as any of the divisions of which the society consists, shall have thirty fellows, those persons who may desire to become members of the society, can be admitted only on the list of candidates.

8. These candidates shall enjoy all the privileges of fellows, except that of voting in any question which may come before the society.

9. They shall pay the same fine on admission, and the same annual subscription with the fellows. But when elected into the list of fellows, they shall not be required to pay a second admission fine.

10. When any vacancy shall <sup>happen</sup> ~~arise~~ in the list of fellows, it shall be filled up by ballot from the candidates of that distinct branch of the society, *to which they belong.*

11. This election shall be always made at

*one of*

at the two general meetings of the society, *hereafter to be named.*

12. No person shall be eligible as a corresponding member who resides within seven miles of London. Nor shall any person be elected on that list, who *has* ~~shall not have~~ delivered a memoir to the society, which shall have received its approbation.

13. If any person who has been elected a corresponding member, shall come to reside ~~in London, or~~ within seven miles of it, he shall, on paying his admission fine, and signing the obligation, be admitted ~~as~~ a fellow, if *there should* the list on which he must stand ~~should have a vacancy.~~ *a vacancy in* But if the list should be full, ~~or any candidate on it,~~ he shall be considered as a *admitted* candidate, *without further ballot.*

14. No person shall be eligible as a fellow, who is not of known merit in his profession, unless he shall have exhibited to the society satisfactory specimens of his abilities. *Dele*

15. No proprietor of any empirical nostrum shall be eligible into the society.

## CHAPTER II.

*Of the Election and Admission of Members.*

1. Every person who desires to be admitted a member of the society, shall be recommended by three or more fellows on their personal knowledge, or from his being known to them by his ~~publications.~~ *works.*

2. ~~In the recommendation,~~ the profession, & place of abode, and ~~chief qualifications~~ of the person proposed for election shall be specified *in the recommendation.*

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3. This ~~recommendation~~ shall be delivered to one of the secretaries, and first read in the council, that they may be satisfied, that the person recommended ~~is desirous of becoming a member,~~ has been informed of the regulations of the society, and is eligible according to its statutes.

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4. ~~The conditions last mentioned being complied with,~~ the recommendation shall be read at ~~the ensuing~~ meeting of *an ordinary* the

the society, and directed to be hung up in the common meeting room for two succeeding ordinary meetings.

5. An abstract of it, with the names of those who recommended the candidate, shall be inserted in the books of the society, and read at each of these meetings.

6. On the last of these meetings the votes shall be taken by ballot, if twelve fellows of the society be then present.

7. ~~If of the fellows who may be present, those who shall ballot for the candidate be double the number of those who shall ballot against him, he shall be declared duly elected.~~ *fellows present in favor of candidate, he shall be declared*

*duly elected* 8. If it appear upon the ballot, ~~to be the sense of the society,~~ that the person proposed ~~shall~~ *can* not be admitted a member, no notice thereof shall be taken in the minutes.

9. The admission of every person who shall be chosen a fellow or candidate, shall be at some ordinary meeting, when, after he has paid his admission fine, he shall sign the following obligation.

“ We

“ We whose names are hereunto sub-  
 “ scribed, promise that we will ~~to the~~  
 “ ~~utmost of our power, promote the ho-~~  
 “ ~~nour, and~~ observe the regulations of  
 “ the Medical Society of London, as  
 “ long as we shall continue members  
 “ thereof.”

10. The president shall then take him  
 by the hand saying, *by the Medical Society of London*  
 “ By the authority deligated to me, I  
 “ admit you a fellow (or candidate) ~~of the~~  
 “ ~~Medical Society of London.~~”

*P. Dale* } 11. Any person refusing to sign this  
 obligation, ~~shall~~ not be received as a mem-  
 ber of the society.

*Dale* } 12. Any member who shall signify  
 in writing to the president his desire to  
 withdraw from the society, shall cease to  
 be a member thereof, and shall not af-  
 terwards be eligible.

