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Grinlinton, F. H. ...	do.	Ronald, W. B. ...	do.
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Skinner, T. E. B.,		Vanderstraaten,...	do.
C.C.S. ...	Colombo	Vandort, M. G., M.D.	do.
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Swan, E. ...	do.	Zoyza, L. de Mudlr.	Colombo
Symonds, G. H.	do.		

COMMITTEE MEETING.

January 29, 1873.

Present.

Major Fyers, R.E., President,
L. De Zoysa, Mudaliyar,

H. J. Macvicar, Esq.
and J. Capper, Esq.

The Minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the Secretary stated that the following papers were ready for reading at the next General Meeting:—

Greek accounts of early Indian Literature.

The games and toys of the Singhalese.

Translations from Dutch Records.

Notes on the identity between Asoka and Pyadasi.

An inscription at Dondra.

The following names were proposed for ballot at the General Meeting:—

H. S. Deane, by Messrs. E. H. Symonds, and
H. J. Macvicar.

H. K. Green, by Messrs. H. J. Macvicar, and
J. Capper.

C. H. De Soyza, by Messrs. L. De Zoysa, and
J. Capper.

R. D. Ormsby, by Messrs. R. Dawson, and
J. J. Grinlinton.

Resolved that the next General Meeting be held on Monday, June 3rd, at an hour to be hereafter ascertained. The Treasurer then read a list of the birds presented to the Society since the last meeting.

COMMITTEE MEETING.

March 21, 1873.

Present.

Major Fyers, R.E., President.
J. J. Grinlinton, Esq.J. De Zoysa Mudaliyar,
H. J. Macvicar, Esq.

and J. Capper, Esq.

The Secretary laid on the table a Weather Chart received from the Marine Board of the United States of America.

A letter was read from Lieut. Legge, R.A., Corresponding Secretary, regarding the delay in printing the Society's Journal.

The Secretary explained the cause, as arising from the practice of members altering and even re-printing papers after reading before the Society.

Resolved that a resolution disallowing this practice be submitted to the next General Meeting.

Submitted a list of birds contributed to this Society's Museum since last meeting.

Resolved that in future the Society's Journal be published quarterly, when practicable.

The Secretary stated that the following gentlemen had been named as candidates for membership :—

Messrs. R. B. Hobbs, J. Gibson, J. Horsfall, J. Adams, Banderanaike Mudaliyar, J. Dehigame, and Rev. T. F. Falkner.

READING COMMITTEE.

March 21, 1873.

Present.

Major Fyers, R.E.,
L. De Zoysa Mudaliyar,H. J. Macvicar, Esq.
and J. Capper, Esq.

Resolved that the papers read at the two last General Meetings be printed and published in the Society's Journal with as little delay as possible.

COMMITTEE MEETING.

Thursday, May 25, 1873.

Present.

Rev. J. Scott, in the Chair,
 Geo. Armitage, Esq.
 E. C. Britton, Esq.

H. J. Macvicar, Esq.
 L. De Zoysa Mudaliyar, and
 J. Capper, Esq.

Read a letter from Mr. Legge, proposing that the Society exchange journals with the Royal Society of Tasmania.

Resolved that the proposal be adopted.

Resolved that the Society communicate with the Governor's Private Secretary in order to ascertain on what day it will be convenient for His Excellency to preside at the next General Meeting, and that the date be in the meantime left open.

Laid on the table two Nos. of "Stray Feathers," from Calcutta, and Proceedings of the Asiatic Society, Bengal, for January and February, 1873.

COMMITTEE MEETING.*September 19, 1873.*

Present.

Major Fyers, in the Chair,
 R. Dawson, Esq.,

H. J. Macvicar, Esq.
 L. De Zoysa, Mudaliyar, and
 J. Capper, Esq.

Read and confirmed previous Minutes.

The Secretary stated that the following names were intended to be proposed for ballot at the next General Meeting :—

The Rev. C. B. Fernando, F. W. Byrde, Esq., J. W. Vanderstraaten, Esq., W. B. Rodrigue, Esq., A. Sinclair, Esq., P. Daendliker, Esq., Boyd Moss, Esq., and A. Y. Adams, Esq.

