

" Sanctæ profectum, et divini cultus augmentum, auctoritate regia fundamus, instituumus, et stabilimus, prout in chartis et literis Regis desuper confectis plenius continetur."

STATUTE I.

*Constitution of the College.*

*The College.*

The King's Hall and College of Brasenose in Oxford shall be governed by a Principal and such number of Fellows as is herein-after mentioned.

STATUTE II.

*The Principal.*

*Qualifications of the Principal.*

1. No person shall be incapable of being elected Principal of the said College by reason of his not being or not having been a Fellow of the College. The electors shall choose the person who, being at least thirty years of age and being at least a Master of Arts of the University or of some University in Great Britain or Ireland of which the degrees are or may be recognised, for the purpose of incorporation, by the University of Oxford, shall in their judgment be most fit for the government of the College as a place of religion, learning, and education. All Actual Fellows being at least of the degree of Bachelor of Arts shall be entitled to vote in elections to the office of Principal.

*Election of the Principal.*

2. Whenever the office of Principal shall fall vacant, the Vice-Principal, or (in case when the vacancy occurs the Vice-Principal shall be absent from Oxford or the office of Vice-Principal shall be vacant) the Senior Fellow who shall be in Oxford at the time of the vacancy, or if no Fellow shall be in Oxford at that time, the Fellow who shall first arrive in Oxford after it, shall if possible within seven days of the vacancy, by notice affixed to the doors of the Chapel, declare the Principalship vacant, and shall summon all the Fellows of the College to a meeting, for the election of a new Principal, to be held on the thirtieth day after that on which the vacancy shall have occurred, unless the said thirtieth day shall fall on a Sunday, in which case the said meeting shall be held on the following day. Provided that, if the vacancy shall have occurred between the first day of July and the tenth day of September, the meeting shall be held on some day in the week preceding the meeting of the College for the following Michaelmas Term, such day being specified in the notice, and not being a Sunday.

The person making the declaration and issuing the summons shall give further notice of the day appointed for the meeting by a letter sent by post to every Fellow, at his last known place of address in the United Kingdom.

The votes at the election shall be given in writing to the Vice-Principal and to the Senior Fellow present not being Vice-Principal, and the Principal shall be elected by an absolute majority of all the Fellows present and voting. If on the first voting no candidate shall obtain an absolute majority, the Vice-Principal shall announce the number of votes given for each candidate, and shall adjourn the meeting till the next day, after which adjournment the votes shall again be taken, and, if no candidate shall obtain an absolute majority, that person shall be declared to be elected for whom the largest number of votes shall have been given; and, in case of equality between two or more candidates, the Vice-Principal, if he be not one of those who have received an equal number of votes, shall have a casting vote. If the Vice-Principal be one of those who have received an equal number of votes, the casting vote shall rest with the Senior Fellow present who

shall not be one of those who have received an equal number of votes.

As soon as may be after the election, one of the Fellows, deputed for the purpose, shall deliver to the Visitor a letter under the College seal announcing the result of such election.

Whereupon the Visitor shall proceed, according to the ancient custom of the College, to admit the person so elected to the office of Principal, and immediately on the receipt of the Visitor's order for his admission, or in default of such order after the expiration of five days from the date of the election, the Principal-Elect shall make a solemn declaration in the presence of the Fellows to the effect 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, and shall thereupon become Principal of the College.

*Tenure of the Principalship.*

3. The Principal shall be entitled to hold his office for his life.

*Provision in case of Permanent Incapacity of Principal.*

4. If at any time the Principal become permanently incapable of performing the duties of his office, the Visitor may, on the petition of the Principal presented with the consent of a majority of the Fellows present at a meeting specially summoned, order that the Principal shall be permitted to retire from his office with such a pension not exceeding 600*l.* a year as the Visitor may deem suitable to the circumstances of the case.

If no such petition shall have been presented by the Principal, the Visitor may, if he think fit, on the petition of a majority of two-thirds of the Fellows present at a meeting specially summoned and after inquiry held by him, declare that the Principal has become permanently incapable of performing the duties of his office, and order that the Principalship shall be deemed vacant at a time to be fixed by the order; and the Fellows shall thereupon proceed to the election of a new Principal. The Visitor shall by the same order assign to the Principal on his ceasing to hold office such a pension, not exceeding 600*l.* a year, as the Visitor may deem suitable to the circumstances of the case.

It shall be the duty of the Vice Principal, or, in his absence, of the Senior Fellow in residence for the time being, on a requisition presented to him by any three of the Fellows, to summon a meeting in order to determine whether or not such a petition shall be presented.

*Principal's Pension.*

5. Any pension awarded to a retired Principal; under the last preceding clause, shall be provided for and paid as follows; that is to say:—One moiety thereof shall be charged upon and deducted from the stipend of his successor in the office of Principal, and the other moiety shall be charged upon the general revenues of the College.

*Residence of the Principal.*

6. The Principal 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 in case of the Principal's sickness, or for any other urgent cause, it shall be lawful for the Visitor to dispense with the Principal's residence for such a period as may seem to the Visitor to be required by the necessity of the case.

*Stipend of the Principal.*

7. The stipend of the Principal shall in future be 1,500*l.* a year, free from income tax, in lieu of