

There is an Annual Session, commencing in November and ending in July. During the session a number of general meetings are held for the reception of reports and papers, and for discussions.

If a member be desirous of bringing any subject before the association for consideration, he may do so in one of three ways :

1. He may read a paper to the association, having first obtained the consent of the council.

2. He may move a resolution on the subject at a general meeting.

3. He may address a communication to the council.

The association or council, as the case may be, will then, if they think fit, refer the paper, resolution or communication to a committee to consider and report thereon.

Every report of a committee is read at a general meeting. Papers and reports are printed by the association, and supplied gratuitously to every member. In order to facilitate its enquiries, the association has fitted up its rooms with an excellent law and parliamentary library, which is open at all hours of the day.

Ordinary and corporate members are elected by the association at its general meetings. The elections are by ballot, and one black ball in seven excludes. Honorary members are elected by the council, who report the elections to the general meetings for confirmation. Every member may propose an ordinary or corporate member by sending the name and address of the candidate for insertion, with the name of the proposer, in a book kept for that purpose. Every body entitled to corporate membership may, from time to time, nominate any number of its members, not exceeding five, as its representatives; and such representatives have all the rights of ordinary members, except that of being president, vice-president, manager, treasurer or secretary.

Ordinary members pay an annual subscription of two guineas, or a life subscription of ten guineas; corporate members pay an annual subscription of two guineas; honorary members are exempt from all payment. Both annual and life subscriptions are payable on the election of members, and payment in every case precedes membership. The first annual subscription is paid for the current year ending 31st October following election; and all future annual subscriptions are payable in advance on 1st November. Annual subscriptions of ordinary members are convertible into life subscriptions on payment of twenty guineas.

An annual meeting is held in June, appointed by the council, of which fourteen days' notice is given by the secretary to all the members. General and special meetings are held on days appointed by the association or council.

The president and vice-presidents are elected at the annual meeting, on motion, by show of hands, or (if a ballot be demanded at the time by at least seven members) by ballot. The managers are also elected at the annual meeting, by the members present, by means of voting papers. Any two members of the association may, by writing signed by them, nominate one ordinary member for election as manager; and every such nomination must be sent to the secretary eight days before the annual meeting. Managers are eligible for reelection without nomination. Four days before the annual meeting the secretary is to send to all the members a list containing—

1. The names of the managers for the current year who have not given notice in writing of intention to retire.

2. The names of ordinary members nominated for managers.

A voting-paper containing the last-mentioned list is supplied to each member present at the annual meeting, who, after reducing the number of names to not more than eighteen, hands in the voting-paper to the secretary, within one hour from the commencement of the meeting, at the expiration of which time two scrutineers, appointed at the meeting, declare the results of the voting. In the event of an equality of votes, rendering the election as between two or more of the proposed managers uncertain, the result is determined by ballot.

The council, within fourteen days after the annual meeting, appoint the treasurer and the secretary for the current year.

Any vacancy occurring during the year in the office of president or manager, may be filled up at a general meeting (of which seven days' notice is sent by the secretary to all the members) on motion, by show of hands, or (if a ballot be demanded at the time by at least seven members) by ballot.

The association at the general meetings appoint standing committees, and also special committees to consider and report on specific subjects of reference.

Such is the working of the association. It is simple, and yet sufficient for all practical purposes. And we are glad to say that year by year the influence of the association is extending and being extended. Its discussions are marked with earnestness and ability. During the past year fourteen general meetings were held; eleven papers upon subjects of importance were read and considered, all of which were printed and circulated; two reports, prepared by committees specially appointed, were received, one of which, after careful discussion, was formally adopted by the association. Owing to pressure of business it was found necessary, upon more than one occasion, to hold meetings, and to have more than