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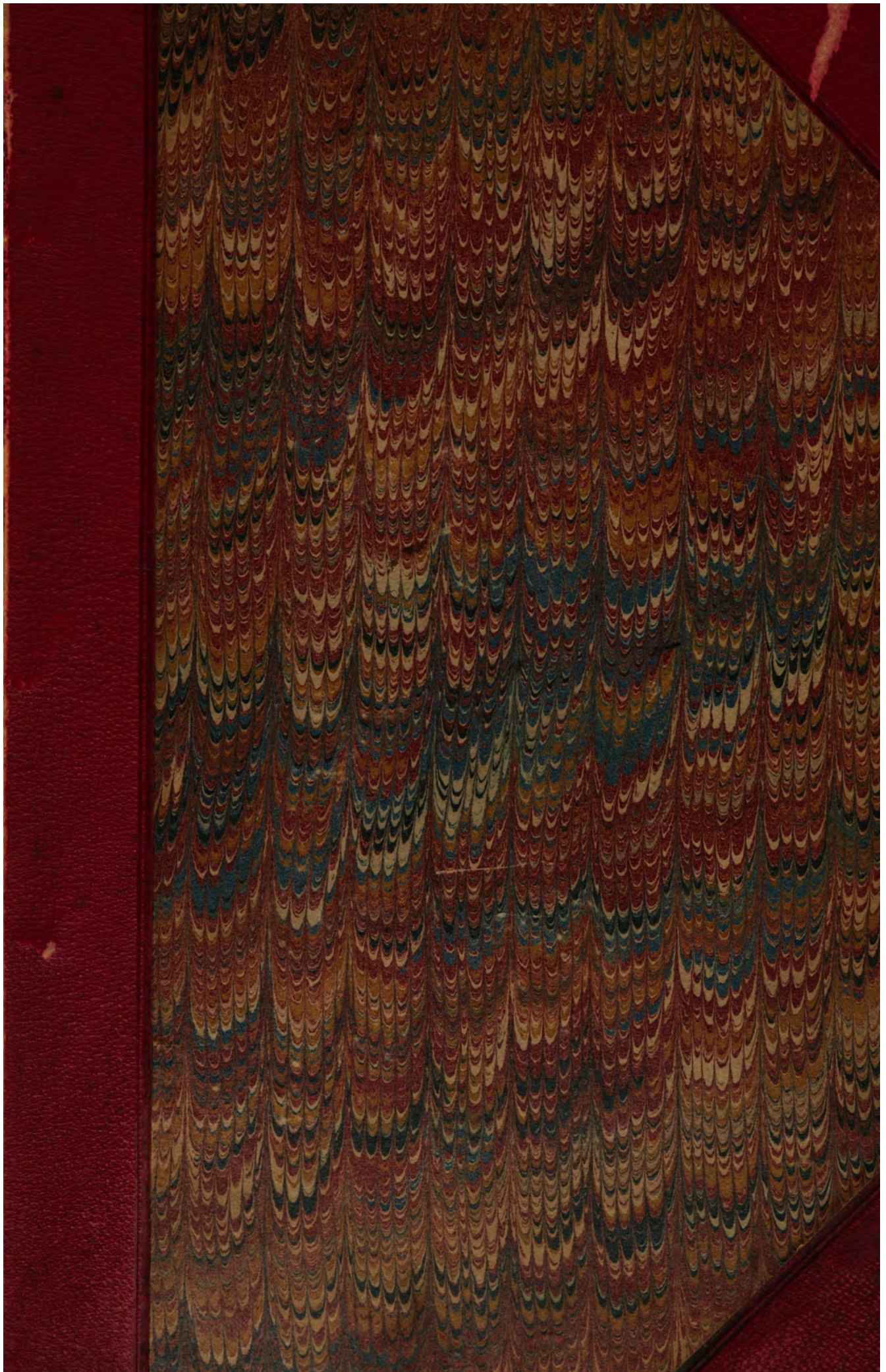
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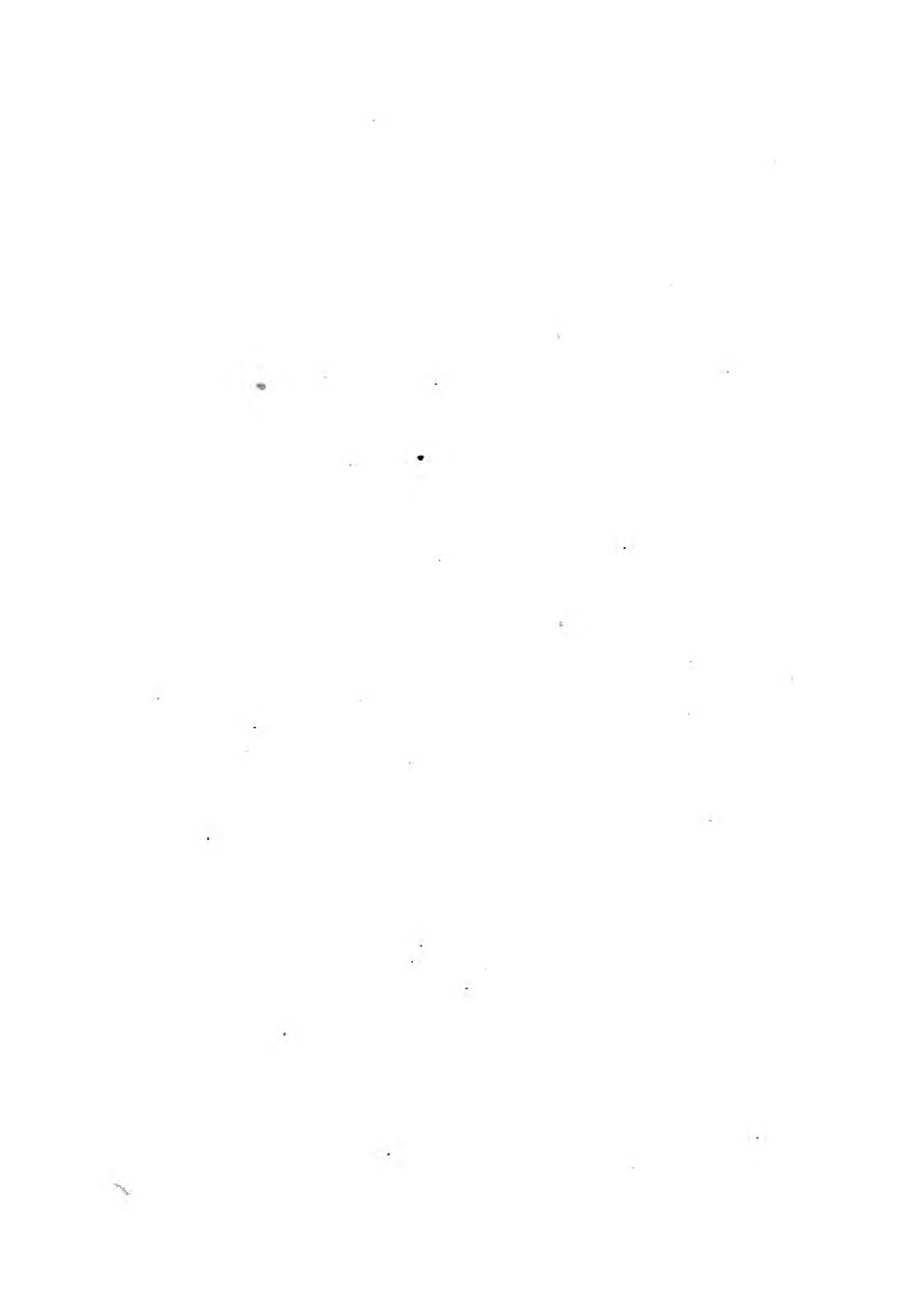
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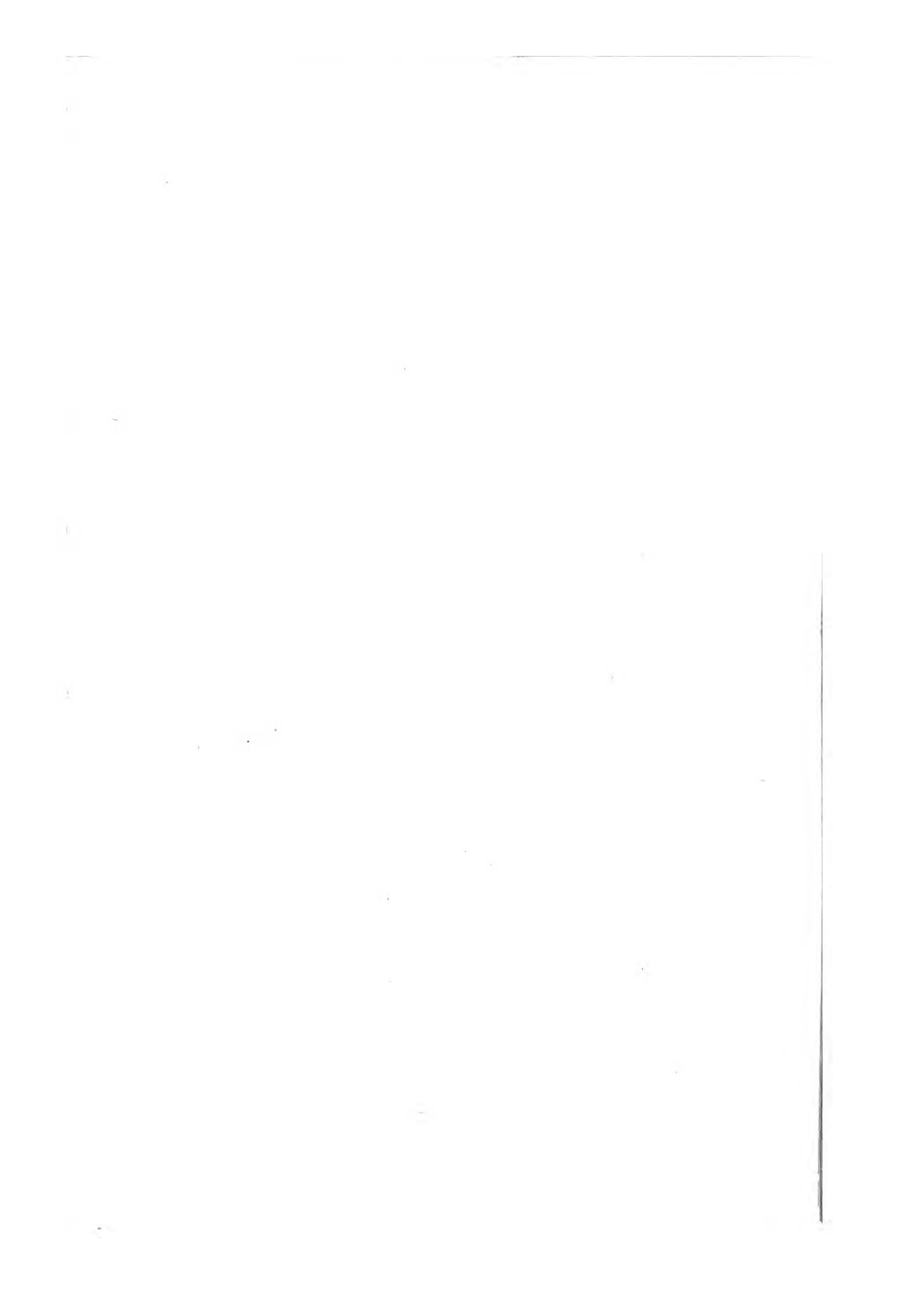


THE GENTLEMEN'S SOCIETY  
AT SPALDING.









