

shall, within fourteen days from such communication, and with the consent of the majority of the Fellows, depute two of their number to obtain a personal interview with the Visitor, and to present him a petition, setting forth the circumstances of the case, and praying him to institute an enquiry accordingly. And the Visitor shall after full enquiry proceed, if he see fit, to the deprivation of the Rector.

STATUTE III.

THE FELLOWS.

1. *Qualifications.*

The Fellowships shall be open to general competition, and no preference shall be given in respect of place of birth or education. All persons, not being disqualified by the possession of property as hereinafter mentioned, who are members of the Church of England, or of some Church in communion with it, and who shall have passed all the examinations required by the University for the Degree of Bachelor of Arts, or shall have been admitted *ad eundem gradum* of this University, or have become in any way Members of Convocation, and who shall produce satisfactory testimonials of their moral character, shall be eligible. Preference shall be given to those candidates in whom shall be found the highest moral and intellectual qualifications, such intellectual qualifications having been tested by an examination in such subjects as the College from time to time shall determine.

2. *Election.*

The election of the Fellows, with the exception of the Chaplain Fellow, who shall be elected as heretofore by the Chapter of Exeter, shall be vested in the Rector and Fellows present at such election; and the Rector and every Fellow shall be present at and take part in the examination and election, except for some grave and sufficient reason, to be approved by the College. No person shall vote in the election who shall not have taken part in the examination. The day of such elections shall be the thirtieth of June next following the vacancy, unless that day fall on a Sunday, in which case the election shall be on the day following. Provided that no vacancy shall be filled up within less than one month from its having happened, unless the Fellow vacating shall have had a year of grace. The election shall take place in the College Chapel, or in some other convenient place appointed by the College, and at some hour between eight a.m. and noon. Notice of every such election, and of the day of examination, shall be given by the Rector, or in his absence by the Sub-Rector, in such way as in his judgment may best secure publicity.

At the appointed time and place, the Rector, or in his absence the Sub-Rector, shall continue for the space of two hours, if necessary, to take the votes of the Fellows, until for each Fellowship vacant some one candidate shall have obtained an absolute majority of the votes of the Electors; when such candidate shall be pronounced elected. In case, at the end of two hours, the whole number of votes shall be equally divided between two of the candidates, he for whom the Rector (or, in his absence, the Sub-Rector) shall have voted, shall be pronounced elected. If, however, at the expiration of the said two hours, any one or more vacancy or vacancies shall not have been filled up by either of these methods, then the names of those candidates for whom votes shall have been given at the last scrutiny shall be for-

warded to the Visitor, who, if he shall see fit, may appoint one of the number to be admitted to his year of probation; but if he shall not make such appointment, then such Fellowship shall remain vacant until the thirtieth day of June in the following year.

Whenever the Chaplain Fellowship becomes vacant, the College shall, as soon as conveniently may be, give notice in writing of the vacancy to the Dean and Chapter of Exeter, who shall appoint a fit and proper person to be admitted to his year of probation for the same, as Probationary Chaplain Fellow. The Dean and Chapter shall certify that the person so appointed has been duly examined, and possesses the intellectual and moral qualifications requisite in a Fellow of the College. He shall be at least in Deacon's Orders, and shall proceed to take Priest's Orders with as little delay as possible.

All Probationary Fellows shall, during their year of probation, reside in the University twenty-four weeks at the least during Term, unless prevented by illness; and shall receive for their maintenance from the Domus Fund, or such other Fund as the College shall provide for the purpose, a sum of money equal to that paid to the Foundation Scholars. They shall not be present or vote at College meetings or elections. On admission to probation, they shall be admonished by the Rector, or in his absence by the Sub-Rector, to be true and faithful to the College, to conform to the Statutes, and to be diligent in study. At the expiration of the year of probation, if, in the opinion of the Rector and major part of the Fellows present at a College meeting, they are by their moral and intellectual attainments duly qualified, they shall at the same or some subsequent College meeting be admitted Fellows by the Rector, or in his absence the Sub-Rector, after having taken the following Oath:

"I, A.B. do swear, that I will faithfully observe all the Statutes and Ordinances of this College, so far as they concern myself, and will, so far as in me lies, cause them to be observed by others. I will render due obedience to the injunctions, interpretations, and expositions of doubtful points in the Statutes given by the Visitor. I will obey the Rector, Sub-Rector, and other my superiors in College, in all things lawful and honest. I will defend the rights, liberties, possessions, and good fame of the College. I will be faithful and diligent in the discharge of the duties of any office committed to me. In the election of Fellows, I will without partiality vote for those whom I believe to possess the highest moral and intellectual qualifications. So help me God."

3. *Privileges and Duties.*

Each Fellow shall receive the dividends to which he is entitled under Statute IX. and shall also during residence, and no longer, be entitled to rooms rent free, and a daily allowance of one shilling to be paid from the Domus Fund.

All Fellows shall be bound to promote the main designs of the College, especially by study, teaching, or aiding in the administration of the College. The College shall have full power to enforce the residence of any Fellow, when his presence is required for the service of the College. And any Fellow refusing to reside, when duly summoned by the College, shall be punishable by pecuniary penalties at the discretion of the College; but such penalties shall not exceed half the annual value of his Fellowship, and shall be paid to the Domus Fund. Contumacy in this respect shall be punishable by the Visitor with deprivation.