

## SECTION IV.

*Officers of the Society : Mode of appointing them, and their Duty.*

The officers of this Society shall consist of a President, Vice President, and two Assistants, a Treasurer, Secretary, and Assistant Secretary, who shall be chosen annually, by nomination and ballot, on the 17th day of February, unless the same shall happen to fall on a Sunday, in which case the election of officers shall take place on the day following. The officers to enter on their functions the 1st day of March.

Every candidate for office shall be put in nomination by a member; and no candidate shall be considered elected unless he shall have a clear majority of the votes of the members present.

When the ballot has been taken, the President shall declare the number of votes each has received, upon which the name of the candidate having the least number of votes shall be withdrawn, and the balloting for the others proceeded with until one shall be declared elected.

The President, or in his absence, the Vice-President, or in his absence, the Assistants, according to seniority of appointment, shall, in case of necessity, have power to assemble the Society at the usual place appointed for meeting in the town of Halifax, and shall lay before the Society the cause or causes of such special meeting, the same to be considered according to the usual mode heretofore practised.

One of the foregoing Officers shall preside, according to rank, at all meetings, and the remainder of such Officers shall aid and assist him in such manner as he shall think best according to the usual practice of the Society.

The presiding Officer shall state to the Society all questions which may arise for consideration, and, after debate, shall declare the opinion of the Society according to the will of the majority thereof present at the debate: and in case any doubt shall arise with respect to the judgment of the presiding Officer as to the majority, he shall