### CHAPTER III.

#### *Of the Payment of admission Fines, Annual Contributions, &c.*

1. Every person who shall be elected a  
 fellow or candidate of this society shall  
 before

before his admiffion pay the fum of three guineas.

2. If any perfon fhall neglect to pay his admiffion fine within two months after being elected a fellow or candidate, his election fhall be void, and he fhall be rendered incapable of being propofed again for the fpace of one year,

*unless he has been prevented by illnefs, or other unavoidable accident.*

3. Every fellow or candidate as long as he continues a member, fhall pay to the fociety, the annual fum of one guinea ~~by two equal payments, on the first of~~ *on* ~~January and July.~~

4. A lift of all perfons in arrear, fhall be publickly read at the third meeting of the fociety, after each of thefe days of payment, and lie upon the table for the perufal of the members at all future meetings.

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5. No perfon fhall have a vote ~~whilst~~ *if the Socy* ~~in arrear to the fociety~~ *one year month*

6. If any member fhall neglect the payment of the annual contribution for two years, he fhall, at the end of two months after notice has been given him by the fecretary, be ~~liable to expulfion from the fociety.~~ *expulfed.*

7. If

7. If any member shall advance to the society, the sum of ten guineas above his admission fine, and all arrears then due, he shall be ~~discharged~~ from all annual payments for the future.

*Exempt.*

*Rule*

8. No fine on admission or annual contribution is expected from corresponding members.

#### CHAPTER IV.

*Order*

#### *Of the Officers, Council & Committees.*

1. For the purpose of conducting with regularity the affairs of the society, there shall be elected annually, a president, a treasurer, a librarian, three secretaries, a council, and three committees.

2. This election shall be by ballot on the first of the two general meetings, *viz the 18 of January.*

3. At least three days before the time of election, particular summonses shall be sent to every fellow, together with two printed lists.

4. One of these lists shall contain the name

name of every member, with marks affixed, shewing what office he has formerly held or now holds in the society.

5. Such members likewise as are not eligible to any office, or to that only which they may hold at the time of election, shall be respectively distinguished, to the end that no person may throw away his vote.

6. The second balloting list shall have the offices and places printed, with blank spaces left for the insertion of the names of such persons as shall be thought best qualified to fill them.

7. At the beginning of the balloting list, the following recommendation shall be always printed.

“As the welfare of the society depends in a great measure upon the election of proper persons to fill these offices, it is earnestly recommended to every member to be extremely cautious in selecting ~~none~~ <sup>such</sup> but such as are well qualified to execute the trust, and have the interest of the society at heart.”

8. Every fellow who attends, shall first deliver his name to one of the secretaries attending

*dele*

*dele*



attending the ballot, and afterwards put ~~either the printed list filled up, or a written one if he chuses it,~~ into the balloting glass.

*Alle*

9. The secretary<sup>ies</sup>, together with the treasurer shall take the utmost care to prevent any illegal vote from being received.

*two in the afternoon,*

10. The ballot shall be opened at the hour of one, and closed half an hour ~~before three,~~ after which it shall be examined by the secretaries of the society, ~~council, and committees,~~ together with two scrutineers of ~~the members present, drawn by~~ lot by the president, ~~out of the members~~

*nominated present.*

11. No list shall be rejected because not intirely filled up; as it shews that the ~~fellow~~ who delivered it, ~~acted from~~ ~~knowledge;~~ not chusing to nominate persons, with whom he was not acquainted ~~to any post, therefore wisely~~ ~~submitted the rest to the decision of the~~ ~~other members.~~ So far therefore as any list expresses the sentiments of the member, it shall be admitted.

*members did designly*

*Alle*

12. Should any list contain more names

~~to~~

*attending*

to fill up any office, than the fellow had a right to insert; the irregular part only of such list shall be set aside, and the remaining part of it be taken as if no such mistake had existed.

