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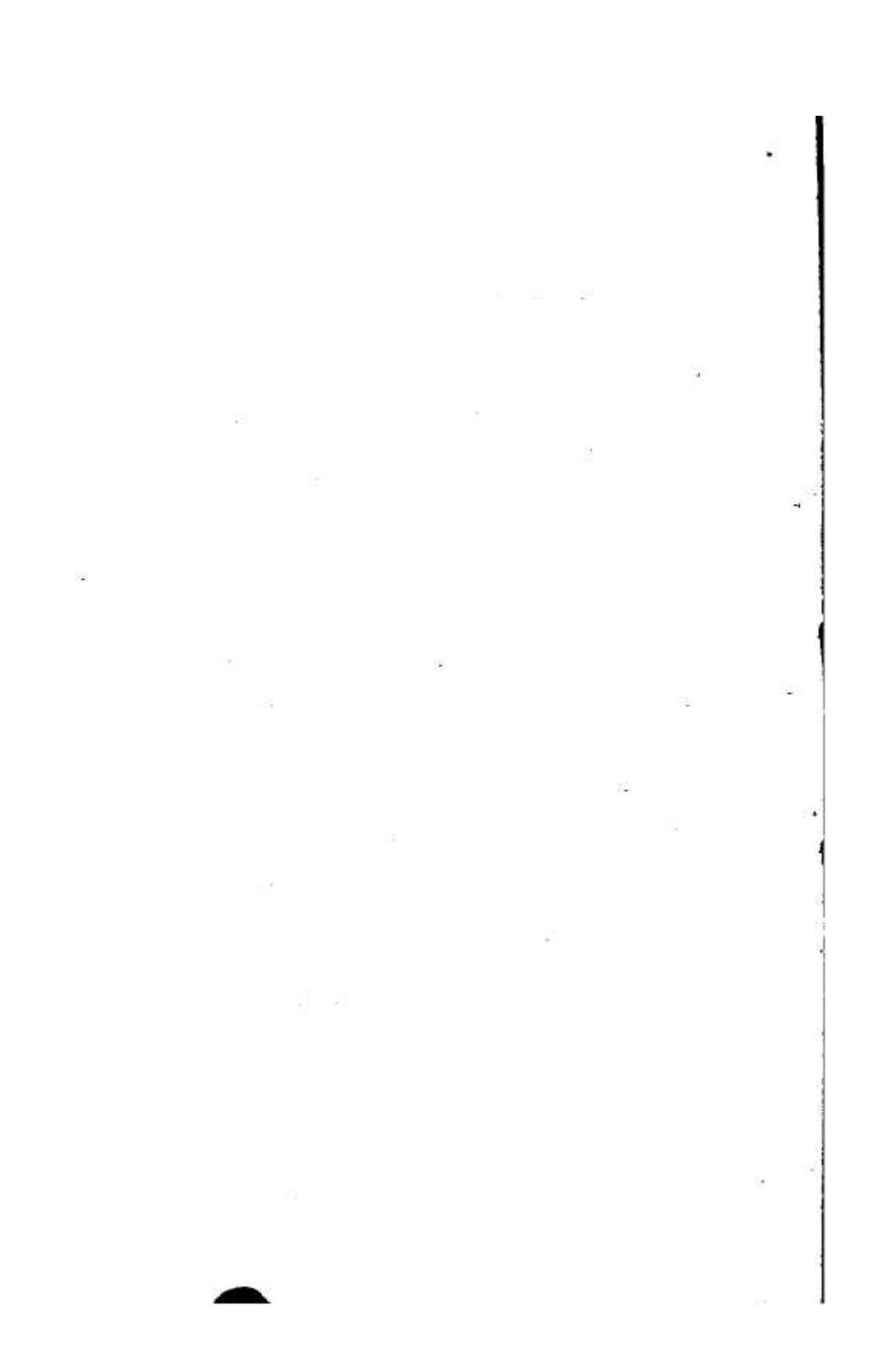
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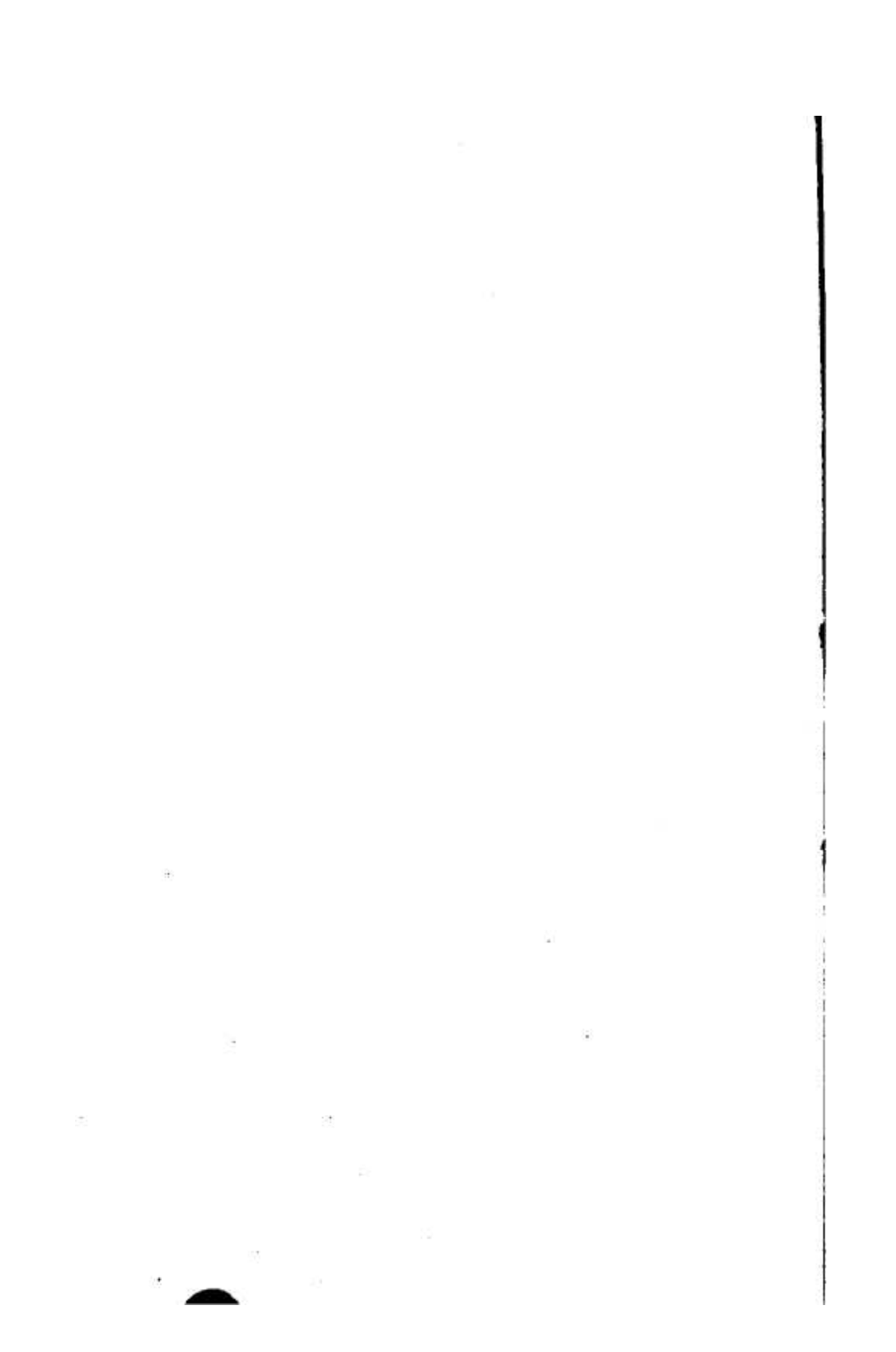
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1st.—That all persons paying a subscription of *one guinea*, annually, be constituted ordinary members.

