

Charter and Statutes of Somerville College Oxford

CHARTER

George the Fifth, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas King, Defender of the Faith, and Emperor of India:

To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting!

Whereas a Petition has been presented to Us by EDWIN STEWART CRAIG, ESQ., M.A., the President of Somerville College, Oxford, and EMILY PENROSE, O.B.E., M.A., Principal of the said College.

Praying Us to grant a Charter of Incorporation for the purpose of constituting them and their successors and such other persons as to Us might seem fitting a Corporation with the object among others of acquiring and taking over the property and liabilities of the Association known as Somerville College now occupying certain houses and buildings in Woodstock Road and in Walton Street in the city of Oxford, and of carrying on and developing its work under such regulations and with such powers as to Us might appear meet and expedient:

AND WHEREAS WE have taken the said Petition into Our Royal Consideration and are minded to accede thereto:

Now therefore know ye that WE, by virtue of Our Royal Prerogative in that behalf and of all other powers enabling Us so to do, of Our special grace, certain knowledge, and mere motion by these Presents do for Us, Our Heirs, and Successors grant, will, direct, and ordain as follows:

1. The persons *whose names are set forth in the First Schedule hereto and all such persons as may hereafter become* members of the Governing Body of the Body Corporate hereby constituted pursuant to the provisions of these Presents or the powers hereby granted shall for ever hereafter be one body Politic and Corporate by the name and style of the Principal and Fellows of Somerville College (hereinafter referred to as the COLLEGE), and by the same name shall have perpetual succession and a Common Seal with power to break, alter, and make anew the said Seal from time to time at their will and pleasure, and by the same name shall and may sue and be sued in all Courts and before all Justices of Us, Our Heirs, and Successors.

2. By the same name they shall have full power and capacity to accept, acquire, and hold any personal property whatsoever, and shall also without any further authority, by virtue of this Our Charter, have full power and capacity (notwithstanding the statutes of Mortmain and Charitable Uses, and freed from the restrictions thereof) to accept, acquire, and hold, not only all such land, houses, and

buildings in Woodstock Road and in Walton Street in the City of Oxford as are referred to in the Petition, but also any other lands and hereditaments situate in Great Britain or Ireland not exceeding in the whole (exclusive of the said property in Woodstock Road and in Walton Street) the annual value of £10,000, such annual value to be calculated and ascertained at the period of respectively acquiring the same; and they shall have full power to dispose of by way of sale or lease, to exchange, mortgage, charge, improve, manage, develop, turn to account, or otherwise deal with, all or any part of such property, real or personal, belonging to the College, upon such terms and in such manner as they shall see fit, and also to do all other matters incidental or appertaining to a Body Corporate. Provided always that nothing in this Article shall be deemed to empower the College to dispose of, or deal with, its property in manner above mentioned without first obtaining such consent as would otherwise be required by law.

3. The College is hereby incorporated and shall be conducted with the following objects:

- (a) To acquire and take over the property and liabilities of the Association hitherto known as Somerville College and hereinafter referred to as the Old Association,
- (b) To provide for women and men who are members of the University of Oxford the protection and training of an Academic House, and, with that object, to carry on the work of the Old Association with such modifications and changes as may from time to time appear desirable.
- (c) To invest the moneys of the College not immediately required in any of the securities authorized by the statutes for the time being of the College.
- (d) To do all such other things as are incidental or conducive to advancing education, learning, and research in Oxford or elsewhere.

4. There shall be a Governing Body of the College (hereinafter called the Governing Body) as defined by the Statutes for the time being of the College (hereinafter called the Statutes).

The government of the College and the exercise of the powers conferred by this Charter of Incorporation shall be vested entirely in the Governing Body.

5. The persons whose names and addresses are set forth in the First Schedule hereto shall be the first Council [subsequently renamed as the Governing Body] of the College.

6. The Governing Body of the College as defined by the Statutes of the College contained in the Second Schedule hereto shall, subject to the provisions of this Charter, have full power to make, and when made to alter Statutes touching the government of the College, the constitution of the Governing Body, the appointment and removal of the Principal, the Teaching Staff, and all other persons employed in or in connexion with the College, the admission and removal of students of the College, and any other matters whatsoever relating to the administration and management of the College. Provided that no alteration

of the Statutes shall have any force or effect if it be repugnant to the provisions of this Charter or to the laws of the Realm or to the provisions of such Statutes of the University of Oxford as may from time to time be made to govern the relation of the Colleges to the University, nor until it shall have been approved by Us, Our Heirs or Successors in Council under the provisions of the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act 1923.

7. The Statutes of the College shall be those contained in the Second Schedule hereto, and it is hereby declared that the same are valid and within the powers conferred by the sixth Article hereof and shall remain in force unless and until they shall be altered in manner hereinbefore prescribed.

8. The Governing Body of the College in Governing Body meeting may from time to time amend, alter, or add to these Presents by a Special Statute in that behalf, and such alteration, amendment, or addition shall, when allowed by Us by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, become effectual so that these Presents shall thenceforward continue and operate as though they had been originally granted and made as so altered, amended, or added to. This Article shall apply to this Charter as altered, amended, or added to in manner aforesaid.

A Special Statute is a Statute passed at one Governing Body Meeting and confirmed at a subsequent meeting held not less than three weeks nor more than three calendar months after the former, provided that such Statute be passed at each meeting by a majority of not less than three-fourths of the members of Governing Body present and voting, and provided that a quorum be voting.

9. There shall be a Visitor of the College who shall be appointed in the manner prescribed by the Statutes contained in the Second Schedule hereto.

10. The income and property of the College, whencesoever derived, shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the College as set forth in these Presents, and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, or bonus, or otherwise howsoever by way of profit to the persons who at any time are or have been members of the Governing Body of the College. Provided that this Article shall not prevent the payment in good faith of remuneration to the Principal, Tutors, Fellows, Lecturers, or any other Officers or Servants of the College in return for services actually rendered or to be rendered to the College, nor shall anything herein prevent any person holding any bona fide Scholarship, Studentship, or Fellowship, established or paid out of the funds of the College from being a member of the Governing Body of the College.

