

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

NAME AND OBJECTS.

1. The main objects of the HAMILTON ASSOCIATION shall be the formation of a Library, Museum, and Art Gallery, the cultivation of Literature, Science and Art, and the illustration of the Natural History and Physical Characteristics of the country.

MEMBERS.

2. Honorary members must be men eminent for their literary and scientific attainments, and their election may be made at any regular meeting, their names being announced at a previous monthly meeting. They shall be exempt from payment of fees; they may attend the meetings of the society, and they shall be furnished with copies of transactions and proceedings when published, but shall not hold office.

3. Ordinary members are those who pay an annual contribution of two dollars; a payment of twenty dollars shall constitute an ordinary member for life.

4. Corresponding members are those who reside at a distance from the city, who are distinguished for Literary or Scientific attainments or who contribute to the objects of the Association. They shall have all the privileges of ordinary members, with the exception of being eligible for office.

5. Proposals for the admission of members may be made at any regular meeting, and decided by ballot at the next regular meeting.

6. A majority of votes cast shall determine every question.

7. Dissentients on any other point than the election of members, may have their reasons of dissent, if put in writing at the time, entered on the minutes—if given in afterwards, such reasons shall be read after the minutes, at the next meeting, and kept *in retentis*.