

WE, the University of Oxford Commissioners, under and by virtue of all and every the powers in this behalf enabling us contained in the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1877, do by this present Instrument under our Seal make the Statutes hereunto annexed for the College of St. Mary Magdalen, commonly called Magdalen College, in the University of Oxford.

Given under our Common Seal this sixteenth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one.



STATUTES OF MAGDALEN COLLEGE, OXFORD.

PREAMBLE.

ST. MARY MAGDALEN COLLEGE in the University of Oxford was founded by William Waynflete, Bishop of Winchester, and sometime Lord High Chancellor of England, under a Charter of King Henry VI, dated the 13th of October, 1457, and a deed of Foundation dated the 12th of June, 1458, for objects set forth in the Preamble to the Founder's Statutes as follows:—

“In nomine sanctæ ac individuæ Trinitatis, Patris, et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti, necnon beatissimæ Mariæ Virginis, gloriosæ beatæ Mariæ Magdalensæ, Sancti Joannis Baptistæ, beatissimorum Apostolorum Petri et Pauli, necnon gloriosi Sancti Swythuni ac aliorum Sanctorum patronorum Ecclesiæ nostræ cathedralis Wintoniensis, omniumque Sanctorum Dei, nos Willelmus Waynflete, permissione divina Wintoniensis Episcopus, de Summi rerum Opificis bonitate confisi, qui vota cunctorum in se fidentium cognoscit, dirigit et disponit, de bonis quæ nobis in hac vita de suæ plenitudinis gratia tribuit abundanter, unum perpetuum Collegium pauperum et indigentium Scholarium, clericorum, in studio Universitatis Oxoniæ in diversis scientiis et facultatibus studere ac proficere debentium, *Seynt Marie Mawdelyn College in the Universite of Oxonford* vulgariter nuncupatum, ad laudem, gloriam, et honorem nominis Crucifixi, ac gloriosissimæ Mariæ matris ejus, beatæ Mariæ Magdalensæ, et omnium Sanctorum præmissorum, sustentationem et exaltationem fidei Christianæ, Ecclesiæ sanctæ profectum, divini cultus liberaliumque artium scientiarum et facultatum augmentum, auctoritate apostolica et regia ordinamus, instituimus, fundamus, et stabilimus; prout in chartis et literis patentibus, super ordinationibus institutionibus ac foundationibus ipsius Collegii confectis, plenius continetur.”

I. Constitution.

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The College of St. Mary Magdalen in the University of Oxford shall consist of a President and such number of Fellows as is in these Statutes provided.

II. President.

The President.

1. The election of the President shall be vested in the Fellows of the College present at the time of election; the electors shall choose the person (being a Master of Arts or a Doctor in Theology, Law, or Medicine) who in their judgment is most fit for the government of the College as a place of religion, learning, and education.

Notice of Election.

2. When a vacancy occurs in the office of President, the Vice-President shall within seven days of the occurrence of such vacancy give notice to the Fellows of an Extraordinary General Meeting to be held not less than seven nor more than fourteen days from the date of such notice,

for the purpose of appointing a day for the election of a new President: which day shall be not less than one month, nor more than two months from the date of such meeting, unless the vacancy shall take place between the 30th day of June and the 1st day of September; in which case the election may be on any day not later than the 14th day of October.

Election of President.

3. On the day appointed the Fellows shall meet in the College Chapel, unless some other place shall have been appointed by the resolution fixing the day of election. The votes shall be given in writing to the two Senior Fellows present, who shall record their own votes last; and that person in whose favour an absolute majority of electors present and voting have voted shall be declared elected. If no candidate has an absolute majority, there shall be a second vote taken. If, at this second vote, no candidate has an absolute majority, the candidate who has the least number of votes shall be withdrawn: but if two or more candidates have the same least number of votes, the Senior Fellow present shall name one of those candidates, who shall be withdrawn. A fresh vote shall then be taken as between the remaining candidates: and this process shall be repeated until an absolute majority is obtained.

Presentation to Visitor. Declaration.

4. As soon as may be after the election one of the Fellows, to be appointed for that purpose at the time of the election, shall present the President to the Visitor, and shall deliver to the Visitor a letter, under the College Seal, announcing the result of the election. The President, in the presence of the Visitor and such Fellow, shall make a declaration that he will faithfully perform the duties of his office, and observe the Statutes and Bylaws of the College in force for the time being.

Notification to College.

5. The Visitor shall deliver to the President a notification in writing of such declaration having been made, and the President shall on the earliest opportunity read such notification to the Fellows of the College assembled in the College Chapel or elsewhere. If the Visitor shall refuse or fail to deliver such notification to the President, the President shall make the said declaration in the presence of the Fellows of the College assembled in the College Chapel or elsewhere.

Duty of President.

6. The President shall superintend the property and domestic management and arrangements of the College, as well as the admission, discipline, and instruction of its members, and shall enforce the observance of the Statutes and Bylaws of the College in force for the time being.

His Residence.

7. The President shall be required to reside in the College seven calendar months at least in each year, whereof six weeks at least shall be in each Term, Easter and Trinity Terms being for this purpose considered as one Term: Provided, that, when absent on the business of the College, the President shall be deemed to be in residence: and that in case of his sickness, or for any other urgent cause, it shall be lawful for the Visitor to dispense with the President's residence for such a period as may seem to the Visitor to be required by the necessity of the case.

Tenure and Stipend.

8. The President shall hold his office for life, and shall receive an income of 1,800*l.* per annum,