The provisions of the Museum Ordinance were read and considered by the Meeting, in reference to the clause affecting the Society, which was considered advantageous.

The following papers were declared ready for the next meeting.

Translations of a portion of Valentyn's Ceylon, by L. Ludovici, Esq.

On the Brand Marks in Ceylon cattle by J. de Alwis, Esq.

Translations from the Pansiya Panisjataka by L. de Zoysa, Esq.

The Secretary was requested to ascertain what day in the ensuing week would be convenient for His Excellency the Governor to preside at a General Meeting and to issue notice accordingly.

At the suggestion of the Honorary Secretary, the name of the Rev. T. Felton Falkner was added to the list of the Committee of Management.

COMMITTEE MEETING.

Saturday, December 13, 1873.

Present.

Col. Fyers, President,

Geo. Armitage, Esq.

Rev. T. Felton Falkner,

H. J. Macvicar, Esq.

L. de Zoysa Mudaliyar, and

J. Capper, Esq.

Read and confirmed Minutes of previous Meeting.

The Secretary read a letter from the Colonial Secretary regarding repairs of roof of Society's rooms, and in reference to assessment tax, also a second letter consenting to print the Society's Journal at the Government Press.

The names of the following gentlemen were submitted to be ballotted for at next General Meeting:—

L. Liesching, Esq.; A. O. Joseph, Esq.; W. Ronald, Esq.

The following papers were announced as ready for the next Meeting:—

Notes on the occurrence of a rare Eagle new to Ceylon, and of other interesting or rare birds found in Ceylon, by S. Bligh.

Translations from the Dutch Records by R. VanCuylenberg.

Extracts from Valentyn's History of Ceylon by L. Ludovici.

The Secretary laid on the table six copies of Mr. Legge's paper on birds found in the Hambantota district from the Colonial Secretary.

Resolved that the next General Meeting be held on some day next week, and that the Secretary ascertain what day will be convenient for the Governor to preside, and issue notices accordingly.

COMMITTEE MEETING.

March 23, 1874.

Present.

L. de Zoysa, Mudaliyar, | H. J. Macvicar, Esq.
and Rev. T. F. Falkner.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

It was decided that the Anniversary Meeting should be held as shortly after the President's return to Colombo as possible.

The following publications were laid on the table :—

Journal of the Asiatic Society of Bengal, Proceedings.

Stray Feathers.

Bulletins of Signal Service, 1872.

Archæological Survey of India, Vol. III.

COMMITTEE MEETING.*Monday, June 8, 1874.*

Present.

Lt.-Col. Fyers, R.E., President, | H. J. Macvicar, Esq., Treasurer,
Rev. T. F. Falkner, Secretary.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

It was resolved that the Anniversary Meeting hitherto unavoidably postponed should be held on Tuesday, June 30.

The following Office-bearers and Committee were suggested for the current year :—

President—R. Dawson, Esq.

Vice-Presidents—C. P. Layard, Esq.

R. V. Dunlop, Esq.

G. Wall, Esq.

Treasurer—Geo. Armitage, Esq.

Secretary—Rev. T. Felton Falkner.

Corresponding Secretary—Lieut. Legge, R.A.

Librarian—H. J. Macvicar, Esq.

Committee.

J. de Alwis, Esq., E. C. Britton, Esq., W. Ferguson, Esq.,
J. Ferguson, Esq., S. Green, Esq., Keppel Jones, Esq., F. M.
Mackwood, Esq., Rev. J. Scott, and L. de Zoysa, Mudaliyar.

The following publications were laid on the table :—

The Society's Journal for 1873-74.

The Ibis, January, 1874.

Asiatic Society Bengal, Journal, February 1874.

Indian Birds—Allan Hume.

GENERAL MEETING.

Monday, February 3, 1873.

Present:

His Excellency the Governor, presiding.