*rule*

13. No person shall be eligible at this election to any office, who shall be in arrear ~~to the society when the lists are ordered to be printed, which shall be done by the council, on the eighth day before the election.~~

*one year  
six months*

14. In ~~this election if any doubt or difficulty arise, in relation to the persons who shall have the majority of voices, or to the manner of voting, or whenever there shall be an equality of voices in favour of different fellows, the same shall be determined by the majority of the council of the preceding year then present.~~

*votes  
if  
votes  
President of  
the preceding year*

15. ~~When~~ any vacancies happen in the intervals of the anniversary election, they shall be filled up in the manner above specified.

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16. No person shall remain in any office, or place in the council, longer than three years. Nothing in this rule

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*Dele* } however, shall preclude any member, who has enjoyed one office for the limited space of time, from being elected to another.

## CHAPTER V.

*Of the President.*

1. The president when present, shall take the chair at all meetings of the society. ~~He shall be particularly attentive that no disorderly proceedings be permitted.~~ He shall regulate all debates, and prevent any from being prosecuted upon trivial subjects. He shall state and put all questions, ~~according to the intention of the movers.~~ He shall summon all extraordinary meetings of the society, and enforce the execution of their statutes.

*In the words*  
*proposes*

2. In the absence of the president, the treasurer, <sup>and in his absence the</sup> ~~or~~ librarian, shall preside in the society; and in their absence, the senior member of the council or fellow of the society who is present, shall ~~be~~ *take the chair* president for that meeting.

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3. All members shall pay implicit obedience to the president in the execution of his office.

4. The president shall only vote when the suffrages are equal.

5. The president whilst in the chair shall be always covered, except when addressing himself to the whole society.

} *Dele*

## CHAPTER VI.

### *Of the Treasurer.*

1. The money belonging to the society shall be kept by the treasurer.

2. He shall keep a regular account of all receipts and disbursements; which shall be audited by the council at their meetings, immediately preceding the two general meetings of the society.

3. He shall not expend any of the society's money, but by order of a general meeting of the society, or of the council, or president.

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4. Every sum of money, payable for the use of the society, of three pounds or under, shall be paid by a ~~written or~~

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~~der of the president, and every sum exceeding three pounds, shall be paid by an order of the council, signed by the president and one of the secretaries; and if the sum exceed <sup>11/20</sup> twelve pounds, it shall not be paid until having been laid before the society, it shall be approved of by them~~ *without an order from the*

*society*

5. Whenever the council, or any five members of the society, desire to see the treasurer's accounts, he shall produce them, and be at all times ready to pay to the society any balance which may be in his hands.

## CHAPTER VII.

### *Of the Librarian and Library.*

1. The books shall be properly arranged, and each volume distinctly numbered. An alphabetical catalogue shall be kept of all the printed books, expressing the edition, place where printed, date, size, price, and number as it stands in the library. A separate catalogue shall be kept of the manuscripts, ranged under

under proper heads. These catalogues shall be always open in the library for the inspection of every member.

2. A paper shall be kept, wherein against each members name, the number of any book taken by him from the library, and the time when, shall be marked; and as soon as returned, a line shall be drawn thro' the number, in the presence of the person who brings the book.

3. A printed paper shall be affixed to the inside of each volume, containing the name of the society, the number of the book, and an abstract of the laws relative to the receiving and returning of books; and if such book were presented to the society, the donor's name shall be subscribed by the librarian.

4. The library shall be open at every meeting of the society, council or committees.

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5. The library shall be ~~always~~ open on Monday and Friday, between the hours of ten and twelve, when all books shall be sent for and returned to the library.

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6. Every member sending for a book shall write down the title, ~~signing~~ and ~~directing~~ it to the librarian of the Medical Society of London.

7. If a book when sent for, be in the possession of another member, an answer shall be returned, containing the name of the person who has it, and the time when it was taken out of the library.