11. It shall not be a condition attached to the holding of any office of the College that the person holding such office or being a candidate therefor shall hold any particular religious opinion or subscribe to any form of religious doctrine. No Statute of the College and no By-law of Regulation of the Governing Body shall impose any religious test whatsoever upon any student of the College in connexion with the receipt of any benefit under the constitution or regulation of the College, nor require

the attendance of any student upon any course of theological study or religious service to which any student or in the case of a minor the parents or guardians of such student shall object on conscientious grounds.

12. Any supplementary Charter granted by Us, Our Heirs or Successors, whether repealing amending or adding to the provisions of these Presents may be accepted by a meeting of the Governing Body of the College specially called for the purpose and shall be valid and binding upon the College and all the Governing Body thereof if accepted by the votes of two-thirds of the members of the Governing Body present at such Meeting.

13. And lastly We do by these Presents for Us, Our Heirs and Successors grant and declare that this Our Letters Patent or the enrolment thereof shall be in all things valid and effectual in law according to the true intent and meaning of the same and shall be recognized as valid and effectual by all Our Courts and Judges in Our Dominions and by all other officers persons and Bodies Politic and Corporate whom it doth concern and that the same shall be construed in the most favourable and beneficial sense and for the best advantage of the College as well in all Our several Courts of Record in Our Dominions as elsewhere notwithstanding any non-recital or mis-recital uncertainty or imperfection in this Our Charter.

In Witness whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent.

Witness Ourselves at Westminster the seventh day of June in the seventeenth year of Our Reign.

By Warrant under the King's Sign Manual

(signed) SCHUSTER

[Sealed with the Royal Seal.]

THE FIRST SCHEDULE

THE FIRST COUNCIL

E.S. Craig, M.A., Registrar of the University , Fellow of Magdalen College.
Sir A. E. Garrod, K.C.M.G., D.M., Regius Professor of Medicine, Representative of the Hebdomadal Council.
Mrs. T.H. Green, M.A.
Gilbert Murray, M.A., D.Litt., Regius Professor of Greek.
Miss Emily Penrose, M.A., Principal of Somerville College.
Mrs. Poulton.
The Hon. A.M. Bruce, M.A., Official Fellow of Somerville College.
Miss M.K. Pope, M.A., Official Fellow of Somerville College.
Miss H.L. Lorimer, M.A., " " "
Miss H. Darbishire, M.A., " " "
Miss M.B. Stonedale, " " "
Miss M.V. Clarke, M.A., " " "
Miss D.E. Rhodes, M.A., " " "
Miss V. Farnell, M.A., " " "
J.L. Brierly, B.C.L., M.A., Chichele Professor of International Law.
Miss G. E. Hadow, M.A.
Mrs. Kenneth Leys.
M.N. Tod, M.A., Fellow of Oriel College, University Lecturer in Greek Epigraphy
Miss E.M.L. Atkinson.
P.M. Evans, M.A., Clothworkers' Company.
A.B. Gillett.
J.R.H. Weaver, M.A., Fellow of Trinity College.
Miss S.M. Fry.
A.L. Poole, M.A., Fellow of St. John's College.
W.B.Selbie, D.D., Principal of Mansfield College.
A.H. Smith, M.A., Fellow of New College.

THE SECOND SCHEDULE

STATUTES

I. THE GOVERNING BODY

Governing Body

1. The Governing Body shall consist of the Principal and those persons who shall for the time being and from time to time be Fellows of the College and qualified for membership of the Governing Body under the provisions of the Statute hereinafter enacted.

Chairman

2. The Principal shall be *ex officio* Chairman of the Governing Body and of its Committees. In her absence the Vice-Principal shall preside over meetings of the Governing Body and of its Committees, or, in the absence of both Principal and Vice-Principal, the Senior Official Fellow present shall preside.

Quorum

3. The Governing Body may act and its proceedings shall be valid notwithstanding the absence of any of its members provided that no business shall be transacted unless at least six members are present.

Meetings

4. Every meeting of the Governing Body shall be of one of four kinds:

(a) *Stated Meetings*. One Stated Meeting at least shall be held in each of the three University terms in every year. The Governing Body may by resolution adjourn a Meeting to a date specified in such resolution provided that not less than five days' notice of such date shall be given to all members not present at the adjourned Meeting.

(b) *Special Meetings*. The Principal or, in her absence the Vice-Principal or, in the absence of both, the Senior Official Fellow present in Oxford may at any time by giving fifteen days' notice to all members convene a Special Meeting and shall do so at the request of any three members of the Governing Body. The Governing Body may at a Special Meeting exercise all the same powers which it could exercise at a Stated Meeting, but no business shall be transacted of which notice shall not have been given to members with the notice convening the Meeting.

(c) *Ordinary Meetings*. Meetings may be convened by the Principal or, in her absence, by the Vice-Principal or, in the absence of both, by the Senior Official Fellow present in Oxford, at any time, but no business shall be transacted or powers exercised which under the Statutes of the College or under any other enactment or Resolution made by the Governing Body ought to be transacted or exercised by the Governing Body at a Stated or Special Meeting.

(d) Meetings to consider or to make an election to the Office of Principal.

As provided in Statute II, Clause 2.

Powers

5. The Governing Body shall have all such powers as are conferred on it by the Charter and shall, subject thereto and to these Statutes, have the entire direction and management of the affairs of the College.

Committees

6. The Governing Body shall elect a Finance Committee and may elect other Committees. It may appoint as members of such Committees persons who are not members of the Governing Body but the majority of members of each Committee shall be members of the Governing Body. The Governing Body may delegate to each Committee such of its powers as it may think fit.

Elections and Appointments

7. The Governing Body shall elect the Principal and Fellows, and shall appoint Tutors, Lecturers, and such other Officers of the College as it may from time to time think necessary.

