

AT THE COURT AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE,

The 28th day of June, 1926.

PRESENT,

THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY
IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS there was this day read at the Board a Report of a Committee of the Lords of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, dated the 9th day of June, 1926, in the words following, viz:-

“YOUR MAJESTY having been pleased, by Your Order of the 19th day of March, 1926, to refer unto this Committee the humble Petition of the President and Principal of St Hugh's College, Oxford, praying for the grant of a Charter of Incorporation to the said College:

“THE LORDS OF THE COMMITTEE, in obedience to Your Majesty's said Order of Reference, have taken the said Petition into consideration, and do this day agree humbly to report, as their opinion, to Your Majesty, that a Charter may be granted by Your Majesty in terms of the Draft hereunto annexed.”

HIS MAJESTY having taken into consideration the said Report, and the Draft Charter accompanying it, was pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to approve thereof, and to order, as it is hereby ordered, that the Right Honourable Sir William Joynson-Hicks, Bt., one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, do cause a Warrant to be prepared for His Majesty's Royal Signature, for passing under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom a Charter in conformity with the said Draft, which is hereunto annexed.

M. P. A. Hankey.

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.

To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting!

Whereas a petition has been presented to Us by Thomas Henry Archer Houblon, Doctor in Divinity, and Barbara Elizabeth Gwyer, Master of Arts, 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 St Hugh's College now occupying certain houses and buildings in St Margaret's Road, Woodstock Road and Banbury Road 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. All such persons as are now or may hereafter become Members of the Council 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 Council of St Hugh's College, Oxford (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 St Margaret's Road, Woodstock Road and Banbury Road in the City of Oxford as are referred to in the Petition, but also any other lands and hereditaments situate in Great Britain or Northern Ireland not exceeding in the whole (exclusive of the said property in St Margaret's Road, Woodstock Road and Banbury Road) 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 either 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 St Hugh's College, Oxford, and hereinafter referred to as the Old Association.

(b) To provide for members of the University of Oxford the protection and training of an Academic House, conducted according to the principles of the Church of England, but with full provision for the liberty of those who are not members of that Church, 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.¹

[(c) To apply the money of the College to the above purposes with power to invest any money not immediately required in any securities for the time being authorised by law for the investment of Trust Funds, provided the Council may at its discretion retain any monies bequeathed to the College in their then existing state of investment.]²

(d) To do all such other things as are incidental or conducive to advancing education, learning and research in Oxford or elsewhere.³

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].⁴

~~[5. The persons whose names are set forth in the First Schedule hereto shall be the First Council of the College, and shall hold office for the respective periods set out in the said Schedule.]⁵~~

6. The first Statutes of the College shall be those contained in the Second Schedule hereto, and shall remain in force unless and until they shall be altered or repealed as hereinafter prescribed.

7. The [Governing Body]⁶ shall, subject to the provisions of this Charter, have full power to alter the Statutes 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

¹ Amended by Order in Council dated 25 July 1986 by deleting the words "women who are" before "members".

² Revoked by the 1960 Special Statute.

³ Amended by Order in council dated 25 July 1986 by deleting the words "among women" before "in Oxford".

⁴ The government of the College was vested in the Governing Body, in substitution for the original College Council, by the 1960 Special Statute.

⁵ Revoked by the 1960 Special Statute.

⁶ See footnote 4 above.

Council under the provisions of the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1923].⁷

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 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 vote of not less than two-thirds of the Members of [Governing Body] present and voting.⁸

9. There shall be a visitor of the College who shall be appointed in the manner prescribed by the Statutes for the time being of the College.

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 are 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, Fellows, Tutors, Lecturers, or any other officers of the College in return for services actually rendered or to be rendered to the College or to other persons in return for academic work for the College nor shall anything herein prevent any person holding any 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.⁹

11. And lastly, We do by these Presents for Us, Our Heirs and Successors grant and declare that these Our Letters Patent shall be in all things valid and effectual in law according to the true intent and meaning thereof and shall be taken construed and adjudged in the most favourable and beneficial sense for the best advantage of the College as well in Our Courts of record as elsewhere by all Judges, Justices, Officers, Ministers and other subjects whatsoever of Us, Our Heirs and Successors any non-recital, mis-recital or other omission defect or thing to the contrary notwithstanding.

⁷ The words in square brackets were inserted by the 1960 Special Statute in substitution for “of Societies of Women Students to the University, nor until it shall have been approved by the Lords of the Privy Council, of which approval a Certificate under the hand of the Clerk of the Council shall be conclusive evidence”.

⁸ See footnote 4 above.

⁹ See footnote 4 above.

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

Witness Ourselves at Westminster the day of in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-six and in the seventeenth year of Our Reign.

By Warrant under the King's Sign Manual.

THE FIRST SCHEDULE.

THE FIRST COUNCIL.

Barbara Elizabeth Gwyer, Spinster, Master of Arts, for so long as she holds the office of Principal.

Cecil Graham Traquair Morison, Master of Arts, Reader in Agricultural Chemistry, for so long as he holds the office of Treasurer.

Charlotte Anne Elizabeth Moberly, Spinster, Hon. Master of Arts, for so long as she shall desire to serve.

Edith Elizabeth Wardale, Spinster, Master of Arts, for so long as she shall desire to serve.