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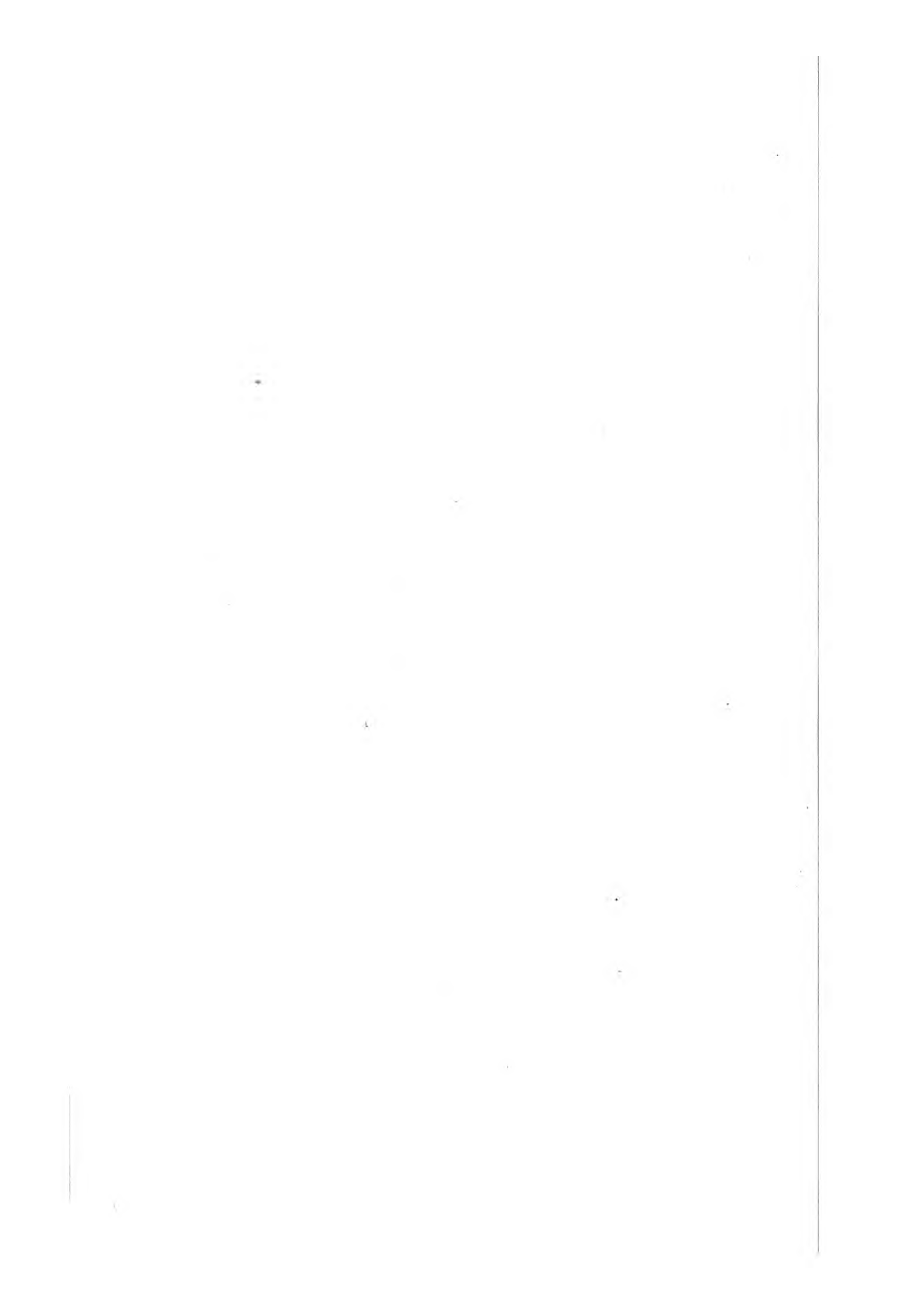
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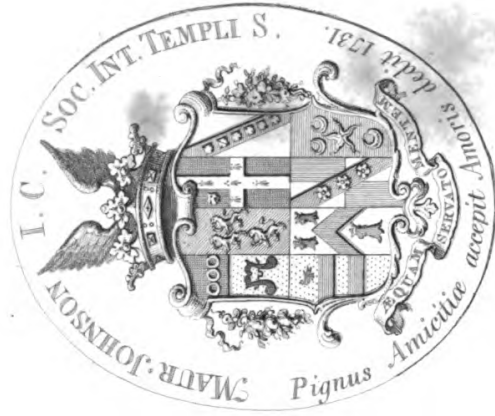
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MAURICE JOHNSON, F.S.A.

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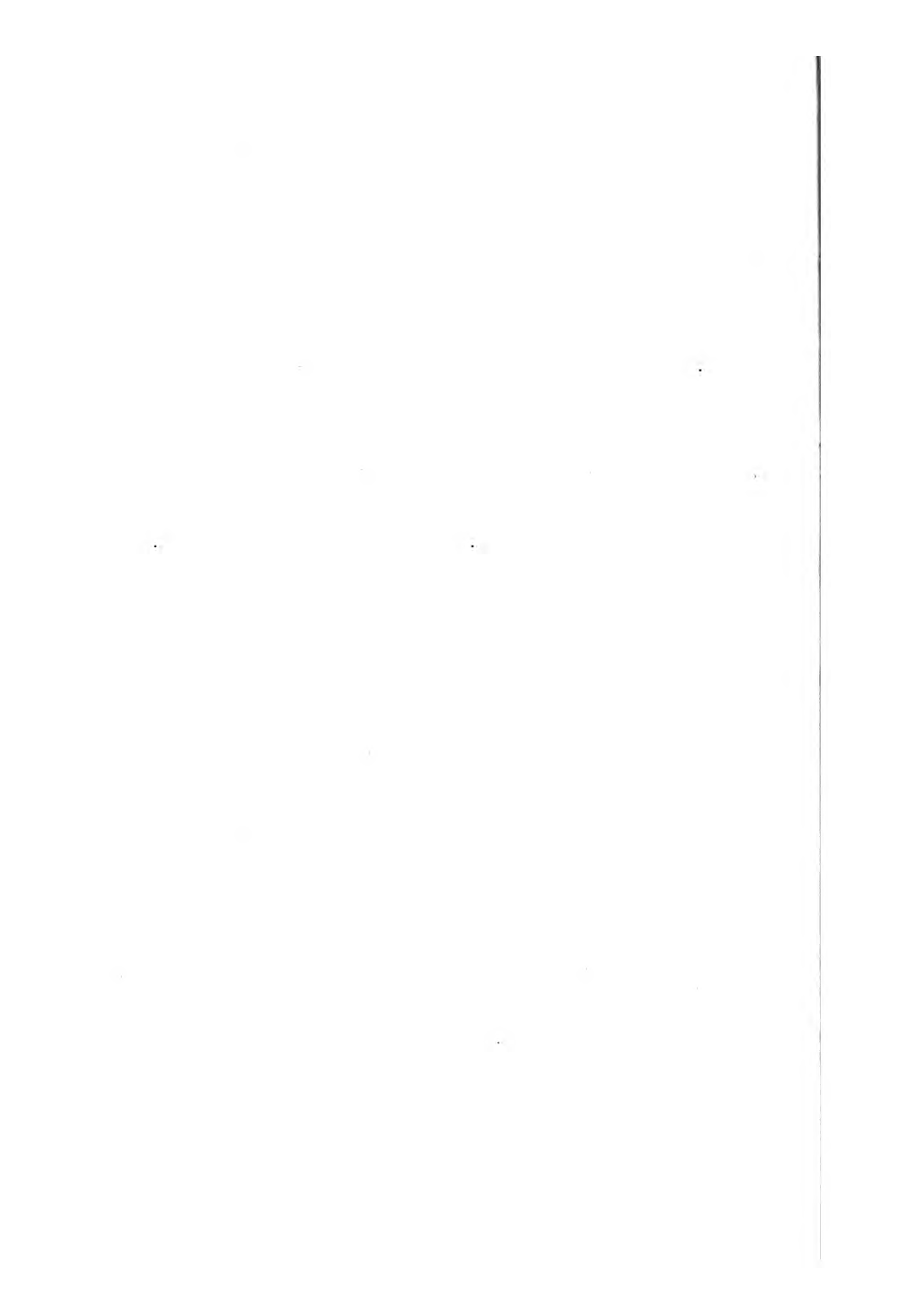
THE  
GENTLEMEN'S SOCIETY  
AT SPALDING :

ITS ORIGIN AND PROGRESS.

*Wm. Moore*



LONDON :  
WILLIAM PICKERING.  
1851.



TO THE MEMBERS OF THE  
**Gentlemen's Society at Spalding,**

*The earliest Provincial Association for the encouragement  
of Archæology,*

THIS BRIEF SKETCH OF THE ORIGIN AND PROGRESS  
OF THEIR SOCIETY,  
HAVING BEEN READ BEFORE THE ARCHÆOLOGICAL  
INSTITUTE OF GREAT BRITAIN,  
AT A MEETING HELD AT LINCOLN IN THE  
YEAR 1848,

IS RESPECTFULLY INSCRIBED

BY THEIR FRIEND AND PRESIDENT

**WILLIAM MOORE.**

*Spalding,*  
July 1, 1851.





# The Gentlemen's Society

at *Spalding*.

**N** order to form a correct idea of the circumstances under which "The Gentlemen's Society" at Spalding was first established, it will be necessary to mark the progress which had been made, at that period, by the learned men of this country, in the investigation and study of antiquities.

In the earlier part of the reign of Queen Elizabeth, a number of persons, who were impressed with the obvious importance of endeavouring to collect and preserve the vast number of Records and other valuable documents which had been scattered abroad by the pillage of the Monasteries, held their meet-

ings, for the mutual communicating of information upon these subjects, at the house of Sir Robert Cotton, under the patronage of Archbishop Parker. In process of time they had it in contemplation to apply to the Queen for a charter; reciting in their petition, in order to show the importance of their design, that King Edward the First, when he was searching for proofs of his title to the crown of Scotland, ordered diligent inquiry to be made in the libraries of the Monasteries; and that Henry the Eighth did the same, when he was desirous to bring evidence against the usurpations of the Pope. This petition was signed by Sir Robert Cotton, Sir John Dodderidge, and Sir James Lee; but whether it was ever presented is a matter of doubt. The Society, however, continued to exist for thirty years, having numbered among its members in that period the names of Sir Walter Raleigh, Sir Philip Sidney, Lord Burleigh, Henry Earl of Arundel, the two Herberts, Earls of Pembroke, Sir Henry Savile, Bishop Andrewes, John Stowe, and William Camden. Its dissolution was owing to the suspicious policy of James the First, who is said

Early Anti-  
quaries in  
England.

to have been afraid, at the time of his accession, lest these prying antiquaries should get an insight into the arcana of kingcraft. In 1617, an unsuccessful attempt was made for its revival, through the mediation of the favourite, Buckingham. During the disturbed state of the country, in the civil wars, certain eminent scholars pursued their researches in private, frequently communicating with each other but not holding stated meetings. Among these were Dugdale, Dodsworth, Somner, Spelman, Selden, D'Ewes, Usher, and Ashmole. Ashmole in his diary mentions some kind of mustering which they had, about the time of the Restoration, called the Antiquaries' feast; and after this the learned body seem to have been dormant for nearly half a century.

In the year 1707, we find symptoms of stirring among them. A few gentlemen, with the intention of prosecuting investigations into the ancient history of Great Britain, began to hold weekly meetings at the various Coffee-houses near the Temple. In 1710, we find the names of Browne Willis, the two Gales, Stukeley, Rymer, and Maurice Johnson. A

Origin of the  
Society of  
Antiquaries :  
Maurice Johnson  
to be its  
Librarian.



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sketch of the different heads under which they proposed to carry on their researches is still extant. In 1717, they formed themselves into a regular Society, electing a president and other officers. Previously to this it seems to have been agreed, that as soon as their funds should prove sufficient to enable them to buy books, Maurice Johnson should be appointed their librarian.

