

Bible Clerks and six Scholars on the Old Foundation.

The number of Fellows, Bible Clerks and Scholars may be increased or decreased by the Master and Fellows at their discretion, as the interest of the College and the state of its revenues may seem to require.

3. *The Master.*

The Fellows shall choose as Master the person in their judgment best qualified to preside over the College as a place of education, religion, learning, and research.

4. *Election of the Master.*

When the office of Master becomes vacant, the senior Fellow resident in Cambridge shall, within three days after the vacancy is made known to him, call together all the resident Fellows, who shall then choose one of their number to preside over meetings of the Fellows during the vacancy in the Mastership. If the senior Fellow resident in Cambridge fails to call together the resident Fellows, the Fellow next senior to him, then resident in Cambridge, shall call them together. The Fellows shall at the said meeting appoint a day and hour for the election of a Master, not less than fourteen days nor more than thirty days after such meeting. The presiding Fellow shall without delay send notice of the day and hour appointed to all the absent Fellows.

At least a majority of the Fellows then existing shall be present at the election.

At the time appointed for the election, the grace of the Holy Spirit being first invoked by the Dean of Chapel, or, in his absence, by some other Fellow, the presiding Fellow and the senior Fellow present, or, if the presiding Fellow be the senior Fellow present, the Fellow next in seniority shall first write their own votes and then receive the votes in writing of the other Fellows. The person for whom a majority of the Fellows present, or half the Fellows present, including the presiding Fellow, have voted shall be declared to be elected.

If at the first meeting there shall be no election, then the meeting shall stand adjourned to some other time to be fixed by the meeting, and so from time to time, provided that if at the end of sixty days from the occurrence of the vacancy no person be elected, the appointment of a Master for that turn shall be made by the Visitor from among the persons for whom any vote has been given.

No election of a Master shall be invalid by reason only of the meeting at which such decision was made not having been convened by the right person, or any other inadvertent irregularity in the convening of the meeting.

In the event of any irregularity in the election, the Visitor shall have power to order a fresh election, if he think fit, on the appeal of not less than three Fellows present at the election.

5. *Admission of the Master.*

The Master elected or appointed shall make the following declaration in the presence of the Fellows:—

Profiteor quod officium Magistri sive Custodis pro tempore gubernationis meae fideliter praestabo. Statuta, Ordinationes et Consuetudines laudabiles huius Collegii, quantum in me est, salva observabo, eademque Statuta diligenter et fideliter exequar, et ab aliis,

quantum in me est, observari procurabo. Bona et possessiones dicti Collegii fideliter custodiam, custodiri que faciam. Ita do fidem.

After which declaration made, the presiding Fellow shall admit him with the following form of words:

Auctoritate mihi commissa admitto te Magistrum sive Custodem huius Collegii in nomine Patris et Filii et Spiritus Sancti. Amen.

6. *Duties of the Master.*

The Master shall preside over and govern the Fellows and all other Members of the College, and see that they severally perform their duties.

He shall in person, or by deputy, together with the Bursar, visit the College lands in every third year, and provide that they be kept in due repair and order.

He shall take care that all leases and other deeds under the seal relating to the College property be copied into a register provided for the purpose.

He shall on his election, and from time to time as necessity shall arise, appoint by writing under his hand one of the Fellows to act as his deputy in case of his absence or temporary inability to act; in the event of the absence or incapacity of both the Master and his deputy the Fellows shall appoint one of their number temporarily to perform the duties.

In the event of the absence of the Master at any time or for any cause, his deputy, whether nominated by him or by the Fellows as provided for by this Statute, shall be empowered to perform all the duties of the Master under these Statutes.

7. *Residence of the Master.*

The Master shall reside in College during two-thirds at least of each term, and altogether during two hundred and ten days at least in each year, unless he shall be absent on the business of the College, or on account of illness or other good reason, such absence to be approved by the majority of the Fellows.

8. *Stipend and Emoluments of the Master.*

The Master shall have the use of the house, with garden, stable and outbuildings, assigned for the purpose in the College.

He shall receive, in lieu of the Rectory of Abchurch in London, formerly attached to the Mastership, and other allowances except commons, an annual sum of five hundred pounds (£500). He shall also receive the accustomed payment from Dr. Spencer's Estate, and the payment provided for by the will of Bishop Mawson.

9. *Removal or Resignation of the Master.*

If the Master shall have been convicted by a Court of competent jurisdiction of any crime, the Visitor shall proceed to inquire into the fact of such conviction, and, if it be established, shall deprive the Master of his office.

If any five or more of the Fellows shall prefer to the Visitor a charge against the Master of disgraceful conduct, or of malversation in his office, or of gross neglect of duty, whereby he has in their judgment become unfit to preside over the College, the Visitor shall, with all convenient speed, proceed to inquire into the facts of the case, and, if the charge be established, shall deprive the Master of his office.