Lieut.-Col. Fyers,	R. VanCuylenburg, Esq.,
T. Berwick, Esq.,	K. Jones, Esq.,
L. de Zoysa, Esq.,	Jas. Alwis, Esq.,
R. Dawson, Esq.,	A. M. Ferguson, Esq.,
L. Ludovici, Esq.,	J. Ferguson, Esq.,
J. Capper, Esq.,	Rev. J. Scott, &c.

Mr. Capper (Honorary Secretary) laid on the table lists of contributions to the Museum, and books purchased for the Library. He also submitted a number of ancient copper coins, being a portion of about 2,500 found in a chattie, by Mr. Elphinstone of Logie, whilst preparing land for planting on the Palampitia Estate in Ambegamuwa; they were discovered within what had once been a stone fort, about 150 feet in circumference, and inside which were trees 18 inches in diameter, which must have sprung up since the fort was deserted. It was situated closely adjacent to the old Sinhalese path from Ruanwelle to Ambagamuwa, and according to native tradition, the locality was once the residence of a Kandyan king, said to have been driven from the spot by Portuguese or Dutch troops.

Resolved that the thanks of the Society be given to the donors of the several contributions.

The following gentlemen having been proposed and seconded for election as members, their names were submitted to the ballot, and the result being favourable they were declared duly elected.

Messrs. C. H. de Soysa, H. S. Deane, A. K. Green, R. D. Ormsby, and E. Swan.

The following papers were then read:—

On the Toys and Games of the Siphalese, by Mr. Ludovici.

Greek Accounts of Ancient Literature in India, by Mr. J. de Alwis.

Translation from Dutch Records, by Mr. R. VanCuylenburg.

Translation of a Dambool Inscription, with notes, by Mr. T. Rhys David.

On the Identity of Asoka and Pyadasie, by L. de Zoysa, Mudaliyar.

The Governor having expressed the gratification with which he had listened to the papers just read the business terminated.

GENERAL MEETING.

Tuesday, June 3, 1873.

Present:

His Excellency the Governor, presiding.

Lieut.-Col. Fyers,	F. M. Mackwood, Esq.,
R. Dawson, Esq.,	Rev. J. Scott,
H. J. Macvicar, Esq.,	J. Thwaites, Esq., M.D.,
Geo. Armitage, Esq.,	L. Ludovici, Esq.,
L. de Zoysa, Esq.,	A. M. Ferguson, Esq.,
J. de Alwis, Esq.,	W. Ferguson, Esq.,
R. V. Dunlop, Esq.,	R. VanCuylenburg, Esq.,

A. Whyte, Esq.

The Secretary laid on the table the Journal and Proceedings of the Society for 1871-72 just printed, copies of which will be issued to all members who have paid up their subscriptions for that period.

The Secretary laid on the table lists of objects added to the Museum since the last meeting, comprising four birds presented by Mr. W. V. Legge, 16 by Mr. H. J. Macvicar, and 45 shot and prepared by the Taxidermist, a fish presented by Mr. Geo. Nicholls, a number of coins, fish, &c., by Chas. P. Karunaratne of Negombo, a chisel found below the surface of forest at Rúgam, and a specimen of lignite from Deltota, also copy of an inscription from the Muhandiram of Galagedara.

The following gentlemen were then ballotted for and elected members of the Society:—

The Rev. T. Felton Falkner, F.S.A.

Proposed by Lieut.-Col. Fyers.
Seconded by the Secretary.

C. E. Strachan, Esq.

Proposed by Geo. Armitage, Esq.
Seconded by E. C. Britton, Esq.

T. Berwick, Esq.

Proposed by C. P. Layard, Esq.
Seconded by Geo. Armitage, Esq.

R. B. Hobbs, Esq.

Proposed by the Secretary.
Seconded by H. J. Macvicar, Esq.

J. Gibson, Esq.

Proposed by Lieut.-Col. Fyers.
Seconded by H. J. Macvicar, Esq.

J. Horsfall, Esq.

Proposed by Lieut.-Col. Fyers.
Seconded by E. C. Britton, Esq.

R. O. S. Morgan, Esq.

Proposed by R. VanCuylenburg, Esq.,
Seconded by the Secretary.