Maurice Johnson, however, was now removed from the congenial society of London, to his native town of Spalding. He had exchanged the company of wits, at Button's Coffee-House;—and of antiquaries, at the Temple Change;—the company of Addison, Gay, and Steele,—of Willis, Stukeley and the Gales,—for the ordinary society of a country town. And so great was his love of learning and science, that he at once entertained the bold design of establishing a Literary Society in the very heart of the fens of Lincoln. It was, as he said very truly, “an endeavour new, and untried before.” The persons to whom he looked for aid were “unaccustomed to such a mode of spending an evening.” He was himself “only just arrived at manhood:”—

and “all his advisers and encouragers were at a great distance.” Yet did he resolve well, and manfully persevere. Taking care not to alarm the country gentlemen by any premature mention of *antiquities*, he endeavoured at first to allure them into the more flowery paths of literature. In 1709, a few of them were brought together every post-day, at the Coffee-house in the Abbey Yard; and after one of the party had read aloud the last-published number of the “Tatler,” they proceeded to talk over the subject among themselves. Thus were “the men of sense and letters,” he says, “drawn insensibly into a sociable way of conversing.” After a while the “Spectators” were read in like manner; and now and then a new poem, by Gay or Parnell, was brought forward, or an essay or letter upon some subject of polite literature. These papers were carefully preserved, and the attention of the gentlemen was turned to the formation of a library. In 1712, so well satisfied were they with the proceedings of the last three years, that it was determined to place their meetings upon a footing of permanence. Proposals were issued for the establishing of “a

Spalding Society in its infancy.

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Society of Gentlemen, for the supporting of mutual benevolence, and their improvement in the liberal sciences and in polite learning."

A president was elected, and a short code of laws was issued for the regulation of their meetings: their founder modestly undertaking the subordinate office of secretary, and at once commencing the Minutes of their transactions. The first recorded subject of their examination was the sketch of an ancient monumental stone and inscription, in Peterborough Cathedral. At the next meeting, the secretary communicated two poetical epistles, the one in Latin, from a gentleman at Eton to his friend; the other in English, upon the departure of the Duke of Marlborough to take the command of the Allied Forces, in Germany. He also read a paper on the "Choice of Colours and Materials for Miniature Painting," after the directions of Albert Durer and others.

Maurice Johnson  
son its secre-  
tary.

In these Minutes of the first two meetings which have been recorded, we have a fair specimen of the range of subjects into which they pursued their investigations. Under the head of polite literature, besides ephemeral produc-

tions such as those above mentioned, sundry pieces by Swift, Prior, Arbuthnot, Eusden, Young, Gay, and Pope, were read as they came out. Several, indeed, of the poems of Gay and Pope were communicated by the authors themselves, with whom Maurice Johnson had become acquainted at Button's Coffee-house during his residence in London. In 1751, we find it on the minutes, that a certain "Elegy in a Country Church-yard" was read, which had just before come out anonymously. Under the head of Arts and Science, we may class the communications which were made, from time to time, upon painting, sculpture, and music; upon anatomy and medicine; upon mathematics and mechanics. The fens around them furnished curious specimens in ornithology; and the fen-men listened with peculiar interest to the description of engines and machines for draining. For their botanical studies, they were supplied with rare plants and flowers from the garden of their secretary, and also from a physic-garden of their own.

Communications by Gay and Pope.

But the favourite and most fruitful subject was that of Antiquities. Among the monas-

Chartularies  
of Spalding  
Priory in  
Maurice John-  
son's posses-  
sion.

tic institutions of the district, proverbially rich and magnificent, a conspicuous place was occupied by the mitred Priory of Spalding. Of this foundation many chartularies and registers were still in existence, some of them in public libraries, and some in the possession of the Secretary himself, to whom they had descended from his great-grandfather, Sir Richard Ogle, who was one of Queen Elizabeth's commissioners for inquiries respecting Abbey lands. From these ancient records he communicated, from time to time, much valuable information relating to the town and priory, amounting at last to a continuous and complete history. And when other subjects failed,—“on a pinch,” as he says, “and to enliven our chat,” he brought out in chronological order his own ample collection of coins, exhibiting them “with some discourse.” By such communications, aided by those which he elicited from Stukeley, Gale, and others at a distance, as well as from the more intelligent members on the spot, he raised the Society to an eminence which has perhaps never been reached by any provincial society whatever, under similar circumstances; and

at which it remained for the long period of forty years. "By the favour of Providence," as he piously expresses it, his exertions were crowned with success. He never lost an opportunity of asking for communications and correspondence, backing his request by the authority of Sir Isaac Newton, who had recommended it as the surest way to keep the Society in active operation. He adopted every form of solicitation. To one person he says: "Your letters will more promote science among *us* fen-men, (who are thought to labour under a very stupid air,) than the missionaries of Rome have promoted religion, truly so called, among the Chinese."

Encouragement given by Sir Isaac Newton.

The interview with Sir Isaac Newton, just alluded to, took place in 1720. Having, at the suggestion of Dr. Jurin, addressed a letter to him, Maurice Johnson was requested to call at Newton's house, in St. Martin's-street, Leicester-square. The reception he met with was extremely courteous. The venerable philosopher kept him in conversation for some time, "highly commending" the Society at Spalding, and giving his consent to become a member of it;" although he was now de-

Interview of Maurice Johnson with Sir Isaac Newton.

clining almost everything, and did not go even to the Royal Society."

Foreign members of the Society.

In 1733, the Archi-mandrite or Abbot of one of the convents on Mount Athos, who was travelling with his chaplain, probably for the purpose of soliciting contributions for his convent, was present at a meeting of the Society; and in compliance with his own request, written by him in Romaic or modern Greek in the Minutes, he was admitted as an honorary member. In fact, the Society had members in every part of the globe. At one time they receive a present of minerals and fossils from Norway; and at another time a letter is read from one of their members residing at Panama.

They exhibited on all occasions a praiseworthy desire to admit as many as could attend, to a participation in their privileges and advantages. The master of the Grammar School at Spalding was allowed to bring one of his upper boys to each of the meetings: and as the "auditores" were admitted for five years in the Academies of ancient Greece, so were these youths encouraged to listen and to learn. Several of them became afterwards

intelligent and useful members of the Society.

We cannot be surpris'd to find that there were times during the long period of forty-five years, when it was found difficult to carry on the proceedings "with becoming dignity and spirit." The professional men were "liable to constant interruption" from professional duties; and the young were "allured, and deterred, and drawn away, by parties of pleasure," and by the more congenial amusements of "dancing, cards, bowls, billiards, and the like." Besides which, the subject of politics, "upon which every man thinks himself wise," was carefully excluded by the rules. It must have required, not only considerable energy and perseverance, but also much courtesy and tact, to surmount these obstacles. In short, it was the work of no ordinary mind to plan, and establish, and maintain for the period of nearly half a century, in that isolated district, a Society which "earned the approbation of eminent philosophers, and of persons held in reverence by the whole learned world;" numbering among its members the names of Newton and Bentley, of Pope, Addison, and Gay.



Other societies were formed after its example and model, some of which met with tolerable success; but the rest, "though in cities of greater frequency of men brought up and benefited for letters," proved abortive.

In order to gratify as much as possible the tastes of all the parties concerned, it was agreed that the anniversary meeting of the Society should be celebrated by a dinner; but the Secretary has recorded his complaint, that this dinner proved "an idle and expensive mode of helping the Society, feeding the body rather than the mind." A Concert was also given, "in order that the Society might have an opportunity of entertaining the ladies, and treating them with a glass of wine." He politely acknowledges that this "answered well, and did the Institution credit and service." In 1741, a parody, written by Lord Bacon, upon a Greek epigram of Posidippus on the vanity of human life, which was sometimes sung on grand days in the Middle Temple Hall "to the original music," was sung at this meeting by Dr. Heighington, a musician of some eminence, accompanied by his son.

After discharging the laborious duties of

Secretary for thirty years, Mr. Johnson was the President for the remainder of his life. As he advanced in years, it gave satisfaction to the good old man to present to the Society communications from four of his sons, whom he had "taken care to train up to a liking of it from their infancy." His son *Maurice*, Lieutenant-Colonel of the Duke of Cumberland's Foot Guards, and Aide-de-camp to the Duke, sent, at one time an account of the Battle of Dettingen,—at other times, drawings and descriptions of Roman remains, altars, coins, statues, and monumental inscriptions, which he had met with during the campaign in Germany. *John*, another son, who was a member of St. John's College, Cambridge, sent down the poetical effusions of the wits of his University. *Martin*, from on board his Majesty's ship "Experiment," sent accounts of the proceedings of the fleet under Admiral Vernon. And *Walter*, who resided on the spot, gave his aid to the Society, not only as an active member, but also by discharging the office of Treasurer. In 1753 appears an entry in the Minutes, in the well-known hand-writing of the venerable

Maurice Johnson the President.

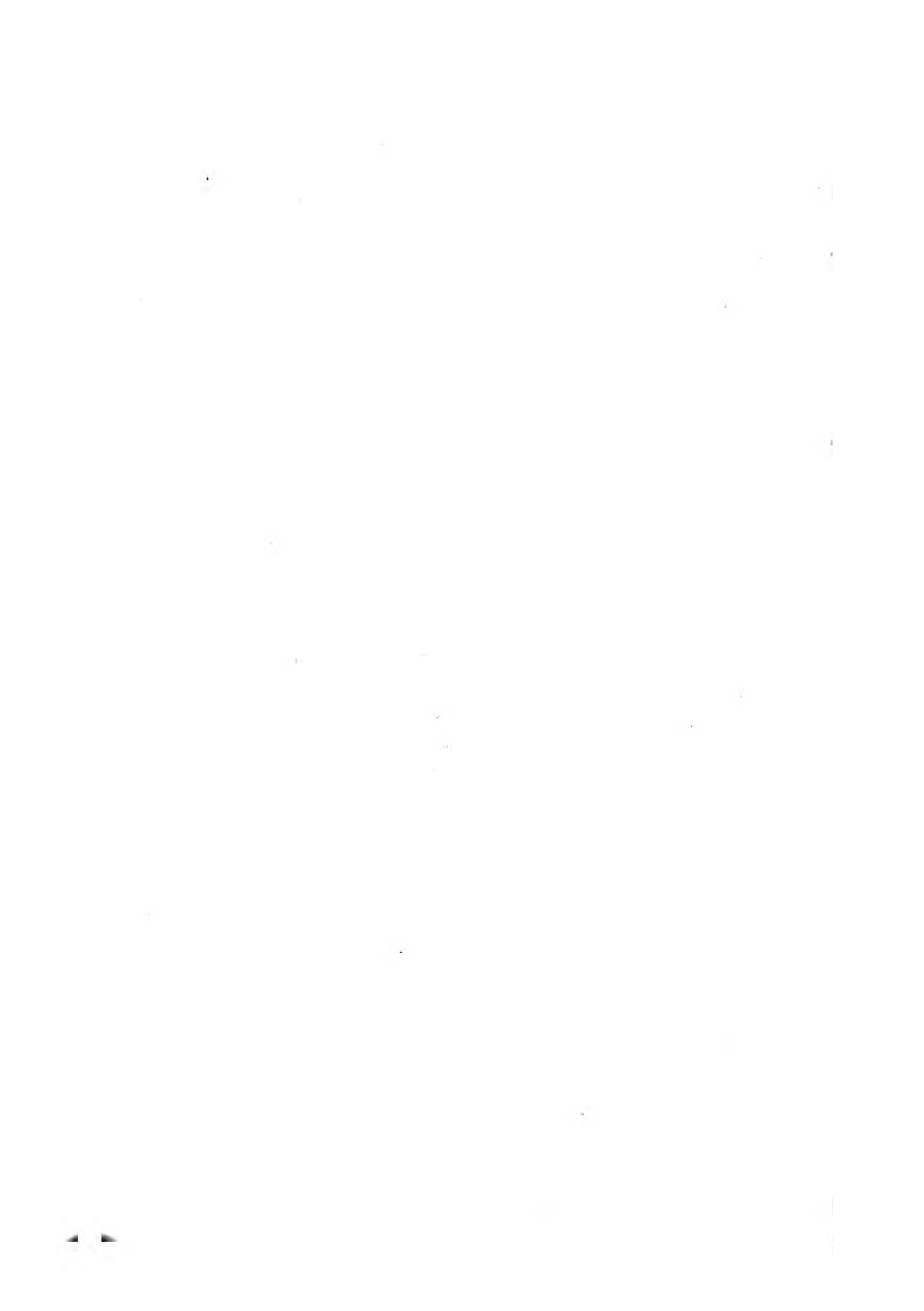
founder, but less firm and vigorous than in former days, complaining that age will not permit him to perform, in so accurate a manner as he would wish, the task of making an index to the Society's papers and records. He was afflicted with a disorder in the head, which in 1755 put an end to his life. Of those twelve gentlemen who sat, nearly half a century before, to hear the weekly reading of the "Tatler" and the "Spectator," probably Maurice Johnson was the only one who survived to hear the "Rambler," which came out about this time, and was read as the others had been. To say that the Society died when its founder died, would scarcely be correct: but it can excite little surprise to find that it soon sank to the condition of an ordinary country club; tending perhaps, in some degree, to promote "mutual benevolence," but doing very little to improve its members "in the liberal sciences, or in polite literature."

