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Of The Church Mission to Deaf-Mutes was held in St. Ann's Church, 18th St., near the 5th Ave., on Sunday evening, November 8th, 1874. The Rev. Dr. Gallaudet interpreted the service by signs as it was read by the Rev. E. H. Krans and the Rev. John Chamberlain, the congregation being composed of deaf-mutes and their hearing and speaking friends.

Extracts from the Second Annual Report were read by the General Manager.

The Sermon by the Rev. George F. Seymour, D. D. was interpreted for the deaf-mutes.

The offertory to the amount of fifty dollars was appropriated to The Church Mission to Deaf-Mutes.

THE SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE

Church Mission to Peaf-Mutes.

During the year just ended, the work undertaken by this Society has been steadily prosecuted in differ-

ent parts of the country.

The Trustees have held four quarterly meetings, at which reports have been presented from the General Manager and his Associates, and also from the Treasurer. These reports have indicated substantial progress in the growth of the Mission, and an increasing interest in the objects which it has providentially undertaken.

In December, 1873, a great loss was sustained in the death of Mr. Samuel Adams, the deaf-mute, who had conducted for nearly fifteen years the Sunday afternoon services for deaf-mutes in the chapel of Grace Church, Baltimore. Mr. Adams was a man of more than ordinary intelligence and culture. His heart was full of genuine love to his companions in silence. He labored faithfully for their improvement and had the satisfaction of seeing a goodly number of them confirmed and received to the Holy Communion. After a long and painful illness which he bore with resignation to the divine will, he passed peaceably to the rest of Paradise.

After the death of Mr. Adams, the services for

deaf-mutes were conducted for several months by Mr. John C. Covell, a lay reader of the Diocese of Maryland. To our great regret Mr. Covell has recently left, having accepted an invitation to become the Principal of the Institution for deaf-mutes in Romney, West Virginia.

At the earnest request of Rev. Dr. LEEDS, Rector of Grace Church, an effort will soon be made to resume the services, which have been the source of so much profit and comfort to the deaf-mutes of Baltimore.

The monthly Sunday afternoon services for the deaf-mutes of Philadelphia have been continued without interruption in St. Stephen's Church. By the the kindness of the Rector, Rev. Dr. Rudder and the vestry, the Literary Association holds meetings on Thursday evenings, in the chapel adjoining the Church.

Services on the afternoons of the third Sunday of each month have been held in St. Paul's Church, Albany, the Rev. Mr. Reese, Rector, and also on the first Thursday evenings of each month, at St. Paul's Chapel, Troy, the Rev. Mr. Gwynne, pastor. In this important work at Albany and Troy, the Rev. Thomas B. Berry, pastor of St. Paul's Mission Chapel, Albany, is our representative. He is ably assisted by Miss Clapp, who has a Bible class for deaf-mutes in Troy.

Services for deaf-mutes have been held in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd, the Rev. Mr. Krans, Rector, Boston, on the third Sunday of November, February, May and August. The congregations have steadily increased.

For a portion of the year, Sunday services have been held in Christ's Church, Rochester, Rev. Mr. Battershall, Rector; in St. Paul's Church, Flint, Michigan, Rev. Mr. Lane, Rector, Church of the Mediator, Allentown, Rev. Mr. Byllesby, Rector. There has also been a Bible class, for deaf-mutes in Bridgeport, Conn. Most of its members are connected with St. John's Church, Rev. Mr. Maxcey, Rector.

Occasional services have been held in St. Michael's Church, Marblehead, Mass., All Saint's Church, Worcester, St. Paul's Church, Hartford, Conn., St. Mary's Church, Brooklyn, Grace Church, Cherry Valley, the Church in Canajoharie, Trinity Church, Potsdam, Christ Church, Buffalo, St. Anne's Church, Annapolis, Md., St. Mark's Church, Washington, D. C., Grace Church, Mexico, Oswego Co., N. Y., St. Mark's Church, Tarrytown, St. James' Church, Syracuse, St. Paul's Church, Jackson, Mich., St. Thomas' Church, Belleville, Canada, and St. Paul's Church, East Bridgeport, Conn.