Bandaranaike Mudaliyar.

Proposed by H. J. Macvicar, Esq.
Seconded by the Secretary.

The following papers were then read:—

The Stature of Gotama Buddha, by Mr. J. de Alwis.

On the Island distribution of the Birds in the Society's Museum, by Mr. W. V. Legge.

Description of a supposed new genus of Ceylon Batrachians, by Mr. W. Ferguson.

Text and translation of a rock inscription at Pepiliyána, near Kotta, by L. de Zoysa, Mudaliyar.

The following resolution was then

Proposed by Lieut.-Col. Fyers,
Seconded by R. Dawson, Esq.

That great delay and inconvenience having been caused by the members re-writing portions of their papers after they have been read at a General Meeting, the Secretary be requested to retain possession of all papers that have been read before the Society, until sent to the Committee on papers.—Carried.

The Secretary proposed the following resolution :—

That the rule of the Parent Society in regard to defaulting members be adopted, and that after a defaulter shall have been noticed three times without avail his name be removed from the books of the Society.

The resolution was seconded and adopted.

The Governor remarked that as it was his intention to introduce a vote at the next meeting of the Council, for the erection of a Public Museum, and as members of this Society would be accorded certain privileges beyond those granted to the public, perhaps that consideration might induce gentlemen to be more punctual with their subscriptions in order to retain their membership.

Lieut.-Col. Fyers then proposed a vote of thanks to His Excellency the Governor for his kindness in presiding, to which the Governor replied.

GENERAL MEETING.

Thursday, September 25, 1873.

Present:

His Excellency the Governor, presiding.

Lieut.-Col. Fyers,	Dr. VanDort,
J. de Alwis, Esq.,	J. Ferguson, Esq.,
L. de Zoysa, Esq.,	J. J. Grinlinton, Esq.,
H. J. Macvicar, Esq.,	W. C. Brodie, Esq.,
J. Capper, Esq.,	R. VanCuylenburg, Esq.,

Rev. J. Scott.

The Minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, the Secretary laid on the table a list of the additions to the Museum, since the date of the last Meeting, viz., forty-six specimens of birds by H. J. Macvicar, Esq., one by F. H. Grinlinton, Esq., and twelve collected by the Society's Taxidermist.

The Librarian laid on the table a list of the books, &c., added to the Library since the last meeting, viz.:—

Dalton's Descriptive Ethnology of Bengal, by the Government of Bengal.

Four Journals of the Asiatic Society of Bengal, and Proceedings of the Asiatic Society of Bengal.

Notes on Sanscrit MSS., by Babu Rajendra Lal Mitra, from the author.

Stray Feathers, Indian Antiquary for August, and the Ibis for July.

The following gentlemen were then ballotted for, and duly elected members:—

The Rev. C. J. B. Fernando,

Proposed by L. Ludovici, Esq.

Seconded by Dr. Vandort.

F. W. Byrde, Esq.

Proposed by J. Capper, Esq.

Seconded by H. J. Macvicar, Esq.

J. W. Vanderstraaten, Esq.

Proposed by L. Ludovici, Esq.

Seconded by Dr. Vandort.

W. B. Rodrigue, Esq.

Proposed by L. Ludovici, Esq.

Seconded by Dr. Vandort.

A. Sinclair, Esq.

Proposed by J. Ferguson, Esq.

Seconded by J. Capper, Esq.

P. Daendliker, Esq.

Proposed by J. Ferguson, Esq.

Seconded by J. Capper, Esq.

Boyd Moss, Esq.

Proposed by J. Capper, Esq.

Seconded by Lieut.-Col. Fyers.

A. Y. Adams, Esq.

Proposed by Lieut.-Col. Fyers.

Seconded by J. Capper, Esq.

The Secretary intimated that he intended at the next General Meeting to resign his duties in connection with the Society.

The following papers were then read :—

Translations from the Pansiya-panasjåtaka, by L. de Zoysa, Mudaliyar.

On the Brand Marks on the Ceylon Cattle, by Mr. Jas. de Alwis.