It appears that Mr. Johnson's sons, to whom he chiefly trusted for the future maintenance of the Society, so seldom resided at Ayscough Fee Hall, the family seat there, that they were unable to devote the personal

attention and support essential to the preservation of the Institution. As he himself observed in a letter to his friend Gale, “realms and all communities have their periods.” Nevertheless, as Gale in return assured him would be the case,—the “*Supellex Literaria*” of the Society still remains, “a glorious monument of the public spirit and learning of its founder, and the record of a noble attempt, which otherwise would scarcely be credited by posterity.”

W. M.



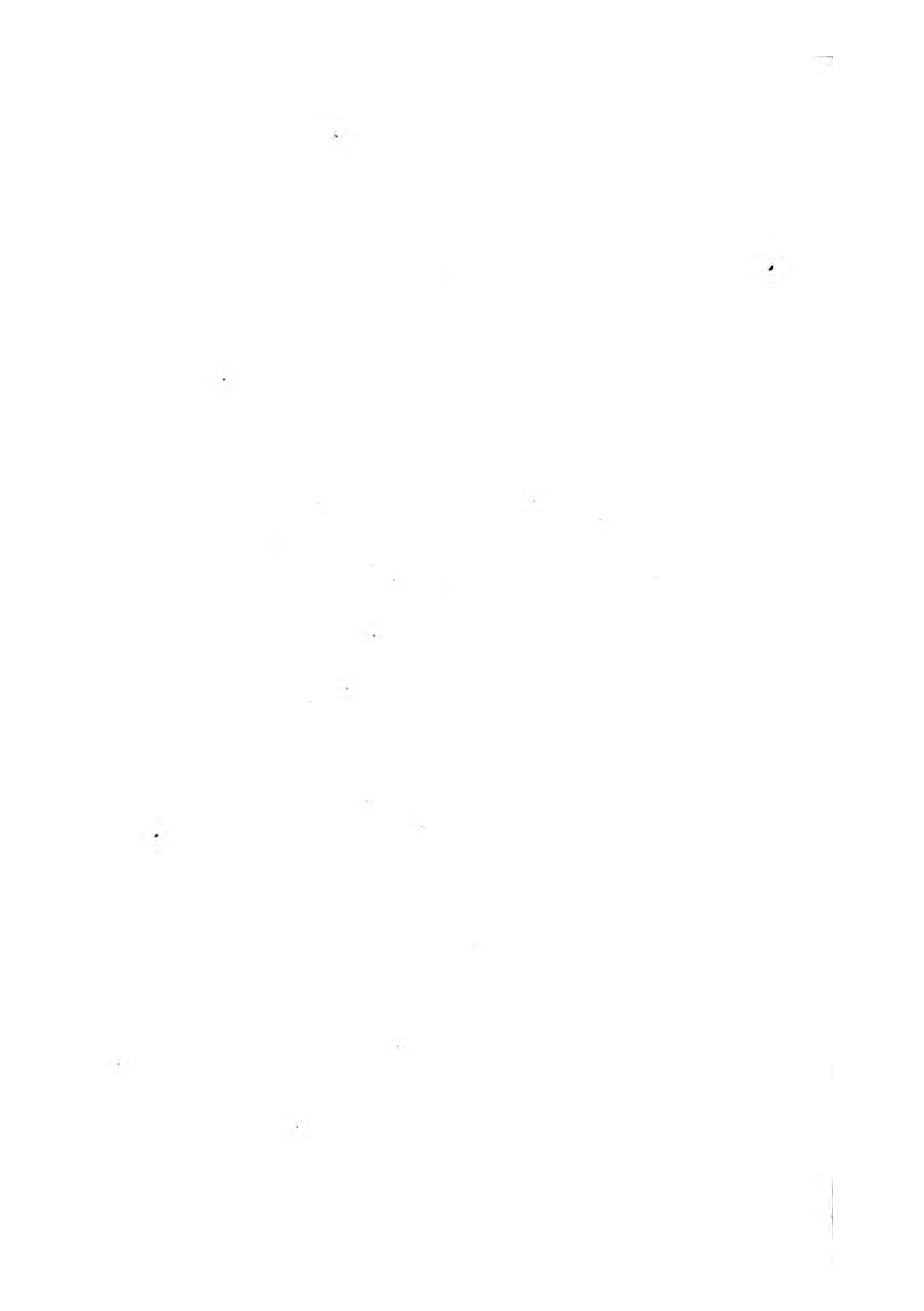


A LIST OF MEMBERS  
OF THE GENTLEMEN'S SOCIETY  
OF SPALDING.

*If thou hast gathered nothing in thy youth, how canst thou  
find anything in thine age?*

Ecclesiasticus xxv. 3.

[Motto to the first volume of the Society's Acts and  
Observations.]





## The Original Members.



THE Rev. Mr. Stephen Lyon, Nov. 3,  
1712.

In utraque Acad. A. M.—Spalding et Mere-  
worth Rector.—Soc. Librarius—Præsidens.

[A French Protestant refugee, being a native of  
Roanne.]

Joshua Ambler, Nov. 3, 1712.

Armiger.—Gulielmi filius, et hæres apparens.—  
Mufices peritus.

Henry Everard, Jan. 4, 1720.

Scholæ Arithm. et Script. Pr.—Calligræcus.

[Master of Willeby's School in Spalding.]

The Rev. Walter Johnson, LL.B. Nov. 3,  
1712.

Illustriff. Duc. de Buccleugh Capell. — Scholæ  
Spald. Gubern.—Mufices peritus.

[Afterwards Rector of Redmarshall, Durham.]

John Johnson, Nov. 3, 1712.

Armiger.—Int. Templi J. C.—Rei Antiq. Studios.  
Soc. Thesaurarius. Clericus Curizæ Sewerar.



Maurice Johnson, jun. Nov. 3, 1712.

Armiger.—Int. Templi J. C.—Rei Antiq. Studios.

—Scholæ Spald. Gub.—Soc. Secr.

[The FOUNDER of the Society.]

Robert Mitchell, M. D. Jan. 21, 1720.

M. D. Scoto-Britannus.—Professoris Med. Boerhaavii Alumnus.

The Rev. Timothy Neve, A. M. Jan. 1, 1718.

Scholæ Reg. Gramm. Spald. Pr.—Bibl. inibi Libr.

—Capell. Wykham.—Soc. Thesaurarius.

[Afterwards D. D. Archdeacon of Huntingdon, Canon of Lincoln, and Founder of the Peterborough Society.]

Captain Francis Pilliod, Dec. 21, 1719.

John Richards, Nov. 24, 1720.

James Rowland, Gen. Jan. 21, 1720.

Illustriff. Ducissæ de Monemutâ, Dominæ Mannerii Spald. Procurator agrarius.

George Stevens, Gen. Oct. 19. 1721.

### Extra-regular Members.

William Ambler, Nov. 3. 1712.

Armiger.—Scholarum Reg. Gram. Spald. et Multon Gubern.—ex Deputacione illustriffimi Rob'ti Ancastr. et. et Kestevinizæ Ducis Com. Lincoln. Militiæ locum tenens.

William Atkinson, Treasurer, Feb. 17, 1731.

Dr. Francis Bellinger, Licenc. of Coll. of  
Phyf. Nov. 3, 1712.

Peter Bold, Apothecary, Dec. 31, 1719.

The Rev. John Britain, Master of Holbeach  
School, and Perpetual Curate or Chaplain  
of Gedney Fenn, April 8, 1714.

William Clarke, M. A. Fellow of St. John's,  
Cambridge, Jan. 1, 1718.

[Afterwards Chancellor of the Church of Chi-  
chester.]

The Rev. Aaron Lawson, Perpetual Curate  
or Chaplain of Cowbitt, Nov. 3, 1712.

Maurice Johnson, sen. Steward of the Courts  
of Spalding, Nov. 3, 1712.

[The Founder's father.]

Walter Lynn, M. D. Nov. 3, 1712.

George Lynn of Southwicke, Esq. Dec. 9,  
1719.

The Hon. Edward Molefworth, brother to  
Lord Molefworth, Captain of Grenadiers,  
Aide-de-camp in Minorca, Nov. 3, 1712.

The Rev. John Morton, Curate of Weston,  
Jan. 1, 1718.

The Rev. Francis Curtis, late School-master of Moulton, April 8, 1714.

The Rev. John Waring, Chaplain of Wykham, and Master of Spalding Grammar School, Feb. 3, 1713-4.

[Father of Edward Waring, Lucasian Professor at Cambridge.]

Richard Lake, Esq. of Wisbeach Castle, April 27, 1721.

Richard Middleton Maffey, M. D. of Wisbeach, April 2, 1721.

[F. R. S. and for some time Secretary to the Society of Antiquaries.]

The Rev. — Kirk, Usher of the Grammar-school at Spalding, and Curate of Leke, in North Holland, 1721.

*From this period the Members' names are arranged alphabetically.*

Edward Alexander, Esq. LL. B.

Joseph Ames, F. A. S. July 17, 1740.

[The Historian of British Typography.]

Claudius Amyand, Esq. Serjeant Surgeon to the King, F. R. S. June 5, 1729.

John Anstis, sen. F.R.S. Garter principal  
King at Arms, Jan. 23, 1741.

David Atkinson, Esq.

Robert Austen, Vineyard, Peterborough.

Sir Joseph Aylofffe, Baronet, F.R.S. and  
F.A.S. March 8, 1738.

Charles Balguy, M.D. of Peterborough.

Joseph Banks, jun. Esq. of Revelby Abbey,  
M.P. F.A.S. March 21, 1722.

[Father of the Right Hon. Sir Joseph Banks,  
P.R.S.]

Harry Bayley, Surgeon, Spalding, June 3,  
1725.

Anselm Beaumont, Druggist.

Beaupré Bell, jun. Esq. of Beaupré Hall, Nor-  
folk, F.A.S. October 20, 1726.

Sir Edward Bellamy, Lord Mayor of London,  
1735.

Præfectus Ærarii Angliæ in Banco, et Pater Urbis.

John Spinkes Bennett.

The Rev. James Benson, Rector of Croyland.

The Rev. Richard BENTLEY, D.D. F.R.S.  
Reg. Prof. of Divinity.