By-laws

8. The Governing Body may make such By-laws and Regulations as it thinks fit for the conduct of its business, the admission, education, and discipline of members of the College *in statu pupillari*, and the administration of the College, and may alter or repeal such By-laws, provided that no such By-law or Regulation shall be valid which is inconsistent with the Charter of Incorporation or with these Statutes or with the Statutes of the University. No By-law shall be altered, suspended or repealed, except by resolution of the Governing Body at a Stated or Special Meeting, notice of the proposed alteration, suspension or repeal having been given at a previous meeting.

Secretary

9. The Governing Body shall elect a Secretary who shall keep a record of its proceedings, issue notices of its meetings and perform such other duties as may from time to time be assigned to her by the Governing Body. Unless the Governing Body shall determine otherwise the offices of Treasurer (hereinafter provided for) and Secretary shall be held by one and the same person.

Voting

10. Every member of the Governing Body shall have one vote only at meetings of the Governing Body, but in case of an equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote. All votes shall be given personally and not by proxy. Except as hereinafter provided, all questions shall be decided by the vote of the simple majority of those present and voting.

Seal

11. The Governing Body shall provide for the safe custody of the Common Seal of the College which shall be affixed to any instrument requiring the Common Seal in the presence of two members of the Governing Body, but shall not be so affixed except in pursuance of an express resolution of the Governing Body or, if for any reason it is not practicable to summon the Governing Body for the purpose, then in pursuance of the written direction of at least three members of the Governing Body.

Contracts

12. Contracts on behalf of the College may be made as follows: -
- (a) a contract which if made between private persons would be by law required to be in writing, and if made according to English law to be under seal, may be made on behalf of the College in writing under the Common Seal of the College;
 - (b) a contract which if made between private persons would be by law required to be in writing, signed by the parties to be charged therewith, may be made on behalf of the College in writing signed by any person acting under its authority;
 - (c) a contract which if made between private persons would be by law valid although made by parol only, and not reduced into writing, may be made by parol on behalf of the College by any person acting under its Authority;
 - (d) a contract made according to this Statute may be varied or discharged in the same manner in which it is authorised by this Statute to be made.

II. THE PRINCIPAL

Qualifications

1. The Governing Body shall appoint as Principal the person who in its judgment is most fitted for the Headship of the College as a place of religion, learning, and education.

Foreseen Election (Retirement)

2. - (a) When the Principal is about to reach the age of retirement under this Statute, she shall give notice of this at a Stated Meeting in Trinity Term preceding the year of her retirement. The Vice-Principal or, in her absence, the Senior Official Fellow present shall with not less than four weeks' notice given in writing call together the members of the Governing Body present in Oxford to consider the election of a Principal. This meeting shall take place not earlier than the first or later than the fourth week of the succeeding term, and the meeting for the election shall take place not later than Trinity Term in the year of the Principal's retirement.

Foreseen Election (Resignation)

(b) If the Principal intends to resign before reaching the age of retirement she shall, if possible, give one year's notice of her intention in which case the meeting to consider the election of her successor shall be summoned in accordance with the procedure set out in section (a) above. If the Principal is unable to give one year's notice the procedure shall be as in section (c) below.

Unforeseen Election

(c) If a vacancy occurs in the office of the Principal through death or any unforeseen cause the Vice-Principal, or, in her absence, the Senior Official Fellow present in Oxford shall with not less than three weeks' notice given in writing call together the members of the Governing Body present to consider the election of a Principal. This meeting shall take place not less than one month or more than three months from the occurrence of the vacancy, except that when the vacancy shall occur in the long vacation it shall be held not earlier than the first or later than the fourth week of the succeeding term. The meeting for the election shall take place not later than the third term after the occurrence of the vacancy or the notice of resignation.

Conduct of Election Meeting

(d) The Vice-Principal or, in her absence, the Senior Official Fellow present in Oxford shall preside at the meeting for the election of a Principal but shall not be entitled to give a second or casting vote. Votes shall be given in writing and may be given for any person whose name has been proposed and seconded at the meeting. If any person obtains an absolute majority she shall be elected. If no one obtains an absolute majority the meeting shall adjourn for an hour or longer, provided that if the meeting be adjourned until another day, immediate notice of the adjournment be given in writing to each member of the Governing Body not present at the adjourned meeting. On resumption of the meeting another vote shall be taken, and it shall then be lawful for any member to propose a name or names in addition to those already before the meeting, and the votes shall be taken on all the names proposed. If no one obtains an absolute majority at the second vote, then a further vote or votes shall be taken at this or a later meeting with the object of obtaining an absolute majority for one candidate. Failure to obtain an absolute majority shall not, however, be held to invalidate an election.

Entry into Office

3. Unless the Governing Body shall determine otherwise, a Principal elected under Clause 2 (a) above shall enter upon the duties of her office and shall be entitled to its emoluments from the first day of October following her election, and a Principal elected under Clause 2 (c) above shall enter upon the

duties of her office and shall be entitled to its emoluments from the day of the election.

Presentation to the Visitor

4. As soon as may be after the election a member of the Governing Body deputed for that purpose shall present the Principal so elected to the Visitor, and shall deliver to the Visitor a letter under the College Seal announcing the result of the election. The Principal shall in the presence of the Visitor and of the member of the Governing Body so deputed make a declaration that she will faithfully perform the duties of her office and observe the Statutes and By-laws of the College in force for the time being.

The Visitor shall deliver to the Principal a written notification that this declaration has been made, and the Principal shall at the earliest opportunity read this notification to the Governing Body.

Age of Retirement and Deprivation.