GENERAL MEETING.

Thursday, December 18, 1873.

Present.

His Excellency the Governor, presiding.

Lieut.-Col. Fyers,	J. de Alwis, Esq.,
Rev. T. Felton Falkner,	L. de Zoysa, Esq.,
R. Dawson, Esq.,	R. O. S. Morgan, Esq.,
H. J. Macvicar, Esq.,	W. Henry Herbert, Esq.,
W. Ferguson, Esq.,	R. VanCuylenberg, Esq.,

J. Capper, Esq.

Read and confirmed Minutes of the last General Meeting.

The Secretary laid on the table a list of the books and periodicals added to the Library, also a list of additions to the Museum.

The following gentlemen were then proposed and seconded for by ballot:—

L. Liesching, Esq.

Proposed by J Capper, Esq.

Seconded by Lieut.-Col. Fyers.

A. O. Joseph, Esq.

Proposed by R. VanCuylenburg, Esq.

Seconded by L. de Zoysa, Esq.

W. Rositer, Esq.

Proposed by H. J. Macvicar, Esq.

Seconded by J. Capper, Esq.

A ballot having been taken they were found to be duly elected,



The Secretary laid a copy of the First Part of the Society's Journal for 1873 on the table.

The following papers were then read :—

Notes on the occurrence of a rare Eagle new to Ceylon, and other interesting or rare birds, by Mr. R. S. Bligh.

Translations from the Dutch Records, by Mr. R. VanCuylenburg.

The Secretary having tendered his resignation, preparatory to his departure from the Island, it was proposed by His Excellency the Governor, seconded by Lieut.-Col. Fyers.

“That this Society accepts with much regret the resignation of Mr. Capper, and beg to offer him their sincere thanks for his earnest and efficient services in endeavouring to promote and maintain the interests of the Branch of the Asiatic Society in Ceylon.”—Carried.

It was then proposed by L. de Zoysa, Mudaliyar, and seconded by Mr. J. de Alwis.

“That in recognition of the good services rendered from the commencement of the Society by Mr. Capper, he be elected an Honorary Member of the Society.”—Carried.

The Rev. T. Felton Falkner was appointed Secretary of the Society, in Mr. Capper's place.

PROCEEDINGS. — 1874.

GENERAL MEETING.

July 2, 1874.

Present :

Geo. Armitage, Esq., in the Chair.

E. C. Britton, Esq.,		Dr. Loos,
L. De Zoysa, Mudaliyár,		Dr. Vandort, and
R. VanCuylenberg, Esq.,		The Rev. T. F. Falkner.

The following gentlemen were duly ballotted for and elected:—

Rev. Jas. Bacon, B.D.,	proposed by the Rev. T. F. Falkner,
	seconded by J. Capper, Esq. ;
J. B. Cull, Esq., B.A.,	proposed by the Rev. T. F. Falkner,
	seconded by Geo. Armitage, Esq. ;
H. Drew, Esq.,	proposed by the Rev. T. F. Falkner,
	seconded by E. C. Britton, Esq. ;
S. P. Dawson, Esq.,	proposed by H. J. Macvicar, Esq.,
	seconded by the Rev. T. F. Falkner ;
A. Allardyce, Esq.,	proposed by the Rev. T. F. Falkner,
	seconded by J. Capper, Esq.

It was agreed that the Annual Meeting should be held on Thursday, July 9th, at 3 o'clock, and that members be notified accordingly.

It was proposed by Mr. Britton and seconded by Mr. VanCuylenberg, that the following motions be submitted at the next General Meeting :—

1. "That the subscribers have the option of paying ~~Rs~~ 10-50 in advance, or ~~Rs~~ 1 monthly, as their subscription."
2. "That a Peon be appointed to collect the subscriptions."

L. De Zoysa, Mudaliyár, gave notice that he should tender his resignation of the office of Librarian at the next General Meeting.

ANNUAL MEETING.

July 9, 1874.

Present.

Lieut.-Col. Fyers, R.E., in the Chair.