[The first preferment obtained by this illustrious  
scholar was the Mastership of the Grammar School

at Spalding, which he held for a short period after the resignation of Mr. Anthony Oldfield in 1682. He was also tutor to the son of John Johnson, Esq. of Pinchbeck, the founder's maternal grandfather, who married a daughter of Sir Richard Ogle; and in the written traditions of the family it is recorded that certain valuable chartularies of the Priory of Spalding which had descended to them from Sir Richard Ogle, were discovered to be missing after Bentley's departure; and it is somewhat remarkable that one in particular, of great antiquity, containing notes in the handwriting of Sir Richard, and cited by Dodsworth and Dugdale in the *Monasticon* as being at that time in Sir Richard's possession, was ascertained to have found its way into the possession of Bishop Stillingfleet, into whose family Bentley had entered, as tutor to his son, immediately after he left Spalding. His successor as Master of the School was Mr. Walter Johnson of Peter-house, Cambridge. The portrait of Dr. Bentley which hangs now in the room of the Society was presented by Mr. Commissary Greaves, who acted as Bentley's counsel in all the complicated law proceedings in which he was involved. Mr. Greaves was the founder of the annual prize given in Trinity College for the best Essay on the character of King William III.]

Peregrine Bertie, of the Middle Temple,  
Esq. F.A.S. May 17, 1722.

[Grandson of the Royalist Earl of Lindsey. He sent to the Society an account of some ancient weapons found at Ambleside, 1740.]

Peregrine Bertie, jun. Esq. Jan. 28, 1741.

Ernely Bertie, LL.D. Fellow of Magdalen College, Jan. 28, 1741.

Thomas Bevill, of Oxney, near Peterborough, Jan. 11, 1729.

The Rev. Thomas Birch, St. John's Place, Clerkenwell.

[The well-known author of many works in History and Biography.]

Anthony Birks, Master of Gosberton School, Surveyor and Accomptant, Feb. 8, 1753.

Joshua Blew, Inner Temple.

[The Librarian and chief Butler of that Society.]

William Bogdani, Esq. Clerk of the Ordnance, F.A.S. Lord of Hitchin Manor, Dec. 24, 1724.

[By extraction an Hungarian, and by marriage a connexion of the Founder.]

William Maurice Bogdani, jun. King's College, Cambridge, Feb. 8, 1753.

Peter Bold.

James Bolton, jun. Esq. December 20, 1722.

George Bolton, M.D. of Magdalen College, Cambridge, Physician at Boston, Aug. 18, 1720.

Vaughan Bonner, of Alford, March 7, 1733.

William Bowyer, [the well-known] Printer,  
London.

The Rev. Arthur Brainsby, B. A. Rector of  
Great Coates, Lincolnshire, Dec. 10, 1730.

[A relative of the Founder.]

William Brand, Newmarket.

James Brecknock, Apothecary at Holbeach,  
June 9, 1726.

Robert Briscoe, of Sleeford, April 25, 1723.

Rev. Zachariah Brooke, of St. John's, Cam-  
bridge.

[Lady Margaret's Profeffor, and Chaplain to the  
King.]

Thomas Brown, of Horbling, June 3, 1725.

Heneage Brown, Apothecary, August 1, 1731.

Francis, Duke of Buccleugh, PATRON.

Nathaniel Buck, Inner Temple.

Samuel Buck, Engraver, Dec. 25, 1729.

[The Editors of Buck's Views.]

Everard Buckworth, Spalding, March 8, 1721.

Everard Buckworth, Esq. Lincoln's Inn, Feb.  
8, 1753.

John Bullen, September 30, 1736.

Thomas Burton, of Boston, Town-clerk of Boston.

William Burwell, Master of Tyrrington School, Norfolk.

[A self-taught genius, who had once been a common labourer in the service of Mr. Lynn of Spalding.]

Thomas Bury.

Robert Butter, jun. Merchant, July 16, 1730.

[Son-in-law of the Founder.]

The Rev. Andrew Byng, Frederickshall, Norway.

William Callow, December 12, 1728.

David Casley, Deputy Keeper of the Cotton and Royal Libraries, Oct. 31, 1728.

Mark Catesby, St. Luke's, London.

[Author of the "Natural History of Carolina, Florida, and the Bahama Islands, 1731."]

The Rev. Edmund Castle, Prebendary of Lincoln.

[Afterwards Dean of Hereford, and Master of C. C. College, Cambridge.]

Andreas Celsius, Professor of Astronomy at Upsal.

Edmund Chapman, Surgeon, and Master of Music at Grymesthorpe, 1750.



The Rev. John Chapman, March 21, 1722.

[Master of Moulton School.]

Jolly Clapham, July 16, 1730.

William Claypon, of Spalding, April 4, 1751.

The Hon. Sir John Clerk, Baron of the Exchequer of Scotland, F.R.S. and F.A.S.

July 17, 1740.

Joshua Clegg, of Haxey, inventor of the Stuff-breaker.

Adam Colclough, Esq. of Gray's Inn, May 30, 1728.

Adam Colclough, of St. John Baptist, Westminster, February 8, 1753.

Benjamin Cook, Registrar, and Assistant to the Secretaries, 1745.

Dr. Dixon Coleby, St. Martin's, Stamford.

Henry, Lord Colerane, Vice President of the Society of Antiquaries, May 18, 1727.

Richard Collins, Painter, August 10, 1727.

Dr. Panoiti Condoiti, Physician to the Empress of Russia, Petersburg.

The Rev. Thomas Colebourne, Vicar of Walpole, Norfolk, May 18, 1727.

Emanuel Mendes Da Costa.

[The celebrated Italian Naturalist, Foreign Secretary to the Royal Society.]

Michael Cox, Surgeon, Feb. 11, 1747-8.  
Operator, Oct. 16, 1729.

John Crawford, Esq. of Croyland, May 25,  
1727.

William Cosh, of Cowhurne, January 30,  
1723.

The Rev. Richard Cumberland, Archdeacon  
of Northampton, Prebendary of Peterbo-  
rough and of Lincoln, and Rector of Pea-  
kirk, September 28, 1727.

[The son of Archdeacon Cumberland married  
Joanna, the favourite daughter of Dr. Bentley, and  
was the father of Cumberland the dramatist.]

Robert Cunyngham, Esq. Secretary to the  
Governor of Jamaica, March 9, 1726.

Thomas Curling, Surgeon.

Francis, Earl of Dalkeith, July 5, 1722.

[Eldest son of Francis, second Duke of Buc-  
cleugh.]

William Danvers, Esq. of Lincoln's Inn.

Knightly Danvers, Esq. of the Middle Tem-  
ple, Recorder of Northampton.

[Compiler of the Abridgment of the Common Law.]

Robert Darwyn, Esq. Elston, near Newark.

Peter Daval, F.R.S. February 8, 1753.

Sir Jemyn Davers, of Rushbrook, Bart.

William Day, October 20, 1726.

Symon Degg, M.D. Soc. Reg. et Antiq. Director, February 25, 1724.

Francis, Earl of Deloraine.

[Grandson of the Duke of Monmouth.]

Henry, Earl of Deloraine.

The Rev. John Theophilus Desaguliers, LL.D.  
F.R.S. Westminster.

[An ingenious mathematician and natural philosopher.]

John Dinham, M.D. of Spalding, March 7,  
1722.

Dr. Samuel Dinham, of Spalding, December  
28, 1725.

John Dinham, M.A.

[Afterwards Perpetual Curate of Spalding.]

William Dodd, B.A. Fellow of Clare-Hall,  
Cambridge.

[Vicar of Bourne, and father of the notorious  
Dr. Dodd.]

Ven. Dositheus, Archimandrite.

[Abbot of the Monastery of Pantocratoras on  
Mount Athos.]

Seign. Nichole Dracon, Zante, Asia.

Francis Drake, Surgeon, York.

Nathan Drake, Painter at Lincoln and York.

William Draper, Esq. F.A.S. Cecil-Street.

A. C. Ducarel, LL. D. July, 1757.

[Librarian of Lambeth Palace, and an eminent  
Antiquary.]

The Hon. Lewis Dymock, Champion of  
England, January 6, 1725.

Charles Dymock, M. D. Boston.

George Edwards, College of Physicians,  
London.

Thomas Eldred, F.A.S. Peterborough, April  
16, 1724.

Sir Richard Ellis, Bart. of Nocton, Lincoln-  
shire, Burgess for Boston, March 12, 1729.

The Rev. Jeremiah Ellis, Master of Gran-  
tham School, May 16, 1723.

Adam Enos, Esq. of Sutton, September 28,  
1728.

George Enfor, Boston, February 17, 1725.

Sir John Evelyn, Bart. F.A.S. 1725 ; V.P.  
1735-6.

Henry Everard, January 21, 1720.

The Rev. George Fairfax, Rector of Wash-  
ingburgh, April 11, 1728.

Lucius, Viscount Falkland, March 8, 1738.

Richard Falkner, June 20, 1734.

[A pupil at the Grammar School, whose Scholar-  
ship was marked by the special approbation of the  
Society. He went to Lincoln College, Oxford,  
and from thence sent to the Society Drawings of  
fundry inscriptions and monuments.]

Francis Fane, Esq. September 8, 1737.

The Rev. George Ferne, Vicar of Wigtoft  
and Quadring.

Martin Folkes, P.R.S.

[Elected to succeed Sir Hans Sloane as Prefi-  
dent of the Royal Society in 1740.]

The Hon. Charles Frederick, Esq. F.R.S.  
F.A.S. Surveyor General of the Ordnance.

[A Director of the Society of Antiquaries.]

The Rev. John Francis, Rector of Billing-  
ford, Norfolk, March 12, 1740.

Roger Gale, Esq. F.R.S. F.A.S. October  
31, 1728.

[Treasurer of the Royal Society, and a Vice President of the Society of Antiquaries.]

Samuel Gale, Esq. Comptroller of Customs,  
London.

[The above were the two learned sons of a learned father.]

William Gascoigne; from Michaelmas, 1743,  
Housekeeper, Gardener, and Coadjutor to  
the Operator of this Society.

John GAY, Esq. — Lepidiffimus Poeta,—  
October 31, 1728.

[A personal friend and correspondent of the Founder.]

William Gery, Esq, of Bushmead, co. Hun-  
tingdon.

The Rev. Dr. Gibson, Provost of Queen's  
College, Oxford, August 21, 1729.

Sampson Gideon, Lord of this Manor, 1750.  
[The son of Sampson Gideon was created Lord  
Eardley in 1789.]

William Gilby, Esq. of Gray's Inn, Recorder  
of Lincoln and Hull, Dec. 24, 1724.

[He presented to the Society an Astrolabe which  
had once belonged to Sir Christopher Hatton.]

The Rev. Burnaby Goche, M. A. Rector of

Croyland and Chaplain of Cowbit, April 25, 1723.

William Gonvile, of Alford, Clerk of the Sewers, Lincoln, May 4, 1727.

William Goodall, Esq. of Holywell, August 12, 1725.

Alexander Gordon.

Matthew Goffet, Esq. Statuary, March 6, 1728.

John Graham, January 12, 1737-8.

John Grano, Muf. Bacc. August 6, 1724.

Thomas Greaves, March 11, 1735.

Edward Green, Surgeon, December 24, 1724.

John Green, Student of St. John's College, Cambridge, second Secretary and Librarian, July 13, 1727.

[This gentleman, afterwards an eminent physician, married the Founder's eldest daughter, and succeeded him in the office of Secretary to the Society.]

William Green, Surgeon, April 11, 1728.

William Grenville, Alford, Sub-Vic. Com.

Joseph Grifoni, Architect and Painter, Florence, October 22, 1741.

John Grundy, Land-Surveyor and Mathematician, June 10, 1731.

John Grundy, junior, Surveyor and Agent for Adventurers for Deeping Fens, December 27, 1739.

[Son of the former, and like him an engineer of considerable repute.]

Robert Guy, Esq. Surgeon of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, F.R.S. December 24, 1724. M.P. for Bath.

Sir Christopher Hales, of Lincoln, Bart.

The Rev. John Hardy of Nottingham, F.A.S. 1720, December 24, 1724.

[Afterwards Vicar of Melton Mowbray.]

The Rev. Richard Hardy, M.A. August 24, 1738.

Howson Hargrave, Boston, February 4, 1741-2.

