The Library Association of the United Kingdom.

President—

HIS EXCELLENCY THE MARQUIS OF DUFFERIN AND AVA, K.P.,
G.C.B., &c.

THE SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING of this Association, will be held in THE QUEEN'S COLLEGE, BELFAST, on the 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th September, for the transaction of the annual business of the Association, and of such other business as may be lawfully dealt with. The Meeting will begin at 12 o'clock on the morning of TUESDAY, 4th September.

BUSINESS.

I. The names of candidates proposed at, and since, the last Monthly Meeting, will be submitted for immediate election.

II. His Excellency the President will address the members.

III. The Report of the Council with the Treasurer's audited accounts will be submitted for adoption.

IV. The *Election of Officers and Council for the ensuing year will be held.

V. The following Amendments of the Constitution will be proposed:—

By the Council:—

(1) That in Chap. IV., Sec. 1, lines 9 and 10 (*see next page*), the words "and Vice-Presidents" be struck out.

(2) That Chap. VI., Sec. 2, which at present reads as follows:—

"The election of Officers and Council shall be conducted by ballot upon a list which shall include all nominations sent to the Secretary at least 10 days before the annual meeting. Each nomination must be assented to in writing by at least three members of the Association,"

* Nominations must be signed by three members, and be in the Hon. Secretary's hands not later than August 24th.

be amended so that it shall read as follows:—(*Changes are underlined.*)

“The election of Officers and Council shall be conducted by ballot upon a list which shall include all nominations sent to the Secretary at least 10 days before the annual meeting. The President and Vice-Presidents shall be nominated by the Council but the other officers and members of Council may be nominated either by the Council or by the members at large. Nominations by members must be signed by at least three members of the Association.”

(3) That the following rule be added to the Constitution:—

“The Council may appoint sectional Committees, the members of which may be selected from the Council or from the general members of the Association, to deal with various departments of the Association's work under such conditions as shall be fixed from time to time by the Council.”

(4) That Chap. IV., Sec. 3, which at present reads as follows:—

“The President shall be capable of holding office for a continuous period of not more than one year,”

be rescinded.

By Mr. J. J. Ogle:—

That Chap. IV., Sec. 1, which at present reads as follows:—

“The whole affairs of the Association shall be conducted (subject to the control of annual and special general meetings) by a Council, consisting of a President, twelve Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, an Honorary Solicitor, a Secretary, and thirty-two others, of whom twelve shall be London and twenty country members. The above shall be elected at one annual meeting, and shall bear office until the close of the next. To these shall be added all Past Presidents and Vice-Presidents who shall intimate their wish to serve on the Council,”

be amended so that it shall read as follows:—(*Changes are underlined.*)

“The whole affairs of the Association shall be conducted (subject to the control of annual and special general meetings) by a Council, consisting of a President, twelve Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, an Honorary Solicitor, a Secretary, and thirty-two others, of whom twelve shall be London and twenty country members. But the Council may remit portions of its work to a Committee which shall meet as often as is necessary in the intervals between successive Council meetings, and this Committee shall submit for confirmation, or otherwise, a report of its proceedings at each meeting of the Council. The officers and other members of

“ Council shall be elected at one annual meeting, and
“ shall bear office until the close of the next. To these
“ shall be added all Past Presidents, and Vice-Presi-
“ dents who shall intimate their wish to serve on the
“ Council.”

That Chap. IV., Sec. 8, which at present reads as follows :—

“ Meetings of the Council shall be called by the
“ President, and shall be held at such time and place
“ as he shall appoint. It shall be lawful for the Secre-
“ tary to submit any resolution to each member of the
“ Council in writing, and to receive written answers ;”

be amended so that it shall read as follows :—(*Changes are underlined.*)

“ Meetings of the Council shall be called by the
“ President or by the Secretary, and shall be held at
“ such times and places as may be decided at a Council
“ meeting immediately after the election of the officers
“ and Council, or at any subsequent Council meeting.
“ It shall be lawful for the Secretary to submit any
“ resolution to each member of the Council in writing,
“ and to receive written answers.”

VI. Papers and Discussions. The Draft of a Bill to amend the Public Libraries Acts, 1892 and 1893, will be considered. The discussion will be opened by Mr. H. W. Fovargue, Hon. Solicitor to the Association. Early notice of proposed Amendments should be addressed to Mr. Fovargue, at the Town Hall, Eastbourne.

J. Y. W. MACALISTER,

Hon. Secretary.