R. V. Dunlop, Esq.,	Geo. Armitage, Esq.,
S. Green, Esq.,	E. C. Britton, Esq.,
J. D'Alwis, Esq.,	The Rev. J. Bacon,
L. De Zoysa, Mudaliyár,	J. Thwaites, Esq.,
E. F. Prins, Esq.,	T. Berwick, Esq.,
J. W. Vanderstraaten, Esq.,	K. Jones, Esq.,
R. VanCuylenberg, Esq.,	J. Capper, Esq.,
J. Ferguson, Esq.,	N. Sagarajasingham, Esq.,
O. S. Morgan, Esq.,	A. O. Joseph, Esq., and
The Rev. T. F. Falkner.	

The following gentlemen were proposed and seconded, and duly elected members of the Society :—

C. F. Maffett, Esq., proposed by the Rev. T. F. Falkner,
seconded by the Rev. J. Bacon.

W. P. Ranasingha, Esq., proposed by L. De Zoysa, Mudaliyár,
seconded by J. De Alwis, Esq.

The Secretary read the Annual Report, also letters received from Lieut.-Col. Cunningham, Director-General of the Archæological Survey of India, and the Director of the Anthropological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland.

The presentation of a number of coins by F. W. Byrde, Esq., of Dimbula, was announced, and the coins laid on the table. A vote of thanks was ordered to be conveyed to the donor.

The President read his address, and the election of the Officers and Committee, as nominated at the Committee Meeting of June 8th, was sanctioned.

The following gentlemen were appointed to act as a Reading Committee :—

S. Green, Esq., J. De Alwis, Esq., W. Ferguson, Esq., L. De Zoysa, Mudaliyár, and the Rev. T. F. Falkner.

It was proposed by C. Britton, Esq., and seconded by R. VanCuylenberg, Esq., "that it be optional for the Members to pay their subscriptions either by Rs-1 monthly or Rs-10-50 in advance, and that a Peon be employed to collect the subscriptions."

It was proposed by R. V. Dunlop, Esq., and seconded by the Secretary, "that the subscription remain as before, but that a collector be appointed to get in the subscriptions, and paid by a

commission." After a slight discussion, the latter was carried unanimously.

A letter was laid on the table from the French Consul at Galle, on the subject of a Congress at Paris in 1875.

Proposed by J. De Alwis, Esq.,

Seconded by J. Capper, Esq.,

"That the Secretary be authorized to open a correspondence with scientific bodies in Europe and the Colonies, with a view to an exchange of Journals and Proceedings."

Proposed by R. V. Dunlop, Esq.,

Seconded by the Rev. T. F. Falkner,

"That the thanks of the Ceylon Branch of the Asiatic Society be given to Lieut.-Col. Fyers for the valuable assistance rendered to the Society during his tenure of the important office of President."

GENERAL MEETING.

November 2, 1874.

Present.

His Excellency the Governor, in the Chair.

R. Dawson, Esq., President,
Geo. Wall, Esq., Vice-President,
W. Ferguson, Esq.,
W. H. Herbert, Esq.,
Dr. Loos,

L. Liesching, Esq.,
A. Allardyce, Esq.,
R. VanCuylenberg, Esq.,
H. J. Macvicar, Esq.,
Geo. Armitage, Esq.

O. S. Morgan, Esq.

The Rev. T. F. Falkner, Secretary.

The Minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the Secretary read a letter from Mr. Macvicar, announcing a donation of birds from that gentleman, with brief remarks, also an extract from a letter from the Taxidermist with reference to a specimen of "*Loris Gracilis*" presented by him to the Society.

The following gentlemen were then elected members of the Society:—

D. F. Browne, Esq.,	proposed by the Secretary,
	seconded by A. Allardyce, Esq.;
J. N. Keith, Esq., }	proposed by George Armitage, Esq.,
F. C. Loos, Esq., }	seconded by E. C. Britton, Esq.;
E. Heelis, Esq.,	proposed by F. W. Byrde, Esq.,
	seconded by the Secretary.