John Harries, Esq. of Lincoln's-inn and Jamaica, May 8, 1729.

John Harryson, Botanist and Gardener in Cambridge, February 8, 1753.

[Author of "A new Method of making the Banks in the Fens almost impregnable, and preparing the Lands there for the growth of Timber."]

Isaac Heath, Apothecary, October 7, 1725.



Dr. Musgrave Heighington, Organist of  
Yarmouth, August 12, 1738.

John Hepburn, Surgeon, Stamford, June 20,  
1723.

Henry Heron of Cressy Hall, Knight of the  
Shire, September 6, 1722.

[The last male representative of the ancient family of Heron, of Ford Castle, Northumberland. His daughter married Sir Peter Frazer, Bart. and died at Cressy Hall, 1769. Maurice Johnson communicated to the Society of Antiquaries in 1722 certain ancient portraits belonging to this family.]

John Herring, Grosvenor Street, August 14,  
1729.

Mark Hildesley, M.A. Vicar of Hitchin.

[Afterwards the successor of Bishop Wilson in the See of Sodor and Man, and second only to that prelate in his career of active and useful piety. The translation of the Bible into Manx, which had been begun by his predecessor, was completed by him.]

Joseph Hinson, February 4, 1741-2.

John Hill, Apothecary, Broad Way, Westminster.

[Afterwards Sir John Hill, one of the most prolific writers of his day. As a dramatist he was thus satirized by Garrick :

For Phyfic and farces  
His rival there scarce is.  
His farces are phyfic,  
His phyfic a farce is.

He was the son of a Clergyman at Peterborough.]

Charles Holland, Surfleet, Painter.

George Holmes, Deputy Keeper of the Records in the Tower, F.A.S. October 31, 1728.

[The learned editor of a re-publication of Rymer's *Fœdera*.]

The Rev. Henry Howard, August 22, 1723.

Robert Hunter, General and Governor of Jamaica, F.R.S. March 9, 1726.

The Rev. Thomas Hunter, Deputy Librarian, Curate of Spalding, September 5, 1728.

Thomas Orby Hunter, Esq. Lord of the Manor of Croyland, October 10, 1734.

John Hurthoufe, May 27, 1742.

Giles Hufsey, Esq. *Pictorum Princeps*, Dorchester.

[An ingenious and fanciful artist, whose portrait is introduced by Barry among the distinguished personages depicted in the rooms of the Society of Arts.]

The Rev. Samuel Hutchinson, A.M. Rector of Langton, Prebendary of Lincoln, Dec. 25, 1729.

Dr. Samuel Hitchins, of Stamford, Fellow of St. John's, Cambridge.

William Hyde, Vicar of Long Sutton, February 16, 1726.

Job Jiallo or Dgiallo, High Priest of Bonda, in Africa.

[This person had been brought over to England as a slave, but was redeemed from slavery by subscription, and sent back loaded with presents. He translated several Arabic manuscripts for Sir Hans Sloane, who got him introduced at Court.]

John Jackson, Merchant, December 12, 1728.

William Jackson, the Poet, at the Custom House, Boston.

Charles Jennens, Esq. Gopsal, Leicestershire.

[Known by the sobriquet of "Solyman the Magnificent" from his profuse hospitality, especially towards men of letters. He is said to have selected the words for Handel's Messiah.]

Dale Ingram, Surgeon and Man-midwife, Tower-hill.

John Ingram, Captain, October 2, 1746.

John Johnson, Esq. of the Inner Temple, Treasurer, F.A.S. May 31, 1733.

[Uncle of the Founder.]

Maurice Johnson, of the Inner Temple, May 31, 1733.

[Eldest Son of the Founder, and afterwards Lieutenant Colonel in the Duke of Cumberland's regiment of Foot Guards. When on service in Flanders he communicated to the Society drawings of votive altars and other Roman antiquities discovered at Nimeguen, as also of an ancient painting taken out of the temple of Mars near Grave.]

Walter Johnson, Esq. Student of the Inner Temple, Justice of the Peace, Oct. 22, 1741.

[Second Son of the Founder; afterwards F.A.S.]

John Johnson, of St. John's College, Cambridge.

[Third Son of the Founder, F.A.S. Minister of Spalding and Vicar of Moulton.]

Henry Eustace Johnson, Assistant Secretary at Madras, November 22, 1753.

[Fifth Son of the Founder. Afterwards F.A.S. He died at St. Helena.]

George Johnson, a Demy of Magdalen College, Oxford, Nov. 26, 1753.

[Son of the Rev. Walter Johnson, Rector of Redmarshall, Durham. Afterwards Rector of Loft-house, Yorkshire, Vicar of Norton, Durham, and Prebendary of Lincoln.]

Henry Johnson, F.A.S. December 24, 1724.

John Johnson, Gent. of Berguery House.

William Johnson, LL. B. Registrar, Bedford.

Richard Jones, Master of Music.

James Jurin, M.D. Soc. Reg. Secr. February  
27, 1723.

[Afterwards President of the College of Physicians. In the early part of his life the Founder of this Society had been under Dr. Jurin's tuition.]

Calamy Ives, of Wragmarsh.

Thomas Ives, Merchant,—Capitalis Constabularius,—January 13, 1731.

The Rev. White Kennett, July 31, 1729.

[A Son of the Bishop of Peterborough.]

John King, M.D. Stanford, August 12, 1724.

Gerald de Courcy, Lord Kinsale, October 31,  
1728.

Richard Kirk, A.M. June 22, 1729.

Samuel Knight, D.D. Archdeacon of Bucks,  
Prebend of Ely, and Rector of Bluntsham.

[Author of the Lives of Erasmus and Dr. Colet.]

James Du Knyght, Painter, Amsterdam.

Richard Lake, Wisbeach, April 27, 1721.

John Landen, Walton, near Peterborough,  
Mathematician and Surveyor.

Edward Lawrence, Land Surveyor.

Manwaring Lawton, M.A. October 4, 1739.

Carteret Leathes, Esquire.

[Son of Paymaster Leathes, and M.P. successively for Sudbury and Harwich.]

Smart Lethieullier, Esq. August 16, 1733.

[A celebrated collector of Antiquities, resident at Aldersbrook in Essex.]

John, Bishop of Lincoln.

[Bishop Thomas, afterwards of Salisbury.]

The Earl of Lincoln.

The Rev. Roger Long, D.D. F.R.S. Master of Pembroke Hall, Cambridge.

[The first Lowndean Professor of Astronomy.]

Francis Lockier, D.D. Dean of Peterborough and President of Peterborough Society, July 21, 1726.

The Rev. John Lodge, Stamford, B.A. of St. John's College, Cambridge.

John Lynwood, Civis Londinensis, December 24, 1729.

George Lynn, jun. Fellow-commoner of St. John's College, Cambridge, October 3, 1723.

John Lynn, of St. John's, Cambridge, Vicar of Southwicke, and Rector of Munslow, Shropshire, October 12, 1727.

The Rev. Charles Lyttelton, D.D. of University College, Oxford, F.R.S. F.A.S.

[Afterwards Dean of Exeter, and Bishop of Carlisle.]

Lot Mael, of Spalding, January 2, 1724.

Robert Mael, of Warwick Court, Newgate Street, August 18, 1727.

Charles Manningham, Esq. Member of Council at Bombay.

Sir Richard Manningham, Knight, M.D. F.R.S. F.A.S. December 24, 1724.

Dr. Thomas Manningham, London, March 12, 1740.

Sir George Markham, Bart. F.R.S.

Thomas Martin, Thetford, F.A.S. Jurisconsultus.

Dr. Richard Mead, V.P.R.S. his Majesty's Physician.

Jonathan Mercer, Spalding, October 7, 1725.

Captain Christopher Middleton, F.R.S.

Thomas Mills, Keeper of the prison for the Wapentake of Elloe, January 18, 1727.

The Rev. Thomas Mills, School-Master of Donington, August 29, 1723.

[Afterwards Chaplain of Cowbit.]

Joseph Mills, B.A. of Jesus College, Cambridge, November 29, 1753.

[Afterwards Chaplain of Cowbit.]

John Mitchell, M.D. London.

Michael Mitchell, Surgeon, London, December 28, 1727.

René Mitchell, Surgeon, Spalding, April 25, 1723.

Robert Mitchell, M.D. Epsom, Scoto-Britannus, Jan. 21, 1721.

The Hon. Edward Moleworth.

John Montague, D.D. Dean of Duresme, August 22, 1723.

[Previously Master of Trinity College, Cambridge.]

Captain Hugh Montgomery, North Cave, near Beverley, Yorkshire, July 10, 1729.

Cromwell Mortimer, M.D. F.R.S. F.A.S. July 28, 1737.

[Dr. Mortimer undertook to write a history of the Literary Societies of Great Britain, including the Gentleman's Society at Spalding; but he never completed his design.]

The Rev. James Muscatt, School-Master of Boston.



Andrew Motte, F.A.S. 1724, Reader of Astronomy, Lecturer in Gresham College, Jan. 30, 1728.

Charles La Motte, D.D. F.A.S. Chaplain to the Prince of Wales.

John Muller of Lorraine.

James Munday, Clerk of the Rules in the Court of King's Bench.

The Hon. Thomas Murray, Captain in the Guards, April 25, 1723.

The Rev. Timothy Neve, Fellow of Corpus Christi College, Oxford, 1746.

[Son of Mr. Neve mentioned in p. 20, and afterwards Margaret Professor of Divinity at Oxford.]

Robert New, Esq. Middle Temple.

[One of the Clerks of the Papers in the King's Bench.]

The Rev. John Newcome, D.D. Dean of Rochester and Margaret Professor of Divinity at Cambridge, September 3, 1730.

[Afterwards Master of St. John's College, Cambridge.]

Sir ISAAC NEWTON, October 22, 1724.

[See above, page 9.]

John Newstead, the President's Clerk, November 14, 175-

William Noel, Deputy Recorder and M.P. for Stamford, King's Counsel, Dec. 24, 1724.  
[Afterwards a Justice in the Common Pleas.]

Richard Norcliffe, Merchant, at Fredericks-hall.

[The contributor of many fossils and minerals from Norway.]

The Rev. George North, Vicar of Codicote, Herts, Curate of Wellwyn.

Admiral Sir Chaloner Ogle.

Anthony Oldfield, Northumberland House, Steward to the Dukes of Somerset.

[Afterwards created a Baronet. He married a daughter of Sir Edward Gresham of Limpsfield.]

The Rev. Edward Owen, Kimbolton, B.A. St. John's College, Oxford.

Edward Earl of Oxford, Feb. 25, 1728.

Dr. James Parson, Red Lion-Square.

Tracey Pauncefort, Esq. Wytham on the Hill, May 14, 1730.

Dr. Zachary Pearce, Rector of St. Martin's in the Fields, August 21, 1729.

[Afterwards Bishop of Rochester.]

The Rev. Samuel Pegge, M.A. St. John's  
College, Cambridge, July 23, 1730.

[One of the most erudite antiquaries of his time.]

Captain John Perry, Engineer, Adventurer  
for Draining Deeping Fens, April 16, 1730.

[For some time Comptroller of the marine works  
to the Czar Peter, and afterwards distinguished by  
his skill and success in stopping a breach made by  
the Thames at Dagenham.]

Edward Pincke, Druggist.

The Rev. Richard Pococke, LL.D. Arch-  
deacon of Dublin.

[A celebrated divine, and Oriental traveller; af-  
terwards Bishop of Meath.]

Joseph Pole, Berlin, Jeweller, Seal-cutter, and  
Engraver, February 8, 1753.

ALEXANDER POPE, Esq. Author of Es-  
say on Criticism, Windsor Forest, &c. Oc-  
tober 31, 1728.

The Rev. Morgan Powell, Kirton.

Sir Andrew Michael Ramsay, Knt. of St.  
Lazarus, F.R.S. March 12, 1729.

[Author of the Life of Cyrus, and other works.]

The Rev. Brock Rand, Rector of Levering-  
ton.