8. No member shall have more than *o volumes* ~~one folio, two quarto's, four octavo's, or~~ *four* ~~eight of smaller size~~ at a time in his possession.

9. No member shall detain a pamphlet or duodecimo above one week; an octavo two weeks; a quarto three weeks; and a folio four weeks; after which period he shall be liable to a penalty of one, two, three or four shillings, in proportion to its size, for each week he shall detain it, provided such penalty exceed not the value affixed to the book by the council.

10. No manuscript shall be taken out of the library, without a written permission from the council.

11. All new publications shall remain in the library for the space of one, two, three,

three, or four weeks, in proportion to their size, that the members ~~in general~~ may have an opportunity of inspecting them.

12. A member who shall lose, or in any way injure a book belonging to the society, shall ~~be liable to~~ pay the full value, together with such fine as the council shall think proper.

13. Any member shall have the liberty at all times of visiting the library, and reading and taking extracts from such books or manuscripts, as he has previously applied for to the librarian or his deputy. } *Dele*

14. No member, the librarian or his deputy excepted, shall take down any book from its place.

15. All books shall be returned before the general meeting in ~~every~~ January, that the librarian on entering into his office, may see whether any are wanting. Every person neglecting to return a book at that time, shall forfeit one half of its value.

16. No books shall be purchased for  
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the use of the society, but such as treat of ~~medical~~ subjects.

*Physical*

17. As expending the money of the society properly is of the utmost consequence, the recommendation to purchase any book, shall be signed by three members, and first read in the council, and afterwards on two successive nights in the society.

18. For any book above three guineas in value, ~~twenty~~ fellows; and above ten guineas, ~~thirty~~ fellows must be present before a ballot can be taken.

*Ten  
Twenty*

19. No book shall be purchased unless the number of those who ballot in its favour, be ~~twice as great as of those who ballot against it.~~ <sup>double</sup> *two thirds of the*

*fellows ballot in its favour.*

## CHAPTER VIII.

### *Of the Secretaries.*

1. All ~~medical~~ papers intended for the use of the society, shall be transmitted to one of the secretaries, who shall deliver them to the committee, to whose inspection

inspection they are referred by the laws of the society.

2. The secretaries shall take an exact account of all the transactions of the society ~~at every meeting.~~

3. They shall read the minutes of the former meeting, and also any papers which have been referred by ~~the~~ committees ~~to the society.~~ *any*

4. They shall preserve carefully the books relative to the transactions of the society, and also all papers committed to their charge. These they shall arrange in proper order, and have ready for the inspection of the society at all meetings.

5. They shall be exact in marking the time when any paper ~~on a medical subject~~ is delivered to them, that no person may be robbed of the title to a new thought or discovery, ~~by first communicating it to the society.~~

6. One of the secretaries shall immediately after every election of a member, send notice thereof to the person elected, with a copy of the law concerning their admission *of members.*

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him*

7. Upon the election of any ~~correspondent~~ member, a letter shall be sent him by one of the secretaries, informing them of the same, and acquainting him, that the society hope he will from time to time, favour them with an account of such matters as may come within his knowledge, that may tend to the elucidation or improvement of any of the branches of medicine.

CHAPTER IX.

*Of the Council.*

*Together*

1. The council shall consist of the officers of the society, with three physicians, three surgeons, and three apothecaries, ~~elected by the society.~~

2. The council shall chuse a chairman and secretary out of their own members.

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3. The officers of the society shall be incapable of presiding in it.

*able* }

4. The council shall meet on Tuesdays alternately with the society, and have a power of adjourning themselves to any

any future day at pleasure, giving written notice of such adjournment to every member.

} *Dele*

5. An extraordinary meeting of the council may be held at any time, by an order of the president of the society; one of the secretaries giving notice of the meeting to every member.

*and*

6. On the ordinary nights of meeting, three members shall be empowered to transact business. But at other times, the presence of five members shall be requisite.

7. All transactions of the society, ~~the permission to read~~ medical papers alone excepted, shall previously pass thro' the council.

