

STATUTE 2.

Election of Fellows.

All vacancies occurring in the Fellowships of the College shall be filled up at a period not later than the next succeeding annual election of Fellows. An annual election shall take place on the second Saturday of the Easter Term, or on such other day as the Provost and Fellows shall appoint.

The intellectual qualifications of the candidates, and their proficiency in any branch or branches of the University studies, shall be ascertained in such mode as the Provost and Fellows shall determine, and the electors shall choose in each case that candidate (being otherwise duly qualified) whom they shall think to be most fit to be a Fellow of the College as a place of religion, learning, and education.

The election of the Fellows shall be vested in the Provost (or in his absence the Vice-Provost), and such of the Fellows as may have been appointed by the Educational Council to take part in ascertaining the qualifications and proficiency of the candidates; provided that the number of such electors be (including the Provost) not less than nine.

No person shall vote at such election who has not taken part in ascertaining such qualifications and proficiency.

The Provost shall be always present at the election and take part in ascertaining the qualifications and proficiency of the candidates, unless prevented by urgent cause.

Before proceeding to make their election, the electors shall severally make the following declaration:—

“I do solemnly declare, that I will vote for that person who is, in my judgment, the most fit to be a Fellow of the College, as a place of religion, learning, and education.”

The election shall be decided by the majority of votes. In case of equality of votes the Provost, or in his absence the Vice-Provost, shall have a casting vote, in addition to his vote as one of the electors.

Within three days next following the election, the Provost and Fellows shall meet in the College Chapel, and shall call upon the several Fellows elect to make the following declaration:—

“I, M.N., elected a Fellow of this College, do declare that I am *bonâ fide* a member of the Church of England, and I do solemnly profess and declare, That I will observe all the Statutes, Rules, and Regulations of the College; that I will be faithful to the same, and do nothing that may be detrimental to it; but to the utmost of my power will maintain and support the interests of the same; that I will obey the Provost and all other Officers of the College in all lawful commands and directions; and that if I should hereafter be expelled or removed from my Fellowship in accordance with the Statutes of the College, I will not bring any suit or action either against the Provost or against any other member of the College on account of such expulsion, and will not appeal against the same except to the Visitor of the College in the manner prescribed by the Statutes.”

After this declaration the Fellow elect shall be admitted to the Fellowship by the Provost, or in his absence by the Vice-Provost, and shall enter upon the emoluments of the same; but he shall not be allowed to take any part in the govern-

ment of the College until he has taken the degree of Master of Arts, or an equal or superior degree.

If any person elected a Fellow shall be prevented by illness or other grave cause from presenting himself for admission at the same time with the other Fellows elect, it shall be lawful for the Provost and Fellows to admit him at some later time, on his making the same declaration as above.

STATUTE 3.

Removal of Fellows.

If any Fellow shall openly secede from the Church of England as by law established, the Provost shall, with all convenient speed, assemble a meeting of the Provost, Vice-Provost, Deans, and five other Fellows, to be appointed annually at the election of officers, and the meeting so assembled shall proceed to inquire into the case and if it be established, to declare his Fellowship vacant.

If any Fellow shall be convicted by a Court of competent jurisdiction of any crime, of whatsoever nature or description, the Provost shall, with all convenient speed, assemble a meeting, constituted as above, who may, if they think fit, proceed to inquire into the case, and if the fact of such conviction be established, the Provost, with the concurrence of a Majority of the others so assembled, may expel such Fellow from the College.

If any two Fellows of the College shall prefer before the Provost against any Fellow a charge of disgraceful conduct, rendering him unfit to be a Fellow of the College, the Provost shall, with all convenient speed, assemble a meeting, constituted as above, who shall proceed to inquire into the case, and if the charge be proved, the Provost may, with the concurrence of a majority of the others so assembled, expel the Fellow so offending from the College.

Provided, that if in any of the above cases, either an accusing or accused party be Vice-Provost, Dean, or one of the five Fellows so appointed, his place at the meeting shall be left vacant.

Provided also, that in every case a Fellow removed under any of the provisions of this Statute may exercise his right of appeal to the Visitor.

STATUTE 4.

Of proceeding to Degrees.

Fellows who are Bachelors of Arts, or Bachelors of Laws, shall proceed to the degree of Master of Arts or Master of Laws as soon as they are of standing to take such degree; and Fellows who are Bachelors of Medicine shall proceed to the degree of Doctor of Medicine as soon as they are of standing to take such degree.

Fellows not so proceeding to their degrees in due course (unless prevented by illness or other grave cause, to be approved by the Provost and Fellows), shall forfeit their Fellowship.

All Fellows shall preserve their seniority in the order of Fellows, according to priority of admission as Fellows, and not according to their degrees.

No Fellow shall be required to proceed to the degree of Bachelor or Doctor of Divinity, or of Doctor of Laws.

STATUTE 5.

Vacation of Fellowship.

Every Fellow who marries shall vacate his Fellowship at the expiration of one year from the date of his marriage.