[An industrious antiquary.]

John Ravenscroft, Esq. Luffenham.

George Ravenscroft, Esq. Wykeham Hall.

[Interred in Wykeham chapel.]

The Rev. Benjamin Ray, Perpetual Curate  
of Cowbit and Surfleet, Sept. 5, 1723.

[A Scholar and Antiquary of some repute, and  
a kinsman of the Founder.]

John Michael Ryſbrach, Statuary, London.

[The celebrated Sculptor.]

John Rowning, M.A. Master of Spalding  
Grammar School.

[Fellow of Magdalene College, Cambridge, and  
afterwards Rector of Anderby, Lincolnshire. He  
published in 1738 "A Compendious System of Na-  
tural Philosophy."]

Richard Reynolds, Bishop of Lincoln, Sep-  
tember 7, 1727.

[Bishop Reynolds received the first rudiments of  
his education at Moulton School, under Mr. Dea-  
con Hayes.]

Charles Reynolds, Son of the Bishop of Lin-  
coln, Chancellor of Lincoln, Proctor for  
the Clergy of the Diocese in Convocation,  
September 28, 1727.

The Rev. Richard Reynolds, M.A. St. John's  
College, Cambridge, Feb. 8, 1753.

John Reynolds, junior, Attorney, Spalding,  
December 28, 1752.

John Richards, junior, Attorney, Spalding,  
1752.

Sigismund Richardson, Merchant, Spalding,  
October 9, 1746, 1747-8.

The Rev. John Rigden, B. D. Subdean of St.  
John's, Cambridge, March 3, 1725.

John Roberts, Surgeon, Canterbury.

James Rowland, Gent. Capital Bailiff and  
Receiver of Spalding.

John Rogerfon, Apothecary, March 1, 1732-3.

The Rev. Matthew Robinson, B. A. Master  
of the Grammar School, Boston, and Fel-  
low of Brasen-nose College, Oxford.

The Rev. John Romeley, Schoolmaster of  
Wroot, near Epworth.

[At one time a lawyer's clerk in the service of  
the Founder, and afterwards Curate to the Rev.  
Samuel Wesley, at Epworth.]

John Rowell, junior, March 21, 1723.

Thomas Rutherford, M. A. St. John's Col-  
lege, Cambridge, January 28, 1741-2.

[Afterwards Regius Professor of Divinity, and  
Archdeacon of Essex.]

Thomas Sadler, Deputy Clerk of the Pells.

[Distinguished no less for his taste than for his love of antiquities.]

William Sandes, Architect, Carver in stone,  
May 16, 1745.

Lord Charles Scott, Christ Church, Oxon.

[Second son of the Patron of the Society.]

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Sharp, Rector of  
Rothbury, Prebendary of Durham, and  
Archdeacon of Northumberland.

[A younger son of Archbishop Sharp, and the author of a work upon the Rubric and Canons.]

George Shelvocke, Esq. Secretary to the Post  
Office General.

William Shaw, Esq. St. James's, Westminster,  
March 27, 1729.

Sir HANS SLOANE, Bart. President of the  
Royal Society, and of the College of Phy-  
sicians.

[It is scarcely needful to state, that in consequence of his testamentary bequest, upon Sir Hans Sloane devolves the honour of having been the founder of the British Museum.]

Abel Smith, Banker and Merchant, Notting-  
ham, Owner of Monks' House near Spal-  
ding.

[An ancestor of the present Lord Carrington, and of Lord Mahon, President of the Society of Antiquaries.]

Humphry Smith, Esq. Engineer for draining the Fens, July 13, 1738.

The Rev. Robert Smyth, Rector of Wodston, near Peterborough, March 12, 1726.

[An industrious Antiquary, and a main contributor to Carter's History of the University of Cambridge.]

Matthew Snow, Middle Temple, Prothonotary of the Court of Chancery, Dec. 24, 1724.

The Rev. Richard Southgate, St. John's, Cambridge, Curate of Weston, May 24, 1753.

[This learned and exemplary Divine deserves more than a passing notice. He was the son of a farmer at Alwalton in Huntingdonshire, his mother being the daughter of Robert Wright, a surveyor and engineer of some repute for his success in the projecting of canal navigation—at that time but little practised. Through the assistance of Bishop Thomas he was sent to St. John's College, Cambridge, where he distinguished himself by his application and love of learning. Being disappointed, however, in his hope of obtaining a fellowship, he entered into holy orders in 1752 as Curate of Weston, where he seems to have remained for two years. In 1763

he became sub-curate of St. James's, Westminster, and in 1765 he was appointed by Dr. Gally to the Curacy of St. Giles. In 1790 John Gally Knight, Esq. presented him to the valuable living of Worktop. He seems to have been a rare instance of the union in one person of the somewhat dissimilar characteristics of a deeply-read virtuoso and a pains-taking parish priest. As a numismatist he was unrivalled; while as a labourer in the cellars and garrets of the most abandoned and wretched of his parishioners, he seems to have been always at his post. He was a fellow of the Society of Antiquaries, and one of the sub-librarians of the British Museum. His valuable collection of books, coins, and natural curiosities, was disposed of by auction after his death, the sale occupying 21 days.

The Rev. Joseph Sparke, Registrar of the Church at Peterborough, Oct. 4, 1722.

Joshua Spurrier, Gent. April 20, 1727.

Dr. Thomas Stack, at Dr. Mead's, Ormond Street.

William Stagg, Coadjutor and Gardener to the Society, in whose house he dwelled.

The Rev. William Stannyforth, A.M.

William Stennett, Delineator, Boston.

George Steevens, junior, Attorney, January 2, 1723.



Edmund Stevens, Merchant, London, September 26, 1723.

Alexander Stewart, M.D. F.R.S. F.A.S.  
July 17, 1740.

William Stukeley, M.D. September 6, 1722.

[This learned and ingenious antiquary, called by his friends not inappropriately "the Arch-Druid of the age," was born at Holbeach; and, as it may be supposed, the opportunities of early acquaintance and the congeniality of their tastes, begat a friendship with the Founder of this Society which continued until death. Maurice Johnson introduced Stukeley to that circle of learned men in London who formed the nucleus of the rising Society of Antiquaries; and Stukeley inscribed to Johnson the first Iter in his *Itinerarium Curiosum*.]

John Swynfen, Esq. Madras.

Thomas Sympson, Master of the works of the Cathedral of Lincoln, March 12, 1740.

The Rev. John Tatham, M.A. Vicar of Whapload, February 8, 1753.

Dr. Cornewall Tathwell, Stamford, Fellow of St. John's, Oxford, and Vicar of Hitchin.

Dawson Tavernor, Surgeon, August 24, 1738.

Edward Taylor, Esq. Inner Temple. Ansty, Coventry, December 24, 1724.

John Taylor, LL.D. F.R.S. F.A.S. Chancellor of the Diocese.

[A distinguished Scholar and Critic ; the editor of *Lyfias and Demosthenes*.—When Maurice Johnson went up to Cambridge with one of his sons in October, 1740, Dr. Taylor, who resided in the University as Registrar, showed him a copy of the Vulgate, supposed to have been printed in the year 1464, which formed,—inasmuch as no other copy of the same date had ever been discovered,—one of the choicest treasures of the University library. In fact the Earl of Oxford had in vain sent commissions all over Europe to procure one like it. Scarcely, however, had Maurice Johnson cast his eye upon the colophon when he pointed out to Dr. Taylor how certain letters had been ingeniously altered with the knife and pen ; and without hesitation he pronounced the date to be a false one. Dr. Taylor immediately wrote to the Earl of Oxford, apprizing him of this fact, and observing to him that it was no longer a wonder that his commissions had proved unsuccessful. This letter is still extant ; and the story was long afterwards related by the under-librarian of the University to all visitors who inspected the book.]

James Theobald, Esq. Merchant, Norfolk Street.

John Toller, junior, Lincoln's Inn, December 24, 1724.

John Topham, a Sea-Officer, August 28, 1729.

The Hon. Talbot Touchett, Alford, May 4,  
1727.

The Rev. Charles Townsend, M.B. Fellow  
of Emanuel College, Cambridge, Curate  
of Spalding and Deeping, January 23, 1734.

Thomas Townshend, Vicar of Pinchbeck and  
Gosberton, October 12, 1727.

Sigismund Trafford, Esq. Dunton Hall in  
Tidd, November 4, 1724.

The Rev. Charles Trimnell, Vicar of Bicar.

James Verney, Painter, February 8, 1753.

George Vertue, Painter and Engraver, F.A.S.  
March 6, 1728.

[As a token of the friendship that subsisted between them, Vertue dedicated to the Founder of this Society an engraved portrait of his illustrious namesake and kinsman Ben Jonson. He painted also that miniature likeness of the Founder himself which has been engraved for the illustration of this Memoir. Some of the medals by Simons in the series which Vertue engraved and published, were in Maurice Johnson's possession; and we may be pardoned for referring to—as illustrative of the characteristic enthusiasm of the true virtuoso on the one hand, and of the no less characteristic courtesy of Maurice Johnson on the other—a fact which has been elsewhere recorded. In order to gratify his curiosity

with a personal inspection of one of these medals, a gentleman in London, entirely unknown to Maurice Johnson, undertook a journey,—in those days, be it remembered, a long and tedious journey,—down to Spalding, and presented himself without an introduction at Ayscough-fee Hall. On his making known the object of his visit, not only was the request granted with extreme politeness, and without a moment's hesitation, but he was pressed to partake of all the hospitalities which it lay in Mr. Johnson's power to offer. And he ever after related with pleasure the circumstances of his kind reception, and courteous entertainment, considering himself most amply repaid for the trouble of his journey by his introduction to "so polite and universal a Scholar."

Robert Vyner, Esq. Knight of the Shire,  
May 6, 1725.

The Rev. — Walker, Lecturer of Wisbeach.

Richard Wallen, Esq. late of St. Jago de la  
Vega.

[Mr. Wallen married the Founder's daughter Anne Alethea, many of whose clever drawings adorn the books of the Society's Minutes.]

Thomas Wallis, M.D. Stamford.

Edward Walpole, Esq. Dunston, August 9,  
1733.

John Ward, Apothecary, Spalding, November 9, 1727.

Philip Ward, Esq. Inner Temple, September  
11, 1729.

Robert Warren, D.D. Rector of Bow, Essex,  
January 30, 1728.

James Weeks, Painter.

Richard Welby, Esq. Welbourn.

The Rev. Samuel Wesley, Rector of Epworth  
and Wroot, January 9, 1723.

[The father of the celebrated John Wesley. He was an intimate friend of the Founder, from whom he received much valuable assistance in the legal department of his Dissertations on the Book of Job, as we learn from the following acknowledgment in the preface of that work :—

“ Neque animi ingrati notam effugere potuiffem, nisi libentiffimè agnoscerem beneficia quam plurima et auxilia proposito nostro allata a viro doctiffimo Mauricio Johnson, armigero, et fundatore Societatis Generosorum Spaldingiaë, eique per annos xx jam ab epistolis.”

Maurice Johnson also furnished the design for a frontispiece to the work, in which Job is represented as he sat upon his *διφρος* to administer justice in the street. The face and features are those of Wesley himself, who,—as Mr. Johnson has stated in a manuscript note in the copy belonging to the Vestry library,—“ was not unlike Job in his manners and many circumstances.” ]

The Rev. Samuel Wesley, jun. M.A. one of the Ushers of Westminster School, Sept. 18, 1729.

[The eldest brother of John Wesley.]

James West, F.R.S. F.A.S. Secretary to the Lords of the Treasury, February 19, 1729.

[Afterwards President of the Royal Society; a Vice President of the Society of Antiquaries; and M.P. for St. Albans. His valuable manuscripts are now in the Lansdown collection in the British Museum.]

John Earl of Westmoreland.