8. The council shall have no power to make new regulations, but shall always refer them to the general meetings of the society, appointed for that purpose.

9. The council shall receive questions relating to medicine, and shall lay such before the society, as they shall deem worthy of its notice.

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## CHAPTER X.

*Of the Committees.*

1. There shall be three committees, consisting of five fellows in each, to read and prepare for the inspection of the society, all such medical dissertations and papers, as shall be delivered to them.

2. The first shall consist of physicians, to whom shall be referred, all ~~memoirs~~ *papers* &c. relating to the theory and practice of physick.

3. The second shall consist of surgeons, to whom shall be committed all papers concerning anatomy and surgery.

4. The third shall consist of ~~chymists~~ *and* apothecaries, to whom shall be delivered all dissertations on chymistry, pharmacy and drugs.

5. These committees shall meet every Tuesday at the hour of six in the evening.

6. They shall chuse a chairman and  
secretary

secretary from their own number, and in their absence, any member present may be chosen to officiate for that meeting.

7. Each committee shall record the minutes of their proceedings, in a book set apart for that purpose, which shall be ~~reported~~ to the society at their next meeting *if required.* / read

8. These committees shall lay before the society, such memoirs, papers, &c. as they may judge worthy of communication, and no dissertation shall be read before the society, until it shall have passed through the committee to which it properly belongs.

9. These committees shall have a power to suppress the whole, or any part of a paper, which they may judge improper to be laid before the society, *previously acquainting the*

*or his correspondents therewith.*

10. The particular time, at which any paper has been presented to them, shall be marked upon it by the secretary, and signed by the chairman of the committee. } Dele

11. Any of the committees may ask a conference with one or both of the other

other committees, in order to judge of papers, which treat of mixed subjects.

12. Any fellow who chuses to attend shall have an equal right to vote or deliver his sentiments, with those who are appointed of the committee.

## CHAPTER XI.

### *Of the Ordinary Meetings of the Society.*

1. The society shall meet on every ~~al-~~  
*other* ~~ternate~~ Tuesday, at the hour of seven in the evening.

2. The book of regulations shall lie on the table before the president at all meetings.

3. When six fellows shall be present, they may proceed to business; except in those particular cases, in which the presence of a greater number is required by the regulations.

4. Business shall begin by reading the list of visitors, and afterwards the minutes of the preceding meeting: but no part of these minutes shall be discussed.

cussed until the whole has been read over.

5. Such parts of the minutes as shall not be objected to on the second reading of them, article by article, shall stand confirmed, and be subscribed by the president.

6. Propositions connected with these minutes, or those of former meetings, may be entered upon and considered, or re-  
ferr'd to the council. } *dele*

7. The minutes of the council shall be read twice in a similar manner.

9 / 8. Medical intelligence, or extracts of letters, may be laid before the society.

8 / 9. Recommendations of persons desirous of entering into the society shall be read, *And* *rep*

10. A ballot shall be taken for those persons who have been proposed at the two preceding meetings.

11. The minutes of the committees shall be read, and such papers as have been by them referred to the consideration of the society.

12. No new business shall be entered on after ~~the hour of nine.~~ *eight o'clock.*



## CHAPTER XII.

*Of the General Meetings.*

1. There shall be two general meetings of the society every year, for considering the state of the society, examining the books, settling the accounts, and for making such alteration in, and additions to the regulations of the society, as may be thought necessary.

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2. At the first of these meetings, shall be elected the officers, council and committees for the year ensuing. Any vacancies which may have ~~arisen~~ on the list of fellows shall be filled. And a member shall be nominated to deliver the annual ~~discourse~~ the succeeding year.