Eleanor Addison Phillips, Spinster, Master of Arts, until the first day of the Michaelmas Term, 1926.

Dorothy Winifred Sprules, Spinster, Master of Arts, until the first day of the Michaelmas Term, 1926.

John Linton Myres, Master of Arts, Fellow of New College, Wykeham Professor of Ancient History, until the first day of the Michaelmas Term, 1926.

Henry Maxwell Spooner, Master of Arts, until the first day of the Michaelmas Term, 1926.

Jane Willis Kirkaldy, Spinster, Master of Arts, Tutor of St Hugh's College, until the first day of the Michaelmas Term, 1926.

Geoffrey Reynolds Yonge Radcliffe, Master of Arts, Fellow of New College, until the first day of the Michaelmas Term, 1926.

Beatrice Margaret Sparks, Spinster, Master of Arts, until the first day of the Michaelmas Term, 1927.

Edward Domett Shaw, Bishop, Doctor in Divinity, Canon of Christ Church, Oxford, until the first day of the Michaelmas Term, 1927.

Burnett Hillman Streeter, Master of Arts, Fellow of Queen's College, until the first day of the Michaelmas Term, 1927.

Evelyn Dorothy Ritchie, Spinster, Master of Arts, Tutor of St Hugh's College, until the first day of the Michaelmas Term, 1927.

Cecilia Mary Ady, Spinster, Master of Arts, Tutor of the Society of Oxford Home-Students, until the first day of the Michaelmas Term, 1928.

Annie Mary Anne Henley Rogers, Spinster, Master of Arts, Tutor of the Society of Oxford Home-Students, until the first day of the Michaelmas Term, 1928.

Elfrida Mary Talbot, Spinster, Master of Arts, Lecturer and Tutor, Department of the Training of Teachers, until the first day of the Michaelmas Term, 1928.

Joan Evans, Spinster, Bachelor of Letters, until the first day of the Michaelmas Term, 1928.

Victor John Knight Brook, Master of Arts, Fellow of Lincoln College, until the first day of the Michaelmas Term, 1928.

Robert Warden Lee, Doctor of Civil Law, Fellow of All Souls College, Rhodes Professor of Roman-Dutch Law, until the first day of the Michaelmas Term, 1928.

THE SECOND SCHEDULE.

THE FIRST STATUTES.

[Repealed by the 1960 Special Statute]

Special Statute

AT THE COURT AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE,

The 21st day of December, 1960.

PRESENT,

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY
IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS the Council of St Hugh's College, in the University of Oxford, has duly made a Special Statute amending the Charter of the College:

AND Whereas the said Special Statute has been submitted to Her Majesty in Council for allowance:

Now, Therefore, Her Majesty, having taken the said Special Statute (a copy of which is hereunto annexed) into consideration is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to allow the same.

W. G. Agnew.

SPECIAL STATUTE *referred to in the foregoing Order in Council.*

ST HUGH'S COLLEGE, OXFORD

SPECIAL STATUTE UNDER ARTICLE (8) OF THE CHARTER.

1. The Body Politic and Corporate named in the Charter as “The Council of St Hugh’s College, Oxford” shall in future be styled “The Principal and Fellows of St Hugh’s College in the University of Oxford” (hereinafter referred to as “the College”).
2. Paragraph (c) of Article 3 of the said Charter is hereby revoked; but nothing in this revocation shall affect the validity or legality of any act, deed or thing done or executed thereunder.
3. In lieu of a Council of the College as provided in Article 4 of the said Charter there shall be a Governing Body of the College as defined by the Statutes for the time being of the College, and all references in the said Charter to the Council of the College shall be construed accordingly. The persons whose names are set forth in the Schedule hereto shall constitute the first Governing Body.
4. Article 5 of the said Charter and the First Schedule thereto are hereby revoked.
5. Article 7 of the said Charter is hereby amended by the deletion of the words from “of Societies of Women Students” to the end of the Article and the substitution of the words “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”.

THE FIRST GOVERNING BODY

Evelyn Emma Stefanos Procter, MA	..	..	Principal
Agnes Headlam-Morley, BLitt, MA	..	..	Professorial
Fellow			
Dorothea Helen Forbes Gray, MA	..	..	Official Fellow
Madge Gertrude Adam, MA, DPhil	..	..	Research Fellow
Ida Winifred Busbridge, MA, DPhil	..	..	Official Fellow
Betty Kemp, MA	..	..	Official Fellow
The Hon, Honor Mildred Vivian Smith, MA	..	..	Research Fellow
Pamela Olive Elizabeth Gradon, MA	..	..	Official Fellow
Agnes Priscilla Wells, MA	..	..	Official Fellow
Helen Mary Warnock (Mrs) BPhil, MA	..	..	Official Fellow
Susan Meriel Wood (Mrs), BLitt, MA	..	..	Official Fellow
Marjorie Mary Sweeting, MA	..	..	Official Fellow
Mabel Rachel Trickett, MA	..	..	Official Fellow
Margaret Jacobs, BLitt, MA	..	..	Official Fellow
Betty Isabelle Bleaney (Mrs), MA	..	..	Official Fellow
Vera Joyce Daniel, MA	..	..	Official Fellow
Joycelyne Gledhill Dickinson, MA, DPhil	..	..	Official Fellow