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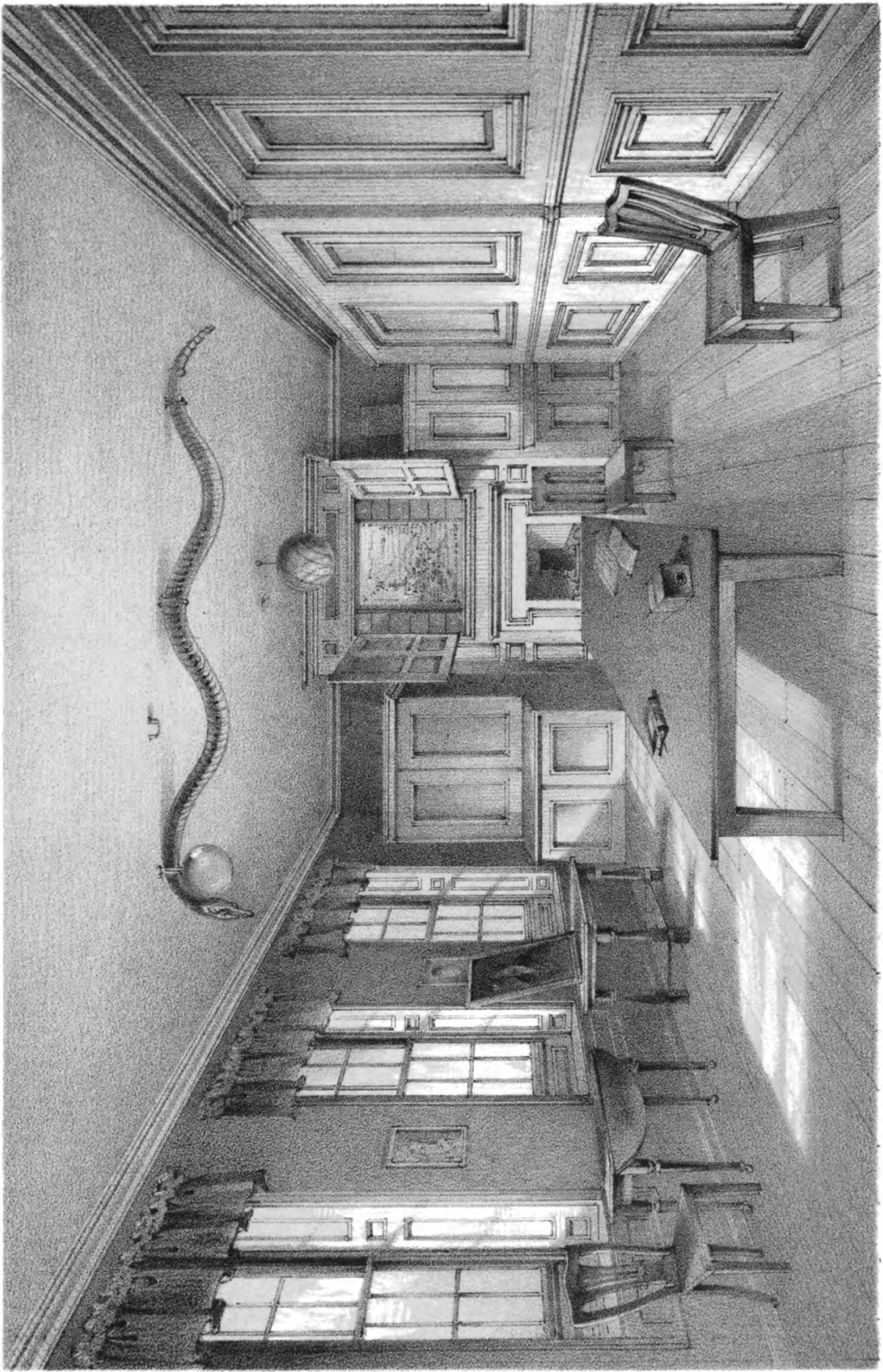
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The early meetings from which this Society originated were held at a coffee-house, kept by one Younger, in the Abbey yard. From this place, when the Society had assumed a more stable form, they were removed to the house of Mr. Everard; and from thence to another house which had hitherto been occupied by Mr. Ambler. After this, a room in the remaining part of the ancient Priory was fitted up as a library and Museum. The Society finally established themselves in a house not far from the High Bridge, and a sketch of their room as it still exists, with all its appropriate fittings and furniture, may be seen upon the opposite page.

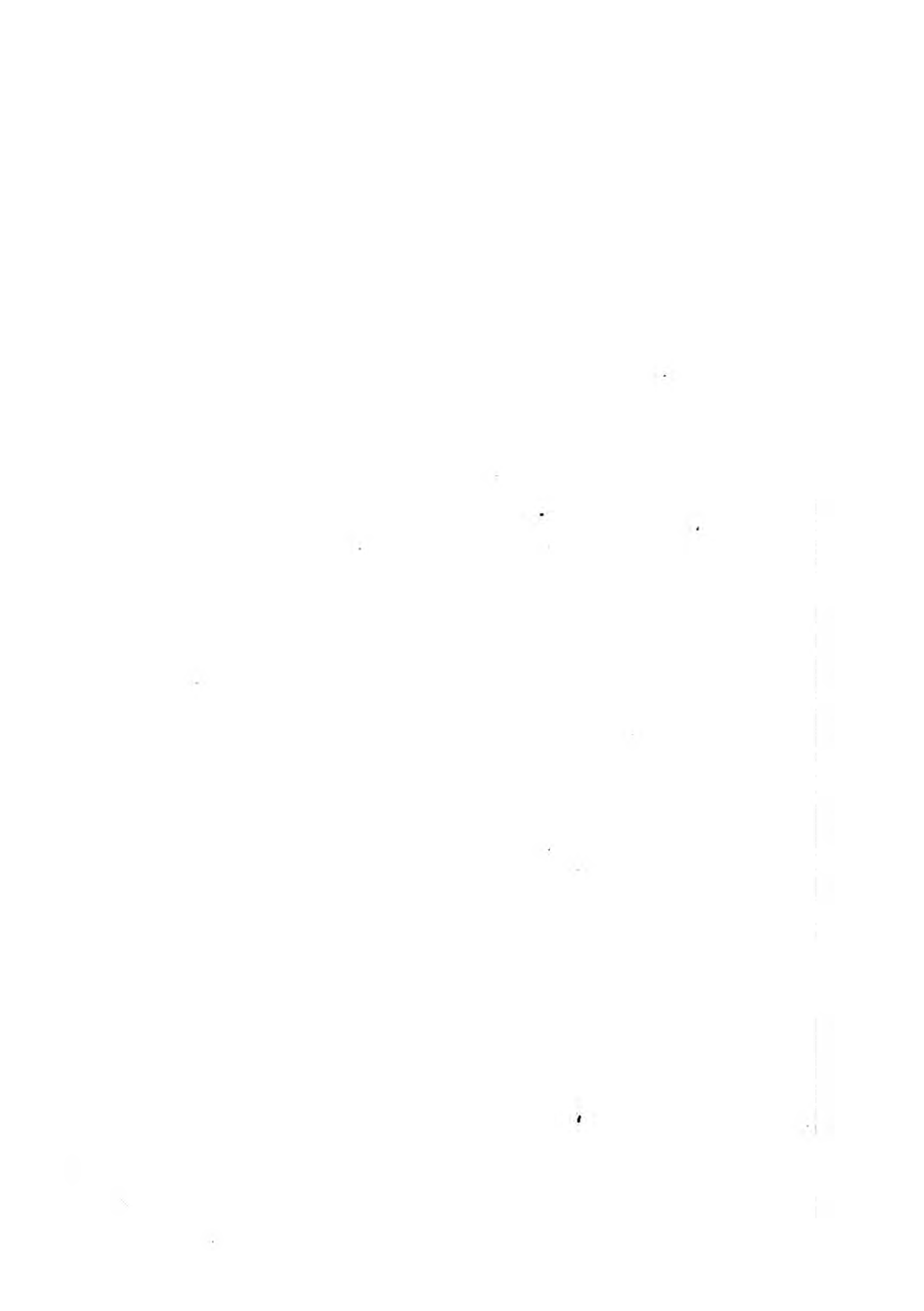
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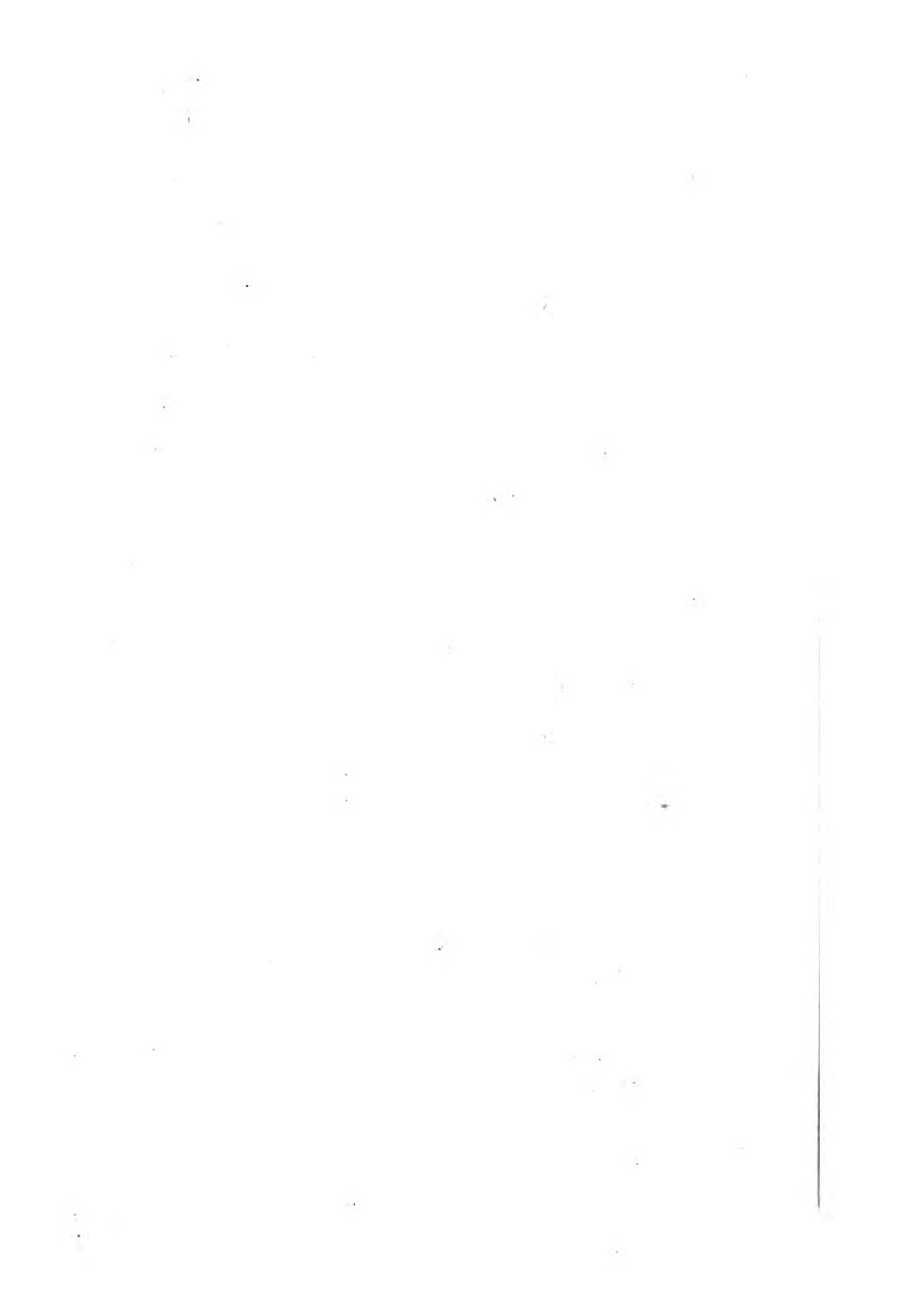
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