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3. This election shall begin at one o'clock and close half an hour ~~before three.~~ *after two*

4. Any member who shall be chosen to give the annual ~~discourse~~, may decline it within the space of one month after the election, on paying a fine of one guinea, and another shall be chosen in his room, *at the next ordinary meeting*

*5 /oration**5. After-*

5. Afterwards there shall be delivered a ~~discourse~~ on the best means of improving the science of medicine.

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Lan Oration

6. At the second meeting, the honorary medals shall be conferred, according to the regulations specified ~~by the society~~ *hereafter.*

7. At these meetings, the president shall request each member to deliver to the council, at the end of every month, or as often as may be convenient, an account of the disorders which have come under his notice, that a compleat history may be formed of the epidemic diseases of London.

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8. No ~~member~~ <sup>person</sup> shall be proposed, ~~elect~~ ~~ed,~~ or ~~admitted a member~~ at either of these meetings.

as a member

CHAPTER XIII.

*honorary*  
Of the ~~Gold~~ Medals.

1. The society resolve to give ~~two~~ <sup>one</sup> gold medals annually, under ~~the~~ following regulations.

of ten guineas value

~~2. The first shall be given~~ to the author of the best dissertation on a subject proposed

to be

*to be* proposed by the society, <sup>for</sup> which the learned  
of all countries shall be invited ~~to discuss~~, *as la.*

*follow or candidate* <sup>Notes</sup> 3. No ~~member~~ of the society shall be  
capable of entering into competition for  
this ~~prize~~ *medal*

4. Each dissertation shall be delivered  
to the secretary, written in a legible hand,  
in the Latin or English language, at least  
two months before the meeting for ad-  
judging the medal.

*address* 5. With it shall be delivered a sealed  
packet, with some device on the outside,  
and within the author's name and de-  
~~signation~~

6. The same device shall be put upon  
the dissertation, that the society may know  
how to address the successful candidate.

7. There shall be a committee appointed  
by the society, for adjudging this medal;  
consisting of the council, to whom shall  
be joined, such other members as the  
society shall think proper; and their sen-  
tence shall be final.

*in order* 8. No paper with the name of the  
author affixed, <sup>can</sup> ~~will~~ be received, that the  
committee may decide upon the merits of  
each,

each, without any knowledge of, or partiality for the author.

9. All the dissertations, (the successful one excepted,) shall be returned, if desired, with the packets unopened, containing the names of the authors.

10. The second medal shall be confined to the ~~members~~ of the society, and shall be adjudged to the person, who shall have delivered to the society, the best dissertation on any medical subject during the preceding year.

11. For the purpose of deciding the medal, there shall be delivered to each member who attends, a list of all the papers which have been read in the society, ~~since the adjudication of the former medal.~~ After the member has affixed an asterick to the dissertation which he esteems most, he shall put the list into the balloting glass; and the medal shall be adjudged to the author, who shall have the greatest number of suffrages.

12. Scrutators shall be appointed to examine these ballots, in the manner directed in the general election of officers, &c.

*Delivered to the*

*Del. during the year.*

## CHAPTER XIV.

*Of the making and repealing of Regulations.*

1. No new regulations shall be made, nor old ones repealed or altered, but at the two general meetings of the society. <sup>^</sup>

2. The making of new and altering of old regulations, shall be proposed first in the council, and after <sup>wards</sup> ~~being~~ read in the society, at least one month before the general meeting, they shall be hung up in the society's room until that time, when the question, whether such proposals be admitted or not, shall be determined by ballot.

3. If double the number of those who ballot against any proposed law, should ballot in its favour, it shall be declared a law of the society, inserted among the ~~general or bye laws, as may seem most proper, and signed by the president.~~

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## CHAPTER XV.

*Of Papers for Publication.*

1. All medical papers which have been read twice in the society, shall be after-  
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wards referred to the consideration of the council, to whom the determination of all questions concerning ~~the~~ publication, of ~~papers~~ shall be referred.

2. ~~Every~~ member of the council shall have ~~each~~ dissertation two days in his possession.

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3. Any member, through whose neglect the papers are detained, during the circulation, longer than the specified time, shall pay one shilling for every six hours a paper is so kept.

