

It is requested that the signed Form of Obligation, and also the Admission Fee and First Contribution (£ 3 : 3 : 0) be sent to the Assistant Secretary, Royal Astronomical Society, Burlington House, London, W.



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BURLINGTON HOUSE, LONDON, W.

19 16 January 14th.

Madam,

I have the pleasure to inform you, that you have this day been elected a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society. The Bye-Laws relative to new Fellows, with which it is expedient that you should be more immediately acquainted, will be found on a subsequent page. The prescribed Form of Obligation, therein alluded to, is enclosed; and I have to request that you will return it to me at your earliest convenience, after having subscribed it with your Christian name and Surname, together with the addition of your Rank, Profession, &c., and your usual place of Residence; in order that they may be properly inserted in the printed List of Fellows. Enclosed, also, is a Card announcing the days on which the ordinary Meetings are held during the present Session.

I have the honour to be,

Madam,

Your most obedient Servant,

A. S. Eddington
Secretary.

Miss Mary A. Blagg.

EXTRACTS FROM THE BYE-LAWS.

SECTION IV.

17. Whenever a person is elected a Fellow, one of the Secretaries shall inform him of the same, by letter, as soon as possible; and shall at the same time forward to him a copy of the Charter and Bye-laws of the Society, and a Card announcing the days on which the ordinary meetings are held during the season.

18. Every person, elected by a Fellow, shall pay his admission fee and first annual contribution within two calendar months of the day of his election, otherwise his election shall be void; but the Council shall, in particular cases, have the power of extending the period within which such first payment shall be made.

19. Every *elected* Fellow, having subscribed the form No. 2 in the Appendix hereto, and having paid his admission fee and first annual contribution, shall be *admitted* at the first meeting at which he is present.

20. But when an elected Fellow, residing at a distance from the metropolis, may not be able to attend the meeting of the Society, he may be admitted by a proxy nominated by himself.

SECTION V.

22. The contribution of each Fellow hereafter elected shall, for the first year, be four guineas or three guineas, according to the month in which he may have been elected (*viz.* two guineas in all cases as an Admission fee, and two guineas as the first year's contribution, if such election has taken place in the month of February, March, April, May, or June; but only one guinea as the first year's contribution, if such election has taken place in the month of October, November, December, or January), payable at the time of his election; and two guineas for every subsequent year; the first of such subsequent contributions to become due and be payable in advance on the 8th day of February then next following, and the succeeding ones, also in advance, on the 8th day of February in every subsequent year.

23. Any Fellow may, at his entrance, compound for his contributions by the payment of thirty guineas, exclusive of his admission fee; or he may at any time afterwards in the ensuing five years (all sums then due being first paid) compound for his *subsequent* annual contributions by a like payment of thirty guineas. After the first five years the Composition fee will be reduced by one guinea for each year of Fellowship in excess of five years, to a minimum fee of five guineas, under the same conditions.

N.B.—The fees should be paid to the Assistant Secretary at the Offices of the Society, Burlington House, London, W. Cheques should be drawn to the order of 'The Royal Astronomical Society,' and crossed 'London County and Westminster Bank, St. James's Square.'