

STATUTES OF THE SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES OF
NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE, AGREED TO AT
THE ANNIVERSARY MEETING ON THE 4TH
FEBRUARY, 1878, AND ALTERED AT THE
ANNIVERSARY MEETING ON THE 29TH JANU-
ARY, 1890.

I.—This Society, under the style and title of “THE SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES OF NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE,” shall consist of ordinary and honorary members. The persons named in the first schedule hereunto subjoined are and shall be the present ordinary members, and the persons named in the second schedule hereunto subjoined are and shall be the present honorary members. Candidates for election as ordinary members shall be proposed in writing by three ordinary members at a general meeting, and be elected or rejected by the majority of votes of ordinary members at that meeting, unless a ballot shall be demanded by any member, which in that case shall take place at the next meeting, and at such ballot three-fourths of the votes shall be necessary in order to the candidates election. The election of honorary members shall be conducted in like manner.

Constitution
of the Society
and Election
of Members.

II.—The ordinary members named in the said first schedule, and the ordinary members who shall be elected in manner above mentioned, shall be bound to conform to the statutes for the time being and all future statutes, rules, and ordinances, and to pay in advance an annual subscription of one guinea; and all members hereafter elected shall pay the said sum and, in addition, an entrance fee of one guinea. The subscription shall be due on election and afterwards annually on the first day of January in every year, but if any member shall pay to the Society the sum of twelve guineas over and above his current year's subscription he shall be discharged from all future payments. Such compositions and the entrance fees shall be invested in the names of two trustees to be appointed for the purpose. A member elected at or after the meeting in October shall be exempt

Obligations
of Members.

from a further payment for the then next year, but shall not be entitled to the publications for the current year. So long as members conform to these statutes, and so long as they pay their annual subscriptions (not having compounded for them) but no longer, they shall be and continue ordinary members of the Society.

Officers of
the Society.

III.—The officers of the Society shall consist of a patron, a president, vice-presidents (not to exceed twelve in number), two secretaries, twelve other members, who, with the president, vice-presidents, and secretaries, shall constitute the Council, one treasurer, an editor, a librarian, two curators, and two auditors. These several officers shall be elected annually, except the Patron, who shall be elected for life. The elections shall be out of the class of ordinary members by lists to be delivered by the members in person at the Annual Meeting. Those of the 'twelve other members' of the Council who have not attended three-fourths of the Council meetings during the preceding year, shall not be eligible for re-election. The Council shall have the charge of the property and the direction of matters not provided for by the general meetings of the Society. Five of the Council must be present in order to constitute a meeting of the Council, and the Council may regulate their times of meeting and the order of their proceedings as they may see fit.

Meetings of
the Society.

IV.—A General Meeting of the members of the Society shall be held on the last Wednesday of every month, in the Castle of Newcastle-upon-Tyne. The meeting in January shall be the Annual Meeting, and shall be held at one o'clock in the afternoon, and the meeting in each other month shall be held at seven o'clock in the evening. But the Society or the Council may from time to time appoint any other place or day or hour for any of the meetings of the Society. The presence of seven ordinary members shall be necessary in order to constitute the Annual Meeting, and the presence of five ordinary members shall be necessary in order to constitute any other meeting. A Special General Meeting may be convened by the Council if, and when, they may deem it expedient.

V.—The ordinary members only shall be interested in the property of the Society. The interest of each member therein shall continue so long only as he shall remain a member, and the property shall never be sold or otherwise disposed of (except in the case of duplicates hereinafter mentioned) so long as there remain seven members ; but should the number of members be reduced below seven and so remain for twelve calendar months then next following, the Society shall be *ipso facto* dissolved, and after satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities the property of the Society shall be delivered unto and become the property of the Literary and Philosophical Society of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, if that Society be then in existence and willing to receive the same ; and should that Society not be in existence and willing to receive the same, then the same shall be delivered to and become the property of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses, of Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

Property of
the Society.

VI.—All papers shall be read in the order in which they are received by the Society. A paper may be read by the author, or by any other member of the Society whom he may desire to read it, or by either of the Secretaries ; but any paper which is to be read by the Secretaries shall be sent to them a week previous to its being laid before the Society.

Reading of
papers.

VII.—That the Society, at any ordinary meeting, shall have power to amove any member. The voting to be by ballot and to be determined by at least four-fifths of the members present and voting, provided, nevertheless, that no such amoval shall take place unless notice thereof shall have been given at the next preceding ordinary meeting.

Amoval of
Members.

VIII.—All donations to the Society shall be presented through the Council, and a book shall be kept in which shall be regularly recorded their nature, the place and time of their discovery, and the donors' names. All duplicates of coins, books, and other objects, shall be at the disposal of the Council for the benefit of the Society.

Donations to
the Society.

Duplicates.

IX.—Every ordinary member, not being in arrears of his annual subscription, shall be entitled to such publications of the

Members en-
titled to pub-
lications.

Society as may be printed for the year of his first subscription and thereafter if in print; and he may purchase any of the previous publications of which copies remain, at such prices as shall be from time to time fixed by the Council.

The use of the library.

X.—Each member shall be entitled to the use of the Society's library, subject to the condition (which applies to all privileges of membership) that his subscription for the current year be paid. Not more than two volumes at a time shall be taken out by any member. Books may be retained for a month, and if this time be exceeded, a fine of one shilling per week shall be payable for each volume retained beyond the time. All books must, for the purpose of examination, be returned to the library on the Wednesday preceding the Annual Meeting under a fine of 2s. 6d.; and they shall remain in the library until after that meeting. Manuscripts, and illustrated works of special value, shall not circulate without the leave of the Council. The Council may mitigate or remit fines in particular cases.

Repeal or alteration of Statutes.

XI.—These Statutes, and any Statutes which hereafter may be made or passed, may be repealed or altered, and new, or altered Statutes, may be made and passed, at any Annual Meeting, provided notice of such repeal or alteration, and of the proposed new or altered Statutes, be given in writing at the next preceding monthly meeting.



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CORRECTIONS.

At page 40, fourth line from bottom, *for* 'printer-hand'
read 'by her own hand.'

On page 198 the second woodcut is *upside down*.