5. The Principal shall vacate office not later than the thirtieth day of September immediately preceding her sixty-eighth birthday, provided that
 - (a) the Governing Body shall have power to renew her appointment for a period not exceeding three years by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the members of the Governing Body at a meeting held not less than six months before the day on which her office would terminate and called with not less than fourteen days' notice of the business to be transacted;
 - (b) the Governing Body shall have power at any time to terminate the appointment of the Principal on the ground of serious misconduct or neglect of duty or mental or physical incapacity or other grave cause by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the members of the Governing Body at a meeting called with not less than fourteen days' notice of the business to be transacted; provided that
 - (i) no termination of appointment shall be made by the Governing Body on the ground of misconduct or neglect of duty except after the Principal shall have been given opportunity to hear from the Governing Body the charges made against her and to answer them in writing or in person as she shall choose;
 - (ii) the Principal shall have the right to appeal to the Visitor against the termination of her appointment by the Governing Body, and his decision shall be final.

Duties

6. The Principal shall exercise general supervision over the conduct, administration, and educational work of the College and shall perform such duties as are or may from time to time be required of her by the Statutes or By-laws of the College or the Statutes of the University.

Discipline

7. The Principal shall be responsible for the discipline of members of the College *in statu pupillari*, provided that no name shall be removed from the books of the College except by the decision of the Governing Body in a Stated Meeting and that such decision shall be final.

Residence

8. The Principal shall reside on the premises of the College for not less than seven calendar months in the Academic year, of which not less than eighteen weeks shall be in University Full Term, unless special leave of absence for illness or other reasonable cause shall be granted by the Governing Body and confirmed by the Visitor.

Emoluments

9. The Principal shall be entitled to board, service, and maintenance of the College premises where she resides free of rent, rates and taxes, throughout the year; and to such stipend and allowances for expenses as the Governing Body may from time to time determine, provided that the emoluments of the Principal shall not be altered during her tenure of the office without her consent.

III. THE VICE-PRINCIPAL

Election

1. The Governing Body shall elect a Vice-Principal from among the Official Fellows for such period as may be determined at the time of election, provided that if at any time she ceases to be an Official Fellow she shall cease to be Vice-Principal. She shall reside in the College during University Full Term unless the Governing Body shall determine otherwise.

Precedence & Duties

2. The Vice-Principal shall take precedence of all other Fellows and shall, in the absence of the Principal or during the Principal's incapacity through illness or during a vacancy in the office of Principal, be charged with all the powers and duties of the Principal except where otherwise provided. The Vice-Principal shall be an ex-officio member of such Committees as the Governing Body shall from time to time determine.

Emoluments

3. The stipend and emoluments of the Vice-Principal shall be such as the Governing Body may from time to time determine.

IV.THE FELLOWS

Classes of Fellows

1. The Classes of Fellows of the College elected to serve as members of the Governing Body are as follows:-

(a) *Official Fellows.* Any person holding a teaching or administrative post within the College may be elected to an Official Fellowship as provided by Statute V (Tutors, Lecturers and Administrative Officers). If so elected she shall be a member of the Governing Body.

(b) *Professorial Fellows.* The holder of any Professorship which may be allocated to the College by Hebdomadal Council shall, by virtue of her office, be a Professorial Fellow provided that the College was invited to send a representative to the meetings of the Board of Electors by which she was elected to her Professorship. The Governing Body may elect to a Professorial Fellowship any Reader or the holder of a University office declared by a Statute of the University to qualify its holder for a Professorial Fellowship. All Professorial Fellows shall be members of the Governing Body.

(c) *Additional Fellows*

(i) Any person being a University Lecturer or Demonstrator or Departmental Demonstrator not holding a teaching or administrative post within the College, and (ii) any person being a Scholar distinguished in any branch of learning, may be elected to an Additional Fellowship. If so elected she shall be a member of the Governing Body.

Elections

2. The election of Official, Professorial and Additional Fellows shall be made at a Stated Meeting of the Governing Body by the votes in writing of a two-thirds majority of those present and voting. But no election shall be made whereby the total number of Professorial Fellows and Additional Fellows would be made to exceed one half of the number of Official Fellows.

Emoluments

3. The Governing Body shall provide for Official Fellows such emoluments as it shall from time to time think fit. The Governing Body may assign to Professorial Fellows and Additional Fellows such privileges as regards board, service and residence as it may from time to time think fit and may at its discretion also provide for an Additional Fellow such emolument as it determines at the time of her election.

Seniority

4. The seniority of each Fellow of the College shall be determined by the date of her admission to the Fellowship unless otherwise provided for in any particular case on admission by the Governing Body.

Declaration

5. Every Fellow shall upon her admission as such make a declaration in the presence of the Principal and the Governing Body to the effect that she will be true and faithful to the College, will observe its Statutes and By-laws in force for the time being and will endeavour to promote its interests and studies.

Degree

6. Every Fellow who has received or is entitled to supplicate for the degree of B.A. shall proceed to the degree of M.A. within one year of the earliest date at which she is permitted by the Statutes of the University to do so, unless a special dispensation for a further limited period is granted by the Governing Body.

Tenure

7. (a) *Official Fellows* shall vacate office on the thirtieth day of September preceding their sixty-sixth birthday, provided that: -

(i) any Fellow holding a University appointment who is entitled under the statutes of the University to hold that appointment until at least her sixty-seventh birthday shall vacate office not later than the thirtieth day of September immediately preceding her sixty-eighth birthday unless, in cases where the University has agreed to extend its appointment beyond that date, the Governing Body shall agree to extend her Fellowship on such terms as it thinks fit but for no longer than the period for which the said University appointment has been extended;

(ii) the Governing Body shall have power to renew their Fellowship for a period not extending beyond the thirtieth day of September immediately preceding their sixty-eighth birthday;

(iii) the Governing Body shall have power at any time to deprive a Fellow of her Fellowship on the ground of serious misconduct or neglect of duty or mental or physical incapacity or other grave cause, by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the members of the Governing Body at a meeting called with not less than fourteen days' notice of the business to be transacted; provided that (i) no termination of appointment shall be made by the Governing Body on the ground of misconduct or neglect of duty except after the Fellow shall have been given opportunity to hear the charges made against her and to answer them in writing or in person as she shall choose ; (ii) the Fellow shall have the right of appeal to the Visitor against the termination of her appointment by the Governing Body and his decision shall be final.

