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The President has instructed me to inform you of the decision taken by Council in the matter of the eligibility of women for admission into the Fellowship of the Society.

A postal vote was taken. The scrutators reported to a meeting of the Society held on 18 May 1944 that

336 Fellows voted in favour of the proposals ;

3 Fellows voted in favour but with qualifications ;

37 Fellows voted against the proposals.

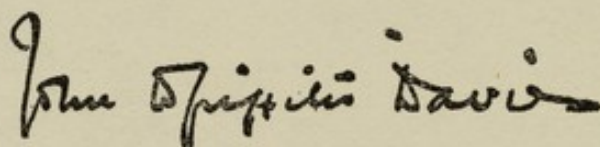
Council on 12 October 1944 proceeded to give effect to the decision reached by a majority of the Fellows, after a careful consideration of the qualifications put forward and other suggestions made at the meeting.

It was unanimously decided

(i) to add the following words to Chapter I, Statute 1 :  
Nothing herein contained shall render women ineligible as candidates.

(ii) to make a new Statute, entitled Chapter XXII, Statute 93, to read as follows :

In the foregoing Statutes and in any Standing Orders of the Council and in any Rules or Regulations adopted by the Royal Society or by any Joint Committee for the administration of Trusts to which the Royal Society is a party, words importing the male sex shall include the female unless the context requires a contrary construction.



*Assistant Secretary.*

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