

*AT THE COURT AT BALMORAL*

The 29<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1963

Present,

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY  
IN COUNCIL

Whereas the Governing Body of Somerville College, in the University of Oxford, did under the provisions of the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1923, on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1963, make a Statute amending the Statutes of the College:

And whereas the said Statute has been submitted to Her Majesty in Council and notice of its having been so submitted has been published in the London Gazette and the said Statute has also been laid before both Houses of Parliament in accordance with the directions contained in the said Act and no Petition or Address against the same has been presented:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, having taken the said Statute (a copy whereof is hereunto annexed) into consideration, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to declare, and doth hereby declare, Her approval of the same.

*E.N. Landale.*

*STATUTE referred to in the forgoing Order in Council*

XV. DOROTHY McCALMAN FUND

STATUTE MADE BY SOMERVILLE COLLEGE IN THE UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD THIS 13<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH 1963 AND SUBMITTED TO HER MAJESTY IN COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL.

1. In accordance with section 7 (2) of the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act 1923 this Statute has been passed at a meeting of the Governing Body specially summoned for the purpose on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of March 1963 by the votes of not less than two thirds of the persons present and voting.

2. And the proposal to add this Statute to the Statutes of the College has been communicated to the Hebdomadal Council of the University in accordance with Statute XI (4) of the Statutes of the College.

3. Whereas: -

i. Somerville College is the trustee of money accruing from the profits of the publication of the manuscripts of Winifred Holtby unpublished at the time of her death.

ii. The said Winifred Holtby by her will made on 16<sup>th</sup> July 1932 declared as follows:

"I appoint Vera Brittain to be my literary executor with full authority to publish any of my hitherto unpublished manuscripts and to draw profits from the same to recompense her for her trouble at the rate of 75 per cent. up to £1,000 and 10 per cent. after that ; the surplus to be put into a fund to be given to the Governors of Somerville College for scholarships. If by chance the sum should be £3,000 or over, I wish my executors to endow a scholarship to be called the Dorothy McCalman Scholarship, to be offered to students who have already been earning their living for a period of three years or more before applying for entrance to College."

iii. The said Winifred Holtby died on 29<sup>th</sup> September 1935.

iv. A fund known as the Dorothy McCalman Fund was created in 1936 and its income used to provide scholarships or grants in accordance with the wishes of the deceased or, if no candidate who had earned her living for a period of three years or more before applying for admission to the College presented herself, to provide scholarships or exhibitions for undergraduates in financial need.

v. The Dorothy McCalman Fund was a fund to which the Scheme made by the said College in 1947 and amended in 1961 under the Universities and Colleges (Trusts) Act 1943 was applied. The value of the Fund is now £9,436 or thereabouts. The annual income of the Fund is now £427 or thereabouts.

vi. Between 1936 and 1961 only five candidates considered suitable for admission to the College fulfilled the conditions laid down by the testator. It

is unlikely that such candidates will present themselves more frequently in future.

vii. The number of entrance scholarships and exhibitions which the College awards in any one year, together with a McCalman Scholarship or Exhibition or financial help to a Commoner of the College fulfilling the conditions laid down by the testator, can be provided by Trust Funds of the College other than the McCalman Fund.

viii. Money from the sale of the works of Winifred Holtby continuing to accrue over and above the sum of £3,000 necessary for the McCalman Fund, a second fund known as the Winifred Holtby Fund was created in 1938. Since 1948 this Fund has transferred such royalties on the works of Winifred Holtby as it received to the Trust Fund of the College known as the Scholarship Endowment Fund, 1926.

ix. The College considers that the intention of the testator will be met if-

(a) the College provides out of the Scholarship Endowment Fund a scholarship or exhibition whenever a suitable candidate fulfilling the necessary conditions shall present herself or appropriate financial help if such candidate is not made a scholar or exhibitioner ;

(b) the income of the Dorothy McCalman Fund is used to maintain the general level of the educational work of the College by contributing towards the stipends of tutorial fellows or lecturers ;

(c) Dorothy McCalman's name is commemorated.

x. Miss Vera Brittain of 4 Whitehall Court, London, S.W. 1, as the testator's literary and sole surviving executrix has expressed in writing her agreement with this opinion.

4. Now the College in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by the said Act and of all other powers enabling it but subject to the approval of Her Majesty in Council hereby enacts as follows: -

i. That the income of the Dorothy McCalman Fund shall be applied to the provision of stipends for tutorial fellows or lecturers to be known as Dorothy McCalman Fellows or Lecturers.

ii. A Dorothy McCalman Fellow or Lecturer shall hold a tutorship or lecturership in History or Politics unless the Governing Body shall otherwise determine.

iii. The College shall provide sufficient financial help for a Scholar or Exhibitioner or Commoner who has earned her living for three years before applying for admission to the College and who could not enter without such financial assistance. This student shall be known as the Dorothy McCalman Scholar or Exhibitioner or Student as may be appropriate. The necessary money shall be made available from the Scholarship Endowment Fund of the College.

5. This Statute shall be Statute XV of the Statutes of the College and the Statute at present bearing that number and all succeeding statutes shall be re-numbered accordingly. This Statute shall bear the heading Dorothy McCalman Fund.

We testify that the seal of Somerville College in the University of Oxford was affixed in our presence.

JANET VAUGHAN.  
*Principal and Chairman of Governing Body.*

MARY PROUDFOOT.  
*Fellow and Secretary to the Governing Body.*