To the list of churches in which services for deafmutes had been held, appearing in the First Annual Report, there should have been added St. Paul's Church, Paterson, N. J.

The services for deaf-mutes conducted every Sunday afternoon in St. Ann's Church, New York, have brought together large congregations. For a portion of the year there has been a Bible-class for deafmutes, in the Sunday School room of this church. It has been taught by Mr. Henry W. Syle. There have also been meetings of the Literary Association on Thursday evenings.

The associates in our Mission who have performed the extensive work referred to above, have been the Rev. Dr. Gallaudet, general manager, the Rev. John Chamberlain, assistant, the Rev. F. J. Clerc, D. D., Rector of Burlington College, New Jersey, the Rev. Thomas B. Berry, Pastor of St. Paul's Mission Chapel, Albany, N. Y., Mr. John C. Covell, Baltimore, Md., Mr. Austin W. Mann, Flint, Michigan, Mr. John C. Acker, Rochester, N. Y., Mr. Beers, Bridgeport, Conn., Mr. Thomas Roberts, Allentown, Penn., and Mr. Henry W. Syle, New York.

The Home for Aged and Infirm Deaf-mutes, at No. 220 East Thirteent street, N. Y., had six inmates at the beginning of the year. One man became so mentally diseased that we were, with sadness, obliged to have him removed to one of the public institutions; his place was taken by a man from Erie, Penn. We have at the present time three old men, and three young women with such defective eye-sight that they cannot support themselves. The Home remains under the charge of Miss Jane Middleton. It is designed to be national in its character, and accessible to all who really need admission to its fostering care.

The deaf-mute members of this Board have been appointed a committee to raise a building fund for the Home. It is desirable, that as soon as practicable the Home should be removed to some appropriate site in the country.

During the year just ended, employment has been found for scores of deaf-mutes who would otherwise most probably have been a burden to society. The sick have been visited and cared for. The funeral

expenses for several have been paid. Occasional aid has been extended to those who were ready to faint by the way. Several have been baptized, confirmed and received to the communion.

The Trustees express the hope that during the coming year, with more means and men, "The Church Mission to Deaf-mutes" may work more effectively than ever before to do good to those whom the Almighty has, in his providence, entrusted to its special watchfulness and charitable care.

NEW YORK, October 28, 1874.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

TO THE TRUSTEES

OF THE

Church Mission to Deaf-Mutes.

GENTLEMEN:

I desire, in the first place, to correct a singular mistake in my previous report. In alluding to the deaf-mute lady whose sickness and death were providentially instrumental in founding St. Ann's Church, I should have written her name Cornelia A. Lathrop. I ask those who have preserved their copies of the First Annual Report to make the correction.

Before entering upon the details of my work during the year just ended, I wish to complete the historical sketch of our Mission by referring very briefly to our associate missions in other places.

In the year 1858–9, the first church services were conducted by me in Albany, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington and Boston.

At Albany, the Rev. Dr. Rudder gave us a cordial welcome at St. Paul's Church, in which the services for deaf-mutes have been held ever since, becoming more and more frequent until the present time. We now have a service there on the third Sunday of each

month, at 2 P. M. The present Rector, the Rev. J. Livingston Reese, has always taken a warm interest in this Mission. There have been numerous baptisms, confirmations, weddings, and burials, among the deaf-mutes in Albany and vicinity, and quite a number have been received to the Holy Communion. For the last two years this portion of our work has been under the immediate direction of the Rev. Thomas B. Berry, the pastor of St. Paul's Mission Chapel. Mr. Berry's desire to aid deaf-mutes has led him to have a service for them in St. Paul's Chapel, Troy, on the first Thursday evening of every month. Mr. Berry, like myself, has a deaf-mute wife. He has had several years' experience in teaching deaf-mutes in the New York and Maryland Institutions, and is well qualified to aid and enlarge the special mission which we have undertaken. Once a quarter I take Mr. Berry's place, and he holds a service for deafmutes in some other city. On Sunday, October 18, Mr. Berry and I exchanged, and I had the pleasure of conducting a service for nearly forty deaf-mutes, most of whom had come from adjoining places. For the year just ending, Mr. Berry reports having held thirty-one services for deaf-mutes, baptized four, presented for confirmation ten, and married one couple. He was also instrumental in having Mr. John C. Acker licensed by the Rt. Rev. Bishop of Western New York to hold services for deaf-mutes in Rochester.