(b) *Professorial Fellows and Additional Fellows* holding University Appointments shall hold their Fellowship for the duration of their University Appointments.

(c) The length of tenure of Additional Fellowships which are not held concurrently with University Appointments shall be determined by the Governing Body at the time of election.

Honorary Fellows

8. The Governing Body may elect as an Honorary Fellow any person whom it may consider worthy of such distinction. Honorary Fellows shall not be entitled to receive any pecuniary emolument but the Governing Body may assign to them such privileges as regards board, service and residence as it may from time to time think fit.

Persons elected to Honorary Fellowships shall not thereby become members of the Governing Body.

Research Fellows and Travelling Fellows.

9. The Governing Body may award a Research Fellowship or a Travelling Fellowship to any person whom it considers suitable or may approve an award by any other person, body of persons or Committee having the power to award such Fellowships. The persons to whom Research Fellowships and Travelling Fellowships are awarded shall not thereby become members of the Governing Body.

V. TUTORS, LECTURERS AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

1. The Governing Body shall appoint so many Tutors, Lecturers and Administrative Officers as shall in its judgment be required for the educational and administrative work of the College:

(a) Tutors

Appointment and Tenure

(i) Except as hereinafter provided every Tutor shall be appointed in the first instance on probation. The appointment shall in the first instance be for one year and may be renewed for not more than two further probationary periods of one year each. At the expiration of any year of her probationary period a Tutor may be reappointed for a period of five years and, subject to the provisions of Statute IV, Clause 7 (a) above, may thereafter be reappointed for successive periods of five years each. The Governing Body may, by resolution passed at the time of the first appointment by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the members present and voting, dispense with the period of probation and, if it thinks fit, may appoint a Tutor in the first instance for five years. A Tutor who is appointed after the expiration of her probationary period, or who is appointed without any probationary period, shall thereupon become an Official Fellow of the College, and shall be subject to all the provisions of Statute IV relating to Official Fellows.

Notice

(ii) The Governing Body shall give not less than one Term's notice to a Tutor of its intention not to reappoint her at the end of any period for which she has been appointed, except during her probationary period, and in the event of such notice not having been given the period of her appointment shall, if she so desires, be extended so as to terminate at the end of an Academic year after she has received not less than one Term's notice.

Duties

(iii) Every Tutor shall be responsible for the direction and teaching of the pupils assigned to her and shall lecture as required by the Governing Body.

Residence

(iv) Every Tutor shall reside in College during the University full Term unless the Governing Body shall have given her leave of absence or leave to reside elsewhere. She shall be entitled to residence in the College free of rent, rates, and taxes both in Term and Vacation. She shall also be entitled to board and service both in Term and Vacation, except when in the judgment of the Principal, domestic arrangements make this impracticable. A Tutor who has been given leave to reside outside the College walls shall be assigned such allowance in lieu of board, service, and residence as the Governing Body shall determine.

Leave of Absence

(v) Every Tutor shall be entitled to ask the Governing Body for not more than one year's leave of absence in every eight, provided that the first of such vacation years shall not be taken until after seven years' service, or after five years if leave of absence is requested for the purpose of research work approved by the Governing Body, and that the Governing Body may postpone the granting of the request if in its judgment the interests of the College require it. During such absence a Tutor shall receive not less than half her stipend as assessed for the purpose of superannuation, and the College shall pay both parts of her superannuation premium (as hereinafter described.)

(b) Lecturers

Appointment

The Governing Body shall also have power to appoint and reappoint Lecturers upon such conditions as to duties, tenure and stipend as the Governing Body may determine at the time of their appointment or reappointment.

(c) Administrative Officers

Treasurer

(i) The Governing Body shall appoint a Treasurer who shall be charged with all the financial work of the College. She shall be responsible for the annual accounts and audit, and for the performance of such other duties as the Governing Body may from time to time determine. The provisions of

paragraphs (i), (ii) and (v) of section (a) of this Clause shall apply to the Treasurer in like manner as they apply to Tutors. The Governing Body shall decide whether the Treasurer shall or shall not be required to live in College.

Bursar and Librarian

(ii) The Governing Body shall appoint a Bursar and assistant Bursar and a Librarian, upon such conditions as to duties, tenure, and stipend as the Governing Body may determine at the time of their several appointments subject to any express provision of these Statutes. An officer appointed under the provisions of this Clause, who has held her office for not less than one year, may be elected by the Governing Body to an Official Fellowship by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the members present and voting. If so elected, she shall be subject to all the provisions of Statute IV relating to Official Fellows.

Dean, Dean of Degrees and other Officers

(iii) The Governing Body shall also elect from among its numbers a Dean and a Dean of Degrees and may appoint such other officers as may from time to time be required upon such conditions as to duties, tenure and stipend as the Governing Body may determine at the time of their election.

Compatible Offices

2. The same person may hold at the same time more than one of the offices to which the Governing Body shall or may appoint under the provisions of Statute IV or of Clause 1, (a), (b) and (c), of this Statute.

Tenure

3. Lecturers and Administrative Officers who have not been elected to Official Fellowships shall hold their offices for a period to be determined at the time of their appointment or reappointment, provided that no such appointment or reappointment shall be made for a period longer than five years and provided that no such Lecturer or Officer shall continue in office beyond the thirtieth day of September immediately preceding her sixty-eighth birthday.

Deprivation

4. The Governing Body shall have power at any time to terminate the appointment of a Tutor, Lecturer or Administrative Officer before the expiration of the period for which her appointment was made on the ground of serious misconduct or neglect of duty or mental or physical incapacity or other grave cause, by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the members of the Governing Body present and voting at a meeting called with not less than 14 days' notice of the business to be transacted, provided that no Tutor, Lecturer or Administrative Officer shall be deprived of her appointment on the ground of misconduct or neglect of duty except after she shall have been given opportunity to hear from the Governing Body the charges made against her and to answer them in writing or in person as she shall choose.

