

exempt from fee or taxation, shall be chosen from persons in every part of the world, distinguished for their literary or scientific attainments and known especially as friends and promoters of American history.

*Article 3.*—The officers of the Society shall be chosen by ballot at the annual meetings and shall consist of a President, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, a Librarian, the last three of whom shall be residents of Madison, and these five officers together with six Curators, four at least of whom shall be residents of Madison, shall constitute the Executive Committee of the Society. There shall also be chosen annually Six Vice Presidents not residents of Madison.

*Article 4.*—The Annual Meeting of the Society shall be held at such time and place in the month of January as the Executive Committee shall designate; and those members, not less than ten, who thus meet at any annual or special meeting of the Society, upon the call of the Executive Committee, shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

*Article 5.*—The President, or in his absence, one of the Vice Presidents, or in their absence, any member of the Society selected on the occasion, shall preside at the annual, or any special meeting of the Society; such presiding officer shall preserve order, regulate the order of proceedings, and give a casting vote whenever a case requires the same.

*Article 6.*—The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct all the correspondence of the Society; he shall preserve for the Society all official communications addressed to him, and keep a copy of all important official letters written by him; he shall read such correspondence at the meetings of Executive Committee and all such as the Committee may deem of sufficient interest and importance, he shall also read at the annual or any special meeting of the Society.

*Article 7.*—The Recording Secretary shall preserve a full and correct record of the proceedings of all meetings of the Society and Executive Committee, to be entered on his book in chronological order; he shall collect all monies due the Society and pay the same to the Treasurer; the proceedings of each annual or special meeting of the Society shall be read at the succeeding annual or special meeting; and the records of the Executive Committee shall be read only at each successive meeting of such Committee.

These records shall always be open for the inspection of any member of the society.

*Article 8.*—The Treasurer shall receive from the Recording Secretary, and have charge of all dues and donations and bequests of money, and all funds whatsoever of the society, and shall pay all such sums as the Society or the Executive Committee may from time to time direct on the