be opened until the essays have been examined, and then only for the purpose of announcing the prizewinner, and communicating with him, or returning the rejected essays to their owners.

- 14. Should two essays appear of supreme and equal merit, the prize will be increased to one hundred and fifty pounds and divided between them.
- 15. Consolation prizes value under Ten Pounds, according to the merit of the MSS., may be awarded.
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