Papers were then read :

- (1.)—On preparing and mounting insects for the Binocular Microscope, by Staniforth Green, Esq.
- (2.)—On certain Játakas relative to the sculptures recently discovered in Northern India, by L. De Zoysa, Mudaliyár.
- (3.)—On a species of vulture (*Neophron Perenopterus*) new to Ceylon, shot at Nuwara Eliya by Alexander Whyte, Esq.
- (4.)—On a snake found in the Southern Province, supposed to be new to Ceylon, by W. Ferguson, Esq.

Votes of thanks were duly proposed and seconded to the contributors, and to His Excellency for so kindly presiding.

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE SOCIETY.

[*Mem.*—The Asiatic Society of Ceylon was instituted 7th February, 1845; and by the unanimous vote of a Special General Meeting of the Royal Asiatic Society, held on the 7th February, 1846, it was declared a Branch of that Society, under the designation of the Ceylon Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society.]

1. The design of the Society is to institute and promote inquiries into the History, Religion, Literature, Arts, and Social Condition of the present and former inhabitants of this Island, with its Geology and Mineralogy, its Climate and Meteorology, its Botany and Zoology.

2. The Society shall consist of Resident or Ordinary, Honorary, and Corresponding Members; all elected by ballot at some General Meeting of the Society.

3. Members residing in any part of Ceylon are considered resident.

4. Persons who contribute to the objects of the Society in an eminent and distinguished manner, are eligible as Honorary Members.

5. Persons residing at a distance from Colombo may, upon special grounds, and with the recommendation of the Committee, be elected Corresponding Members.

6. Honorary and Corresponding Members shall not be subject to any fee on entrance, or any annual contribution, and are to be admitted to the meetings of the Society, and to the privilege of the Library, but are not to vote at meetings, or be elected to any of its offices, or take any part in its private business.

7. All Military Medical Officers resident, or who may reside in Ceylon, are Honorary Members of the Society without entrance fee or subscription.

8. Every ordinary Member of the Society shall pay, on admission, an entrance fee of half a guinea, and an annual subscription of one guinea. Annual subscriptions shall be considered due on the 1st of January of each year. Members who fail to pay their subscriptions by the end of the year (provided they have been called for), shall be considered to have relinquished their connection with the Society.

9. The privilege of a Life Membership may be ensured by the payment of £10 10s., with entrance fee, on admission; £8 8s., after two years; and £7 7s., after four or more years' subscriptions.

10. The Office-bearers of the Society shall be, a President, two Vice-Presidents, Treasurer and Secretary, with a Librarian.

Curator of the Museum, and Conservator of the Meteorological and other scientific instruments of the Society :—all appointed from time to time by open vote at some General Meeting of the Society; and their functions shall be as follows :—

- (1.) The President, and in his absence one of the Vice-Presidents, shall take the Chair at all meetings of the Society and of the Committee, maintain order, collect the votes, and cause the laws of the Society to be observed and enforced.
 - (2.) The Treasurer shall receive, collect, and pay out all moneys on behalf of the Society, keep an account thereof, with the vouchers, and submit a statement of the pecuniary affairs of the Society to the Anniversary Meeting, and at other times as may be required.
 - (3.) The Secretary shall arrange, give notice of, and attend, all meetings of the Society and of the Committee, and record their proceedings; he shall also edit the Journal, and exercise a general superintendence under the authority of the Committee.
 - (4.) The Librarian, Curator of the Museum, and Conservator of the Scientific Instruments belonging to the Society, will take charge of the books and other articles committed to them respectively, keep a correct list thereof, and generally conform in their management to the Rules of the Society in that behalf, or in the absence of such, to the directions of the Committee, having respect at all times to the safety and proper condition of the articles, and to the interests of the Society in their increase and improvement: the Curator of the Museum, in particular, taking care to superintend the reception of all articles in that Department transmitted to the Society, and have the same speedily submitted to examination, reported on, and suitably arranged.
11. The affairs of the Society shall be managed by a Committee of nine Members, (with power to add to their number) in addition to Office-bearers, elected in like manner; but subject always to the Rules and Regulations passed at General Meetings; three to be a quorum.
12. Members desirous of proposing persons for admission to the Society shall give notice of the same to the Secretary, in writing, at least a fortnight before the assembly of a General Meeting. Admission to Membership of the Society shall be by ballot at any General Meeting. No candidate to be considered as elected, unless he has in his favour two-thirds of the votes taken.
13. A General Meeting of the Society shall be held quarterly namely, on the 7th day of February or first lawful day thereafter

and in the first week of the months of May, August, and November, and at such other times as may be determined by the Committee: due notice of the Meeting, and of any intended motion which does not come through the Committee, except the nomination of new Members, being always first given by the Secretary.