Stipend

5. The stipend of Tutors shall be determined from time to time by a By-law by the Governing Body, provided that the stipend of a Tutor shall not be altered during her tenure of office without her consent.

Stipend

6. The stipend of Lecturers and Administrative Officers and the rates of payment for lectures, tuition and direction shall be determined by the Governing Body.

VI. PENSIONS

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1. The Governing Body shall comply with the regulations of the Central Council administering and controlling the scheme known as the Federated Superannuation System for Universities (in this Statute referred to as the System).

Policies of Assurance

2. The Governing Body shall, save as is provided in Clauses 3 and 4 of this Statute, effect a policy or policies of assurance upon the life of the Principal and all members of the College engaged in teaching, research or administration to whom the System is by the regulations of the said Council for the time being applicable, within three months of their appointment or as soon as is practicable thereafter. When effecting such assurance the Governing Body shall take into account the wishes of the person assured provided that the System is not thereby infringed.

Transfer of Policies

3. The transference to the Governing Body of a policy effected under the System by some other institution shall be deemed to be the equivalent to the effecting of a policy by the Governing Body as required under Clause 2 of this Statute.

Special Cases

4. If it shall appear to the Governing Body that in any special case it is undesirable to effect such a policy or policies it may, with the consent of the person concerned, invest such sums as would be available if such a policy were effected on behalf of the person concerned.

Pensionable Stipend

5. For the purposes of this Statute the salary shall be taken to include the annual value of free board and residence as estimated by the Governing Body in each case, but to exclude the value of any special allowances for expenses.

Supplementation

6. – (a) If it appears to the Governing Body that the benefits applicable under the preceding Clauses of the Statute are inadequate in the case of the Principal or any other assured persons (including any person to whom Clause 7 hereof applies) it

may, subject to the provisions of this Clause, make such additional provision for her benefit as it may in its absolute discretion from time to time determine.

(b) No additional provision made for any person under this Clause shall exceed such a sum as will, together with the benefits applicable on her behalf under the preceding Clauses of this Statute, provide an annuity equal to two-thirds of her total annual salary at the date when she ceases to be in the service of the College and payable from that date until the date of her death.

Joint Appointments

7. Where any person comes under the System both under or by virtue of this Statute and also under or by virtue of any Statute of any other College or of any other Statute or Decree of the University, the Governing Body shall, so far as is practicable, enter into an arrangement with the Governing Body of such last-mentioned College or the body or authority designated by such Statute or Decree, as the nature of the case may require, as regards the application of the System to such person, and any such arrangement may provide for the Trusteeship arising under the System being exercised exclusively either by the Governing Body or by such other College or such other body or authority as aforesaid or otherwise as may be necessary or convenient for unifying the administration of the System as regards such person, provided that no such arrangement shall reduce any deduction or contribution provided for by the System as applied by this Statute.

Universities Superannuation Scheme

8. (a) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Statute the Governing Body may appoint a Day of Accession to the Universities Superannuation Scheme ("the New Scheme") in order that the System may be replaced in whole or in part by the New Scheme upon such terms whether transitional or otherwise as the Governing Body may decide.

(b) From the date of such accession every Principal and all members of the College engaged in teaching research or administration to whom the provisions of the New Scheme shall apply shall conform to the provisions and rules of the New Scheme to the extent that such provisions and rules may be applicable to their circumstances and the Governing Body shall have authority to exercise all such powers as may belong to an Institution participating in the New Scheme provided that neither the Principal nor any member of the College engaged in teaching research or administration as aforesaid shall be required to join the New Scheme unless she has taken up an appointment in the College on or after the said Day of Accession and is not at the time of taking up such appointment a member of the System.

(c) Byelaws and regulations which fall to be made in connection with the New Scheme shall be made by the Governing Body under Clause 8 of Statute I.

VII. SCHOLARS AND EXHIBITIONERS

Entrance Scholarships and Exhibitions

1. The Governing Body shall offer for competition in each Academic year such a number of open Entrance Scholarships and Exhibitions, and in such subjects, as it may from time to time determine. No Entrance Scholarship or Exhibition shall be offered except upon the results of a Competitive Examination, and whenever there is no candidate for a Scholarship or Exhibition whom the examiners judge to be of sufficient merit for election, the Governing Body shall be at liberty to make no election.

College Funds

2. The Governing Body shall determine what sum in addition to any sums provided to Trust Funds or other special endowments shall be set aside out of the general revenues of the College in each Academic year for the provision of Scholarships and Exhibitions.

Number and Emoluments

3. The maximum number of open Scholarships and Exhibitions to be awarded in any year shall be determined annually by the Governing Body before the Examination takes place. Emoluments shall be given only on application from the elected candidates and provided that the Governing Body is satisfied that they are in need of financial assistance. The Governing Body may, however, at any time direct that Scholars and Exhibitioners shall be entitled to receive a prescribed allowance without application or enquiry into means. The maximum value of the above emoluments and allowances shall be laid down in the By-laws of the College.

Award without Emolument

4. A Scholar or Exhibitioner who has not been awarded or who has resigned the emoluments of her Scholarship or Exhibition shall still be counted within the total number of Scholars and Exhibitioners determined under Clause 3 of this Statute.

Review of Financial Position

5. The Governing Body may, in appropriate circumstances, review the financial position and needs of a Scholar or Exhibitioner in receipt of emoluments and may, at its discretion, after such a review, either diminish or increase to any sum not exceeding the total value of the emolument permitted by the current By-law, provided that no reduction shall be made in consideration of any University Scholarship or Prize won by her or any other University emolument gained in open competition.