The first service for deaf-mutes in Baltimore, was held in Grace Church, February, 1859. The Rt. Rev. Bishop Coxe was the Rector at that time. He and his assistant, the Rev Mr. Easton, took such a

deep interest in the work that regular services were soon established in the chapel every Sunday afternoon, They were conducted by Mr. Samuel A. Adams, a deaf-mute communicant, who had been licensed by the Bishop, to act as lay-reader. These services have been continued to the present time with but little interruption. For two years Mr. Adams was connected with the Institution in Washington, D. C., as a teacher. During that time Mr. John P. Ijams officiated. In this Mission we have always had the cordial approbation and co-operation of the Rectors, the Rev. Dr. Hobart and the Rev. Dr. Leeds. At the death of Mr. Adams, in December, 1873, Mr. J. C. Covell responded to my request, and took the services till his removal to West Virginia. For several months there have been no services. We hope to resume them soon. I have frequently made visits to Baltimore to conduct the services, and see how the work was progressing; I have always found kind and appreciating friends.

The first service for deaf-mutes, in Philadelphia, was held in St. Stephen's Church, Feb., 1859. The Rector, Rev. Dr. Ducachet made an address, which I interpreted. From that time regular services have been maintained in Philadelphia. For a while they were in connection with St. Chrysostom's Church, the Rev. Samuel Cox, D. D., Rector. When it was at length deemed expedient to give up this church enterprise, its friends made over quite a fund for the benefit of the Deaf-mute Mission. This fund was subsequently used in repairing and decorating Calvary Church, to which the Mission had been transferred. While the Rev. Francis J. Clerc, D. D., was

Rector of this church, he had a service every Sunday afternoon for deaf-mutes. In process of time he resigned and accepted a call to be warden of the Burd Orphan Asylum, and the deaf-mutes were received back to St. Stephen's Church, where their services have been held ever since. The Rev. Dr. Clerc continued to hold these services until he accepted the rectorship of Burlington College, New Jersey. For the last two years he has kindly officiated occasionally in the college vacations.' At present we have only one service a month, conducted by the Rev. Mr. Chamberlain, Rev. Dr. Clerc or myself. The Deaf-mute Literary Association holds Thursday evening meetings in the Sunday School building of St. Stephen's Church. At the death of the Rev. Dr. Duchachet, some years ago, the Rev. Dr. Rudder became Rector, and manifested the same interest in the deaf-mutes of Philadelphia as he had for their brethren in Albany. I trust that the day is not far distant when we can once more have services every Sunday afternoon at St. Stephen's.

During 1859 and 1860, it was my privilege to hold occasional services for deaf-mutes in different churches of Boston. This prepared the way for the venture of faith which was made by the Rev. East-burn Benjamin, in the winter of 1861–2. For several months regular services were held in Freeman Place Chapel, and at length an organization was effected, under the title of St. Peter's Church. A service for Deaf-mutes was held every Sunday afternoon, and other services morning and evening for those having all their faculties. Providential circumstances made it necessary to give up this undertaking. Rev. Mr.

Benjamin, after a while, became an assistant of St. Ann's Church, New York, where he was of great comfort and assistance to me in our efforts to care for deaf mutes.

