

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE SOCIETY.

THE SOCIETY was founded in 1754, and incorporated by Royal Charter in 1847, for "The Encouragement of the Arts, Manufactures, and Commerce of the Country, by bestowing rewards for such productions, inventions, or improvements as tend to the employment of the poor, to the increase of trade, and to the riches and honour of the kingdom : and for meritorious works in the various departments of the Fine Arts ; for Discoveries, Inventions, and Improvements in Agriculture, Chemistry, Mechanics, Manufactures, and other useful Arts ; for the application of such natural and artificial products, whether of Home, Colonial, or Foreign growth and manufacture, as may appear likely to afford fresh objects of industry, and to increase the trade of the realm by extending the sphere of British commerce ; and generally to assist in the advancement, development, and practical application of every department of science in connection with the Arts, Manufactures, and Commerce of this country." In 1908 the Society was granted the privilege of adding "Royal" to its title.

FELLOWSHIP.—At the Annual General Meeting held on June 24, 1914, a By-Law was made authorizing all Members of the Society to use the designation of Fellow.

ORDINARY MEETINGS.—Meetings are held every Wednesday during the Session, at which papers on subjects relating to inventions, improvements, discoveries, and other matters connected with Arts, Manufactures, and Commerce are read and discussed.

INDIAN SECTION.—This Section was established in 1869, for the discussion of subjects connected with our Indian Empire. Six or more Meetings are held during the Session.

COLONIAL SECTION.—This Section was formed in 1874 under the title of the African Section. It was enlarged in 1879, to include the consideration of subjects connected with the Colonies and Dependencies. Four or more Meetings are held during the Session.

CANTOR LECTURES.—These Lectures originated in 1863, with a bequest by Dr. Cantor. The Lectures deal with the latest applications of Science and Art to practical purposes, and are, as far as possible, experimentally illustrated.

FOTHERGILL LECTURES.—Courses of Lectures, similar to the Cantor Lectures, are given from time to time under this Bequest.

HOWARD LECTURES.—The bequest of Mr. Thomas Howard (1872) is now devoted to occasional courses of Lectures on motive power and its applications.

SHAW LECTURES.—Under the Shaw bequest Lectures on Industrial Hygiene are given from time to time.

ALDRED LECTURE.—The bequest of the late Dr. Aldred has been devoted to the establishment of an Annual Lecture.

COBB LECTURES.—Funds have been provided for occasional Lectures in memory of the late Mr. Francis Cobb.

JUVENILE LECTURES.—A Short Course of Lectures, suited for a Juvenile audience, is delivered to the children of Fellows during the Christmas holidays.

ADMISSION TO MEETINGS.—Fellows have the right of attending the Meetings and Lectures. They require no tickets, but are admitted on signing their names. Every Fellow can admit two friends to the Ordinary and Sectional Meetings, and to the Cantor and other Lectures. Books of tickets for the purpose are supplied, but admission can also be obtained on the personal introduction of a Fellow. For the Juvenile Lectures special tickets are issued.

JOURNAL OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF ARTS.—The *Journal*, which is sent free to Fellows, is published weekly, and contains full Reports of all the Society's Proceedings, as well as a variety of information connected with Arts, Manufactures and Commerce.

EXAMINATIONS.—Examinations, founded in 1854, are held annually by the Society, through the agency of Local Committees, at various centres in the country. They are open to any person. The subjects include the principal elements of Commercial Education and Music. Full particulars can be obtained on application to the Secretary.

LIBRARY AND READING-ROOM.—The Library and Reading-room are open to Fellows, who are also entitled to borrow books.

A HISTORY OF THE SOCIETY, written by Sir Henry Trueman Wood, Secretary of the Society from 1879 to 1917, has lately been published (John Murray, pp. 558, 15s. net) and can be obtained from any bookseller. It gives a history of the Society's work from 1754 to 1880.

CONVERSAZIONI are held, to which Fellows are invited, each Fellow receiving a card for himself and a lady.

ELECTION OF FELLOWS.—Candidates are proposed by Three Fellows, one of whom, at least, must sign on personal knowledge ; or are nominated by the Council.

The Annual Subscription is Three Guineas, payable in advance, and dates from the quarter-day preceding election ; or a life subscription of Thirty Guineas may be paid. There is no Entrance Fee.

**CANDIDATES WHOSE NAMES ARE RECEIVED DURING THE RECESS ARE PROPOSED FOR ELECTION AT THE OPENING MEETING OF THE SESSION IN NOVEMBER.**