Privileges

6. Scholars and Exhibitioners shall be entitled to enjoy such privileges in respect of board and residence as may from time to time be provided in the By-laws of the College

Residence

7. Every person elected to a Scholarship or Exhibition shall, if she be not already a member of the University, come into residence at the beginning of the Michaelmas Term next following the day of election unless the Governing Body shall otherwise determine; and no Scholar or Exhibitioner shall be entitled to receive the emoluments attached to her Scholarship or Exhibition in any Term in which she shall not have resided for the period required by the University to keep that Term by residence, provided that the Governing Body shall have power to pay the whole or any part of her emoluments to a Scholar or Exhibitioner for any Term in which, with the permission of the Governing Body, she is not in residence.

Tenure

8. Every Entrance Scholarship or Exhibition shall be tenable in the first instance for two years from the day on which the Scholar or Exhibitioner shall come into residence, or, if she be already a member of the University, from the day of election to such Scholarship or Exhibition. At the expiration of two years it shall determine, unless the Governing Body shall by resolution have declared itself satisfied with the industry and good conduct of the Scholar or Exhibitioner, in which case her Scholarship or Exhibition shall be renewed for a further period of one year, and may thereafter be renewed for one further year at the discretion of the Governing Body. The tenure may further be extended to a fifth year in exceptional circumstances if the funds of the College permit.

9. If a Scholar or Exhibitioner be guilty of neglect of her studies or of any other misconduct, the Governing Body may deprive her at any time of Her Scholarship or Exhibition. The Governing Body may also, if it thinks fit for disciplinary reasons, reduce or suspend the emoluments of a Scholar or Exhibitioner.

Illness

10. The Governing Body may suspend the tenure of a Scholarship or Exhibition, in the case of the illness of the holder, for the duration of the illness or such longer time as it may determine.

Marriage

11. Any Scholar or Exhibitioner who marries may be required by the Governing Body to vacate her Scholarship or Exhibition.

Change of Subject

12. A Scholar or Exhibitioner, even though elected on the result of an examination in a particular subject, may pursue a course of study for any Honour School of the University provided that she shall have satisfied the Governing Body that she is well qualified to do so with profit.

Awards to Undergraduates in Residence

13. The Governing Body may elect to a Scholarship or Exhibition an undergraduate member of the College already in residence whose work in its judgment has been of outstanding distinction.

Senior Awards

14. The Governing Body may award Senior or Research Scholarships upon such terms and conditions as it may determine.

VIII. DISPOSAL OF REVENUES

University Statute as to College Contributions

1. The application of the revenues of the College under the provisions and to the purposes of these Statutes shall be subject to any Statute or Statutes made for the University under the powers of the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1877, and the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1923, for enabling or requiring the colleges to make contributions out of their revenues for University purposes, and for the payment of charges imposed thereby.

Reserve Fund

2. The Governing Body may out of Corporate Revenues not required for the purpose of these Statutes set apart from time to time such sum as it may think fit to form a reserve fund for new or additional College buildings or repairs to College buildings, or for acquiring or providing houses or buildings to be occupied and used in connection with the College and for College purposes, or for other desirable or necessary expenditure for College purposes, provided that the sum so set apart in any year shall not be allowed as a deduction from the sum upon which the contributions of the College for University purposes in that year are assessed.

IX. POWERS OF INVESTMENT

Scope

1. This Statute shall apply to all funds and endowments of the College which are not held subject to any specific trust.

Powers of Investment

2. The Funds to which this Statute applies may (subject as hereinafter provided) be invested by the Governing Body upon or in such securities, shares, stocks, funds or other investments in any part of the world and whether involving liability or not as the Governing Body shall in their absolute discretion think fit so that the Governing Body shall be empowered to invest and transpose the investments of such funds in the same unrestricted manner as if they were the beneficial owners thereof.

Limitations

3. Provided that:

- (a) Any investment made under the foregoing power of capital moneys paid to the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food under the Universities and College Estates Act, 1925, or of funds representing such capital moneys shall

require the same consent of the said Minister as is required for an investment made in exercise of the powers confirmed by that Act.

(b) Nothing in this Statute shall authorise any sale or exchange to which the consent of the said Minister is required by subsection (2) of the Section 2 of the Universities and College Estates Act, 1925.

Investment Committee

4. The Finance Committee shall appoint an Investment Committee to give advice in the formulation of investment policy. This committee shall consist of the Principal, the Treasurer, one member elected from among the members of the Finance committee for the time being, one other member with proved experience of financial and economic affairs and the College broker.

Total Return

5. (1) This clause shall apply to the following funds, namely

(a) all funds and endowments of the College which are not held on any specific trust;

(b) any endowment, benefaction or trust for purposes connected with the College

(i) which was created by an instrument which came into operation not less than 60 years before 1st January 2008, or

(ii) in respect of which the Governing Body as defined in clause 1 of Statute I, being the trustees or governing body, have consented to the application of this clause, or

(iii) of which the trustees or governing body, not being the Governing Body as defined in clause 1 of Statute I, have consented to the application of this clause.

(c) The Governing Body as defined in clause 1 of Statute I shall from time to time appoint a suitably qualified person to review the total return and investment criteria referred to in this clause.

(2) In this clause:

(a) "fair value" means the amount at which an asset could be exchanged in an arm's length transaction between informed and willing parties, other than in a forced sale or in any insolvency proceedings;

(b) "total return" means return in terms of both income, whether received or accrued, and capital appreciation, whether realised or unrealised.

(3) The Governing Body as defined in clause 1 of Statute I may appropriate for expenditure for the purposes of a fund to which this clause applies and for the purposes of this statute so much of the fair value of the particular fund as is prudent in all the circumstances having regard to the total return achieved and reasonably to be expected in the long term of the funds of the College to which this clause applies.

X. ACCOUNTS

Accounts

1. The Governing Body shall cause the accounts of the College to be kept in proper books of account in such a form as to enable them to be duly checked and balanced. Separate accounts shall be kept of all special trust funds held for the general benefit of the College or for particular purposes in connection therewith.