For upwards of ten years I have held quarterly services for deaf-mutes, in different churches of Boston. For the last three or four years these services have been held in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd. My work there brought me into very intimate relations with the pastor, Rev. Edward H. Krans, and all this has resulted in his accepting a call to be my associate at St. Ann's where he will specially minister to the hearing and speaking portion of the parish, and allow me to give still more of my time and attention to the Church Mission to Deaf-mutes. St. Ann's must still have the credit of doing all in its power for the benefit of deaf-mutes, while it is thankful for the co-operation of our incorporated society. Services for deaf-mutes will be continued in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd, Boston, at 3 P. M., on the third Sundays of February, May, August, and November.

Since 1859, I have had numerous services for deaf-mutes in different churches of Washington, D. C. Latterly these services have been held in St. Mark's Church, the Rector of which, the Rev. Mr. Steele, has received several to the Holy Communion.

Grace Church, Mexico, Oswego Co., N. Y., has been for about fifteen years a point of special interest in church work among deaf-mutes. Before the present Grace Church was built our services were frequently held in the Methodist House of Worship. The chancel window of Grace Church, is a beautiful memorial of Mr. J. W. Chandler, the first President of

the Empire State Deaf-mute Association. The window represents our Saviour healing the deaf-mute man. With proper notice, we can assemble at this church, from the surrounding country, a congregation of thirty or forty deaf-mutes. Baptisms and confirmations have been numerous among them, and several have been received to the Holy Communion.

For several years some church work has been going on among the deaf-mutes of New Haven and Bridge-port. During the last year flourishing Missions have been established in Rochester, N. Y., and in Flint, Michigan. I cannot speak particularly of the occasional services which have been held in many other of the larger cities.

I have thus tried, in a few words, to give some ideas of the progress of church work among deafmutes since St. Ann's led the way. This progress has been characterized by the loving kindness of many friends of the clergy and laity in different parts of the country. Some have fallen asleep and passed on to the rest of paradise. Their memories are very precious to us. Others still extend to us the helping hand and speak the encouraging word. May God's blessings richly descend upon them.

Gentlemen of the Trustees, I have endeavored for another year to make more and more homogenous the operations of our Society. I have been instrumental, I think, in guiding many deaf-mutes to success in their temporal matters as well as offering increased opportunities for spiritual enlightenment.

I was especially pleased with the results of an application made in the month of October, 1874, to the Board of Education, of New York city, at the sugges-

tion of Mr. Henry W. Syle. The Board authorized the Trustees of the 18th Ward to open in school building No. 40, 23rd St., near Third Av., an Evening School for the deaf-mute young men of this city, to be held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings. Mr. H. W. Syle was appointed teacher, and has reason to feel thankful for the good he is doing to his deaf-mute brethren on behalf of the deaf-mutes of New York city. I warmly thank the Board of Education for their appreciation of the petition which was presented to them.

I am glad that the Committee on the Building Fund for the Home for Aged and Infirm Deaf-mutes has made a beginning. I trust that in due time we shall have a Home of our own, pleasantly situated in the neighborhood of this city. With a few acres of land about it, it could more effectively minister to those whom it proposes to aid and comfort.

The great object which St. Ann's Church and the Church Mission to Deaf-mutes have in view is, to lead these children of silence to be useful and happy here and hereafter. In a gentle and loving way, they try to persuade the deaf-mutes of our common country to be sincere christians.

I trust that the great work which has thus been providentially laid out will be sustained from year to year by an increasing number of generous, warmhearted friends.

That God may guide and bless us in the future as He has done in the past, is the earnest prayer of

Yours respectfully,

THOMAS GALLAUDET,

General Manager.

New York, October 28, 1874.

THE FIRST REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON THE BUILDING FUND

OF

The National Home for Aged and Infirm Deaf-Mutes.

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Church Mission to Deaf-mutes, which was held at St. Ann's Church, April 29, 1874, Messrs. John Carlin, Chairman, Charles S. Newell, Jr., Secretary, William O. Fitzgerald, Treasurer, Henry J. Haight, James Lewis, Franklin Campbell, Gustav Fersenheim, were appointed a Committee to raise a fund for building a Home for Aged and Infirm Deaf-mutes, with power to appoint agents and do all things needful for accomplishing the object of their exertions.

