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CONSTITUTION OF THE SOCIETY.

1. The Society shall consist of members, associates, honorary members, and honorary associates.

2. Members shall be elected by ballot at an ordinary meeting of the Society. No candidate shall be elected unless three-fourths of those balloting vote in his favour.

3. Any person may be elected by resolution of the Council as an associate. Associates shall have liberty to attend the general meetings of the Society, and take part in the discussions thereat, and may, with the permission of the Council, read papers at such meetings, but shall not be entitled to any other of the rights or privileges of membership.

4. The Council is empowered to recommend persons for election as honorary members, or as honorary associates, or as corresponding members. Persons thus recommended may be elected by a resolution of the Society.

5. Societies may also be admitted, in like manner, on the recommendation of the Council, into association with the Society, and shall have the privilege of nominating two members to attend all ordinary meetings.

6. The name of every candidate for admission must be laid before the Council at least a week before the meeting at which the election is to take place.

7. The Yearly Subscription shall be,—for members, one pound, in which sum the subscription for the *Journal* of the Society shall be included ; and for associates, ten shillings. Members may compound for life for their annual subscriptions by a payment of £10.

8. The subscription becomes due on the 1st of November in each year, and is payable in advance. No member or associate shall be entitled to any of the privileges of the Society while his subscription is unpaid.

GOVERNMENT OF THE SOCIETY.

9. The Officers of the Society shall consist of a President, Vice-Presidents, an Honorary Treasurer, and three Honorary Secretaries, who, together with twelve other members, shall constitute the Council.

10. The Officers and Council shall be elected annually by ballot at the last meeting of the Society in each session. Notice of such election shall be given to each member of the Society not less than three days before such meeting, and none but members shall vote at such election. Any member wishing to propose a candidate for any office shall forward the name of such candidate to the Secretaries a fortnight before the day of election.

11. In case of the death or resignation of an Officer or other member of the Council, the Council may appoint a member to supply his place until the next annual election.

12. The President, when present, shall preside at all meetings, and in his absence the Vice-Presidents according to seniority. In case no Vice-President is present, the senior member of the Council present shall preside.

13. The government of the Society and the management of its funds are vested in the Council, and the Treasurer shall make payments only upon an order of the Council, recorded on its minutes.

14. The Council shall meet whenever summoned by one of the officers of the Society. Three members shall form a quorum, and the Chairman shall have a casting vote.

BUSINESS OF THE SOCIETY.

15. The business of the Society shall consist of the reading, at the meetings of the Society, of written communications upon subjects connected with Statistics, Jurisprudence, Political Economy, and Social Science, and of the discussion of the same. No communication shall be read before the Society involving topics likely to produce discussions connected with religious differences or party politics.

16. The Council shall print and publish such of the papers read before the Society, and in such form as they may approve.

17. No communication shall be read to the Society unless the Secretaries, or two of them, shall certify to the Council that they consider the paper accordant with the rules and objects of the Society.

18. The reading of each paper, unless by express permission of the Council previously obtained, shall be limited to half an hour. After the paper has been read, members and associates may (subject to the control of the Chairman) make observations on the subjects dealt with therein. Visitors also may, with the permission of the Chairman, join in the discussions.

19. The Council may elect special Committees of the Society for promoting the investigation of any particular subject. The result of such investigation may be laid before the Society in such form as the Council may direct.

MEETINGS OF THE SOCIETY.

20. The session shall commence in the month of November (when the President or a Vice-President shall, if convenient, read an opening address), and close in the month of June, and if possible eight meetings at least shall be held in each session. The issue of tickets for the admission of visitors to the meetings shall be regulated by the Council.

21. The Secretaries, subject to the approval of the Council, shall regulate the periods at which the meetings in each Session shall be held.

22. The Secretaries by the direction of the Council, or of a requisition in writing signed by twenty members, shall summon an extraordinary meeting, of which at least a fortnight's notice shall be given to all the members. Such notice shall contain a statement of the nature of the business to be brought before such meeting.

23. No motion shall be brought forward at any ordinary or extraordinary meeting of the Society, unless notice of the intention to propose such motion shall have been given to the Secretaries at

least one fortnight before such meeting, and by the Secretaries to the members, not less than three days before such meeting.

24. The financial year shall end on the 31st of October in each year, and a statement of accounts shall be annually laid by the Treasurer before the Council at its meeting in November.

25. The Treasurer's accounts shall be audited by a member, elected for the purpose at the June meeting of the Society in each year.

26. An annual report, with the audited statement of accounts, shall be presented by the Council to the Society at its meeting in December.

The foregoing shall be the Laws of the Society, subject to alteration from time to time by resolution passed at two consecutive meetings of the Society. No resolution for a change in the Laws shall be considered at any meeting of the Society, save after notice given as provided by section 23.

35 Molesworth-street,
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