Audit

2. The accounts of the College shall be audited annually by an Auditor who is a member of one of the bodies of accountants for the time being recognised for the purposes of paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of Section 161 of the Companies Act, 1948. The audited accounts together with a Financial Report from the Treasurer shall be presented to the Governing Body after the end of each financial year.

Publication

3. The Governing Body shall in every year cause to be prepared and delivered to the Registrar of the University for publication such information relative to the accounts of the College as may be prescribed from time to time by any Statute of the University in force for the time being.

XI. PROVISIONS RELATIVE TO THE UNIVERSITY

Representations by the Hebdomadal Council

1. If at any time it appears to the Hebdomadal Council of the University that any provisions of these Statutes or of any other Statutes of the College in force for the time being respecting the accounts of the College, or any other provision of such Statutes by the non-observance of which any interest of the University is liable to be prejudicially affected, is not duly observed, the Hebdomadal Council may submit to the Visitor, and the Visitor shall, upon receiving such representation, inquire into the matter, and, after considering any representation made by the Governing Body, make such order therein as he shall deem just for enforcing the due observance of the said Statute in the matter to which the representation shall relate.

Representations as to Research Fellowships

2. The Hebdomadal Council may in like manner make a representation to the Visitor if it shall appear that regard is not had by the College in electing Research Fellows to the requirements of the different branches of study pursued in the University, or that any of the provisions of Statute IV of these Statutes are not duly observed by the College.

Notice to the Principal

3. Before any representation is made under the foregoing provisions, the Vice-Chancellor shall communicate the matter of the proposed representation to the Principal for the information of the Governing Body, and when a representation is made shall forthwith send her a copy of it.

Amendment to the Statutes

4. Every proposal for a change in the Statutes of the College in force for the time being or in the Charter of the College shall be communicated to the Hebdomadal Council before it is submitted to Her Majesty in Council, and the Governing Body, in forwarding the draft Statute as amended for the approval of Her Majesty, shall state expressly that it has been so communicated.

Consent of University

5. No Statute made by the Governing Body and affecting the University shall be altered except with the consent of the University.

XII. THE VISITOR

1. The Chancellor of the University for the time being shall be the Visitor of the College.
2. The Visitor may, whenever he shall think fit, visit the College and exercise at any such visitation all powers lawfully belonging to his office, and may also at any time make inquiries and require an answer in writing upon any matter relative to the due observance of the Statutes of the College.
3. If any question shall arise upon which the Government Body is unable to agree, depending wholly or in part upon the construction of any of the Statutes of the College, the Governing Body or the Principal or any four members of the Governing Body may submit the same to the Visitor, and the Visitor shall thereupon declare the true construction of the Statutes with reference to the case submitted to him.
4. The Visitor may, either on his own motion or on a representation by the Principal or by any four members of the Governing Body, disallow any By-law or resolution of the Governing Body which is, in his judgment, repugnant to the Charter or the Statutes of the College.
5. The Principal or any Fellow of the College, if aggrieved by any act of the Governing Body, may appeal to the Visitor and the Visitor shall adjudicate on the appeal, and may confirm, reverse, or vary the act or decision as he deems just.
6. The Visitor shall have power at any time at his discretion, on the application or request in writing of the Principal and any three members of the Governing body, absolutely to make valid and confirm anything done that might be done under the Statutes for the time being of the College, but which by reason of any irregularity or omission or other matter whatever preliminary thereto or connected therewith may be invalid or of doubtful validity, if in the judgment of the Visitor such irregularity or omission or other matter is not one of substantial importance with reference to the thing proposed to be made valid or confirmed.

XIII. EXISTING INTERESTS

These Statutes shall not affect or prejudice any existing interest of the Principal or of any Fellow, Tutor, Lecturer or Administrative Officer of the College who holds office when these Statutes come into effect.

XIV. ROSALIND, COUNTESS OF CARLISLE FELLOWSHIP, 1912

Notwithstanding any provision heretofore affecting the same contained in the Will of the late Dowager Lady Carlisle the following regulations shall apply to elections to the Rosalind, Countess of Carlisle Fellowship, namely

(a) The Fellows shall be elected by the Governing Body, with or without special examination, with a view to research or the pursuit of learning in one or more of the following subjects: Latin and Greek Language and Literature, Classical Archaeology, Ancient History, Mental, Moral and Political Philosophy, Medieval History, Modern History, Economic History, Economic Theory, Natural Science, and Mathematics.

(b) While preference shall be given to a person who shall fulfil the conditions prescribed by the Will of the late Rosalind, Countess of Carlisle, the Fellowship is open to all graduates and who are judged by the Governing Body to be likely to contribute to scholarship in one of the above mentioned subjects.

(c) It is tenable for a period of five years and is renewable for another period of five years, or less. It may, however, at the end of any year be terminated if the Governing Body judges that the objects of the Fellowship are not being satisfactorily carried out.

(d) If, on the occasion of a vacancy, no thoroughly suitable candidate presents herself, the Fellowship shall remain vacant.

(e) Except by special dispensation of the Governing Body, the Fellow shall (1) reside in College during at least four academic years out of the five, (2) shall not engage in regular teaching or other professional work.

XV. DOROTHY McCALMAN FUND

1. 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 16th 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 29th 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.

2. 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.

XVI. INTERPRETATION

1. Any reference in these Statutes to the revenue or revenues of the College or to income shall include the total sums appropriated in accordance with clause 5 of Statute IX.

2. In these Statutes, and any Byelaws made under them, words importing the feminine gender shall include the masculine and *vice versa* and, unless the context otherwise requires, words in the singular shall include the plural and words in the plural shall include the singular.

XVII. REPEAL AND AMENDMENT

1. The existing Statutes of the College and all amendments thereto are hereby repealed.

2. These Statutes shall be subject to alteration in the manner provided in the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1923.

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

JANET VAUGHAN,
Principal.

MARY PROUDFOOT,
Treasurer.