2d.—That the Society, besides its ordinary members, do consist of a President, Vice-Presidents, a General Committee of Management, a Treasurer, and a Secretary.

3d.—That the Treasurer and Committee of Management be annually elected, by a general meeting of the Society, from among its members.

4th.—That the Society do meet in the month of November, of each year, to elect officers, hear reports, make or alter rules, and transact such other business as may come before it.

5th.—That the General Committee do meet on the last Wednesday in each month, for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Society, three members required to constitute a quorum; the Secretary to call special meetings, at the request of three members of the Committee, who may judge it expedient to do so.

6th.—That, as the utility of this Society will be much promoted by a number of persons taking an interest in it, it will be accessible to all, on the payment of *one guinea*, annual subscription; but, as the funds so procured would be, most probably, inadequate to its management, donations shall be solicited from persons who can afford such sums as will enable the contemplated objects of the Society to be effectually carried out; and it is confidently expected, that, for an object of such national importance, such contributions will be given, as will put its success beyond a doubt, as far as the means of working it are concerned; and that the zeal and discretion of its managers will secure that benefit for the undertaking which its importance demands.

7th.—That every one who becomes a member shall continue to be considered as such, and his subscriptions justly due to the funds of the Society, until he gives notice, in writing, to the Secretary, of his intention to withdraw.

8th.—That no member, in arrear two years or more, shall be permitted to take part in any debate of the Society, or give a vote upon any question, until such arrear be paid up.

9th.—The Treasurer shall receive all monies belonging to the Society, and lodge same in the Bank which may be appointed to keep the accounts, when it may accumulate to the sum of £50 in his hands. He shall also draw cheques, and pay such sums as may be voted by the General Committee, at its meetings, but not without its authority; and said cheques shall be signed by the Chairman of the meeting, the Treasurer adding also his own signature. He shall also furnish a yearly statement of accounts, and report monthly receipts and expenditure, at the General Committee meetings, showing a list of members whose subscriptions remain unpaid, at least once a-year.

10th.—The Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Society, keep the books of it and of the Committee, take charge of all matters connected with their proceedings, give notice of meetings to those entitled to them, and attend to any duties the Committee may direct.

11th.—All new rules, or alterations of the present regulations, to be made at the annual meeting of the Society; notice of such rule or alteration to be proposed having been given to the Committee, at least a fortnight previous to the general meeting.

12th.—That this Society shall encourage Branches, in different districts, for the purpose of forwarding its objects,—to correspond, and otherwise co-operate with the General Committee; the President of each of the Local Branches to be an *ex-officio* member of the General Committee, and to be entitled to the regular notices of meetings,—each Branch to consist of subscribers to the Society only.

13th.—That, in order to afford every facility to Local Farming Societies and Branches, in the South and West of Ireland, for obtaining the services of the Flax Society's Agriculturists, the following be the regulations in future:—

First.—Every Branch or Local Farming Society, as aforesaid, which shall incorporate itself with the Flax Society, by contributing to it not less than *Ten Pounds*, annually, shall be entitled, while it so contributes, to the service of a Flax Agriculturist, for two weeks in the sowing, and three in the pulling seasons; the salary of the Agriculturist, and his travelling expenses, to the district, to be defrayed by the Flax Society, but his expenses, while occupied within the bounds of the district, to be defrayed by the Local Society or the individuals employing him.

Second.—The Flax Society will send to the Local Society, so qualifying, one of the Agriculturists, during the Winter, if required, to select and prepare land for the flax crop.

Third.—A sufficient supply of the Society's publications will be furnished, free of charge.

Fourth.—An additional week of the Agriculturist's services will be given, for every additional *two pounds* subscribed by the Local Society.

14th.—That, in case of individual landed proprietors being desirous of introducing flax culture, in a district where there is no Local Society, or where it has not qualified, a subscription of not less than *one guinea* to this Society will entitle each individual to a certain time of the Agriculturist's services, to be regulated by the Committee of the Flax Society; and that, in all such cases, the expenses of the aforesaid Agriculturist, to and from the district, and while engaged on the estate, shall be defrayed by the landed proprietor so requiring him.