14. All papers and communications to the Society shall be forwarded to the Secretary at least a fortnight before the assembly of the General Meeting at which they are to be submitted; when they shall be read by the Author, or in his absence by the Secretary, or some Member of the Society.

15. All papers and other communications to the Society read or submitted at any General Meeting, shall be open to free discussion; and such papers shall be printed in the transactions of the Society as shall have been approved of by the Committee on Papers.

16. The course of business at General Meetings shall be as follows:—

- (1.) The Minutes of the last Meeting shall be read by the Secretary, and signed by the Chairman.
- (2.) Reports of Committees shall be read, and communications made of all articles received, and donations to the Society.
- (3.) Any specific or particular business submitted by the Committee, or appointed or open for consideration, shall be proceeded with.
- (4.) Candidates or new Members shall then be proposed, ballotted for, and admitted or otherwise, as the case may be.
- (5.) Papers and Communications for the Society shall then be read.

17. Special Committees may be formed for the prosecution of any specific object or matter of research; but these must be named at a General Meeting; and they will act as much as may be in co-operation with the Secretary of the Society, who will also be a constituent member of all such Committees.

18. Every Member of the Society has the privilege of introducing, either personally or by a card, one or two visitors to the General Meetings.

19. One copy of each Journal shall be sent by the Secretary to every member who has paid his subscription for the current year, and to every Honorary Member resident in Ceylon, and every such Member may procure a second copy, on application to the Secretary. Members requiring more than two copies of the Journal can be supplied with them at half the price charged to the public.

20. Evening Meetings shall be held once a month, or at other times as may be arranged, for discussion on papers read, or to be read at General Meetings, (such papers however not neces-

sarily being before the meeting,) the mutual improvements of the members, and the promotion of the objects and advancement of the interests of the Society.

21. Members who have been absent from Ceylon, on their return to the Island, have the privilege of re-joining the Society within twelve months of their arrival, on payment of the subscription for the current year.

22. It shall be competent for any General Meeting to suspend temporarily any of the above Rules.

RULES OF THE LIBRARY.

1. All Books borrowed from the Library shall be duly entered in the Receipt Book, with the date of giving out, and the date of the return, which latter shall be initialled by the Librarian.

2. No book to be written on, or injured in any respect whatsoever, and every book borrowed shall be returned in proper condition, as received.

3. The period for which books borrowed may be kept shall be as follows :—

(1.) Periodicals, and numbers or volumes of a series, while they remain unbound, for 14 days only, and no more.

(2.) Books and Periodicals must be returned at the end of the month in which they were issued, to enable the Librarian to verify his Catalogue. Members not residing in Colombo may retain a book for a period not exceeding three months. But

(3.) All books borrowed, of whatsoever description the same may be, shall be returned to the Library one week at least before the 7th of February in every year,—that pamphlets and serials may be bound up, and the Catalogues corrected; and that a proper report on the state of the Library may be prepared for the Anniversary Meeting.

4. Dictionaries, and works of reference, or of special rarity or value, do not go out; they remain in the Library for use or inspection; and Periodicals lie on the table for one week.

5. All works in the Library, or on the table of the Society, may be seen and consulted by Members, and also by others properly recommended, with the leave of the Librarian, or of his assistants under his direction.

THE MUSEUM.

No article under the charge of the Curator of the Museum, or of the Conservator of Scientific Instruments belonging to the Society, shall be moved or touched but by the Curator and Conservator respectively, or their assistants under their express direction.

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