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The President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurers and Secretaries are *ex-officio* members of the Committee.

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Rules.

THIS Society shall be denominated "THE SOMERSETSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY;" and its objects shall be, the cultivation of, and collecting information on, Archæology and Natural History, in their various branches, but more particularly in connection with the County of Somerset.

2. The Society shall consist of a Patron, elected for life; a President, elected for three years; Vice Presidents; General and District or Local Secretaries; and a Treasurer; elected at each Anniversary Meeting; with a Committee of twelve, six of whom shall go out annually by rotation, but may be re-elected.—No person shall be elected on the Committee until he shall have been six months a Member of the Society.

3. Anniversary General Meetings shall be held for the purpose of electing the Officers, of receiving the Report of the Committee for the past year, and of transacting all other necessary business, at such time and place as the Committee shall appoint; of which Meetings three weeks notice shall be given to the Members.

4. There shall also be a General Meeting, fixed by the Committee, for the purpose of receiving Reports, reading Papers, and transacting business.—All Members shall have the privilege of introducing one friend to the Anniversary and General Meetings.

5. The Committee is empowered to call special Meetings of the Society, upon receiving a requisition signed by ten Members.—Three weeks notice of such Special Meeting and its object shall be given to each Member.

6. The affairs of the Society shall be directed by the Committee, (of which the officers of the Society shall be ex-officio Members) which shall hold Monthly Meetings for receiving Reports from the Secretaries and Sub-committees, and for transacting other necessary business; five of the Committee shall be a quorum.—Members may attend the Monthly Committee Meetings, after the official business has been transacted.

7. The Chairman at Meetings of the Society, shall have a casting vote in addition to his vote as a Member.

8. One (at least) of the Secretaries shall attend each Meeting, and shall keep a record of its proceedings.—All manuscripts and Communications, and the other property of the Society shall be under the charge of the Secretaries.

9. Candidates for admission as Members shall be proposed by two Members at any of the General or Committee Meetings, and the election shall be determined by ballot at the next General Meeting; three-fourths of the Members present balloting, shall elect.—The rules of the Society shall be subscribed by every person becoming a Member.

10. Ladies shall be eligible as Members of the Society without ballot, being proposed by two members, and approved by the majority of the Meeting.

11. Each Member shall pay ten shillings on admission to the Society, and ten shillings as an Annual Subscription, which shall become due on the first of January in each year; and shall be paid in advance.

12. Donors of Ten Guineas or upwards shall be Members for life.

13. At General Meetings of the Society the Committee may recommend persons to be ballotted for as Honorary or Corresponding Members.

14. When any office shall become vacant, or any new appointment shall be requisite, the Committee shall have power to fill up the same; such appointments shall remain in force only till the next General Meeting, when they shall be either confirmed or annulled.

15. The Treasurer shall receive all Subscriptions and Donations made to the Society, and shall pay all accounts passed by the Committee; he shall keep a book of receipts and payments, which he shall produce whenever the Committee shall require it; the Accounts shall be audited previously to the Anniversary Meeting, by two Members of the Committee chosen for that purpose, and an abstract of them shall be read at that Meeting.

16. No change shall be made in the Laws of the Society except at a General or Special Meeting, at which twelve Members at least shall be present.—Of the proposed change a month's notice shall be given to the Secretaries, who shall communicate the same to each Member three weeks before the Meeting.

17. Papers read at Meetings of the Society, and considered by the Committee of sufficient interest for publication, shall be forwarded (with the Author's consent) to such Periodical as shall be determined by the Committee to be the best for the purpose, with a request that a number of such papers may be printed separately, for distribution to the Members of the Society, either gratuitously or for such payment as may be agreed on.

18. No religious or political discussions shall be permitted at Meetings of the Society.

19. That any person contributing Books or Specimens to the Museum shall be at liberty to resume possession of them in the event of the property of the Society ever being sold or transferred to any other county. Also persons shall have liberty to deposit Books or Specimens for a specific time only.

N. B. One of the objects of the Society shall be to collect, by donation or purchase, a Library and Museum, more particularly illustrating the History, Natural, Civil, and Ecclesiastical, of the County of Somerset.

* * * *It is requested that Contributions to the Museum or Library, be sent to the Curator, at the Society's rooms, Taunton.*