4. Any member of the council, who shall lend a paper thus sent to him, or suffer any person, that is not a member of the society, to read it, shall for this offence, forfeit his office or place in the council, and never afterwards be eligible into any ~~place~~ in the society.

*Dele  
office*

5. After a paper shall have thus circulated thro' all the members of the council, letters shall be sent to them by the secretary, requesting their attendance on the next night of meeting, to ballot for the same.

6. At this meeting, the members present shall decide by ballot, whether the

paper shall be inserted in the manuscript books of the society.

7. If this question pass in the affirmative, all further proceedings with respect to it shall be stopt.

8. But if the question pass in the negative, the council shall at some subsequent meeting, notice of which shall be previously given to all its members, proceed to decide also by ballot, whether such paper shall be published.

9. If the decision be in favour of the paper, it shall stand for confirmation on the next night, when the determination shall be final.

10. No ballot shall be taken for the publication of any paper, unless nine members of the council are present. A majority of the meeting shall determine whether it shall or not be published. If a majority of the council determine against the publication of a paper, no entry thereof shall be made in the minutes.

11. In judging of a paper for publication, the council shall have a power to call in to their assistance, ~~at some future meeting,~~ other fellows of the society, who

*shall*

who are considered as well skilled in that particular branch of medicine, that may happen to be the subject of the paper.

12. These persons so called in, shall not exceed the number of three.

} *Dele*

13. They shall give their opinions, and their votes shall be received, as to that paper only, equally with any member of the council.

14. If any member desire that the paper may be read previous to the ballot, it shall be complied with.

15. If on the ballot, the number of votes for and against a paper be equal, the consideration of it shall be adjourned to a future day; and if the votes be equal the second time, the paper shall be rejected.

16. No paper shall be taken out of the possession of the secretary, after it has been approved of for publication, nor shall any alterations be made in it, without the permission of the council. These alterations shall also go <sup>in</sup> the same form of ballot as the original paper, and if considerable, must likewise be circulated among the members.

*through*



17. No member of the council shall vote, or be present when the propriety of publishing of any of his own papers is agitated.

18. The annual discourse alone shall be exempt from this mode.

19. If any motion be made and seconded, for referring it to the consideration of the council, a meeting of the council shall be called by special summonses; where, after it shall have been circulated as speedily as possible, it shall be read over deliberately, and if nine members be present, a ballot shall be taken, concerning the ~~expediency~~ of printing it. If the ~~opinion~~ ~~of the~~ majority be in its favour, it ~~may~~ be confirmed at the next meeting of the society.

*Propriety shall*

20. The member who delivers the discourse, shall not be present at this meeting of the council.

*Six months*

21. Each member of the society, who is not in arrear, ~~shall~~ shall receive gratis from the librarian, one copy of such memoirs, as may be published from time to time, during his ~~remaining~~ in the society.

*continuance*

22. ~~Any member who shall neglect to~~ send

send for a volume, until two months after its publication shall be elapsed, shall forfeit his right to it, unless the council, upon being made acquainted with the reason of such delay, shall order the same to be delivered.

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## CHAPTER XVI.

### *Of Benefactions to the Society.*

1. Every person who shall present any valuable gift to the society, shall receive their thanks, and have his name registered in the catalogue of benefactors, with an account of his donation.

2. Every benefactor, who shall present a sum of money or gift to the value of five guineas, upon acceptance thereof by the society, shall have the privilege of being present at all their ordinary meetings.

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## CHAPTER XVII.

*Of the Expulsion of Members.*

1. Besides the causes of expulsion already mentioned, if any member publickly defame the society, attempt to defeat the end of its institution, conduct himself in such a manner, as to become a dishonour to it, or maliciously do any thing to its detriment, he shall be ~~liable to expulsion.~~

2. If any member advisedly persist in the breach of any law of the society, he shall be ~~liable to expulsion.~~ *expelled.*

3. If any member, having broken a law of the society, refuse to make such satisfaction as they may prescribe, he shall be ~~liable to expulsion.~~ *expelled.*

4. If to avoid making satisfaction for any offence, any member attempt to withdraw himself from the society, he shall be expelled.

5. Whenever from any of these causes, or from contumacious behaviour in the society, it shall appear to the council, that a member has deserved expulsion; special summonses shall be directed by them to

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be issued for the next meeting of the society, specifying the cause of complaint, and if twice as many fellows ballot against as for the offending party, he shall be expelled the society.

6. The president shall then pronounce him expelled in these words:

“ By the power delegated to me, I declare A. B. to be no longer a member of the Medical Society of London.”

7. And shall at the same meeting make an entry thereof opposite to his name in the register.

## CHAPTER XVIII.

### *Of VISITORS.*

1. Each member shall have the privilege of introducing two visitors, at ~~every~~ ordinary meeting of the society.

2. Their names shall be entered in the visitors list, and they shall be introduced into the society before the minutes of the former meeting are read.

3. After the reading of the minutes, no visitor shall be introduced, but by a particular order from the president.

4. No

*any*

4. No person, <sup>except</sup> ~~who is not~~ a member of the society, shall be admitted to hear the annual discourse, ~~except by~~ a written permission from the president *for that purpose*

5. The members shall have from the president as many tickets for the admission of visitors to hear the annual discourse as the room can conveniently contain.

## CHAPTER XIX.

## GENERAL LAWS.

- members* 1. No ~~fellow~~ shall vote by proxy.
2. All questions, except those already specified, shall be determined by the majority of the fellows present.
3. No question shall be put on any motion, unless the motion be seconded.
4. No resolution, ~~except those already mentioned as final~~, shall be valid, until it shall have been approved of at two meetings.
5. When the determination of the society is required on a question, it shall be in the power of any fellow to demand, that it shall be taken by ballot.

6. No

6. No resolutions which may be made at any meeting of the society, shall be valid, unless six fellows be present.

} *Dele*

7. All fines shall be paid to the treasurer, and applied to the general use of the society.

8. Any person who intends to speak in the society, shall rise up and address himself to the president.

9. When two or more offer to speak at the same time, the president shall determine, which of them shall ~~speake first~~

*delivered his part first*

10. On a motion being made and seconded, any fellow may demand the sense of the society being previously taken, whether such question shall be put.

11. All matters of complaint shall first be laid before the council, who shall bring such only, <sup>before the society</sup> as they cannot adjust, ~~before the society.~~ *by themselves*

} *See old 11. 9. 110.*

12. The society shall not be adjourned, until a motion be made and the question put for that purpose.

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13. No member shall speak more than twice upon any subject under consideration, until all the members present

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*who choose to speak*

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## CHAPTER XX.

### B Y E L A W S.

1. Should any officer or member of the council be so forgetful of his duty, as to abuse the extensive powers entrusted with him, to the detriment of the society and its members, the council on complaint made to them in writing, and signed by three members, shall order summonses to be issued, specifying the complaint, and requesting the attendance of all the members at the next meeting, which shall have a power of finally determining the nature of the offence, and the steps necessary to be taken in consequence of it.

2. No person shall take the chair when any complaint respecting himself is to be agitated.

3. The president shall have a discretionary power of calling any member to order; and if such call be disregarded,  
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he shall be authorized to enjoin the disobedient member to absent himself from the society, until his demerit shall be determined at the subsequent meeting.

4. As contradictions to a president must appear indecent, it is expected that he will interfere in any matter before the society, no otherwise than to execute his office, that the dignity and impartiality of the character may not be lessened by the passions or interests of the individual. And even where the presiding member shall, for very urgent reasons, think it incumbent on him to lay aside this necessary decorum, he shall delay giving his opinion upon any subject under debate, until such members as are inclined to speak, shall have delivered their sentiments, that no person may be precluded from giving his opinion with freedom.

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