At the first meeting in the chairman's house, May 9, 1874, with the view of ensuring the success of their new enterprise, the Committee unanimously adopted the following plan:—resident agents, one or more in each State shall be appointed with power to authorize as many trustworthy sub-agents as they may deem proper. The resident and sub-agents shall solicit and collect donations from the benevolent, and regular contributions, five cents per week being the lowest possible coutribution from all Deaf-mutes residing in their allotted districts, and also from such hearing and speaking persons as may feel interested in the undertaking. The contributions may be collected weekly, monthly, quarterly semi-annually, or annually at the contributor's option. Each agent is to give

to the Secretary a solemn promise to perform his duties faithfully, honestly, and diligently; to have a suitable receipt-book, and keep a portable ink-stand and pens always near him for use of the donors. Any of the agents, failing to fulfill his promise, stated above, shall be replaced by a more competent person. All the agents will take pains to ascertain whether there are, in their districts, any Deaf-mutes really and seriously needing the shelter of the home, and report such cases to the Secretary. At the subsequent meetings other plans were adopted; among them was the following, with a certificate from the venerable President of the Church Mission, Bishop Horatio Potter:—

Diocese of New York, May 22, 1874.

The Deaf-mute Trustees of the Church Mission to Deaf-mutes, having been appointed a Committee to begin a Building Fund for the proposed National Home for Aged and Infirm Deaf-Mutes, I beg to commend their object to the sympathy and support of all Christian people.

HORATIO POTTER,

Bishop of New York.

I beg leave to state that Bishop Potter is President of the Church Mission mentioned above, and a steadfast and affectionate friend to his unfortunate fellow-beings. Although the proposed home for indigent deaf-mutes, of both sexes, and good character, incapacitated by age or disease, for earning their livelihood—the first of the kind in Christendom, I believe,—will be in charge of the Church Mission (Episcopal,) it will always be open to applicants of all religions and nationalities.

The condition of aged or disabled mutes, beset by misfortunes and almost without friends to cheer them in their weary pilgrimage on earth, cannot fail to incite your compassion for them, and silently but eloquently solicit your material aid for the rearing of a home wherein they may pass the remainder of their existence in comfort. In case you comply with this solicitation, will you be kind enough to write your name and the sum of your donation in the agent's receipt book, it being the best way of giving sat isfaction to all parties?

Any donor contributing one hundred dollars or more will become a life member of the home.

All drafts or checks will be made payable to the order of William O. Fitzgerald, Treasurer, Custom House, New York. This Agent, (name) is duly authorized to receive donations.

JOHN CARLIN,

Chairman of the Committee on the Building Fund, 212 West 25th St. N. Y.

Another circular for regular contributors, was sent out as follows, being preceded by the Bishop's letter.

Bishop Potter is President of the Church Mission, and the object of the proposed Home is to give shelter to indigent Deaf-mutes of both sexes and good character, incapacitated by age or disease for earning their livelihood. You are solicited to become a regular contributor to the Building Fund, your contributions, which may not be less than five cents per week, being collected weekly, monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, or annually, at your option.

This Agent, (name) is duly authorized to collect contribu-

JOHN CARLIN,

Chairman of the Committee on the Building Fund.

As summer was at hand, it was deemed expedient not to begin our work till the middle of this fall; but the officers kept their hands busy all the hot season in making preparations. Several mute gentlemen have accepted their appointment as resident agents, and we are expecting answers from others. Notwithstanding the prevalent stagnation of business in this city and elsewhere, the periodical contributions, the collection of which was fairly commenced in the early part of this

month (October,) indicate more than ordinary interest in our enterprize; but as most of the people, not regular contributors, seem to have not any clear insight into the true nature of our work, we—the Building Committee—deem it necessary to inform them through the Press at the earliest possible date, that we are authorized by the Trustees of the Church Mission to make every effort in securing to the suffering unfortunates of our own class a Permanent Home, somewhere in the country at a convenient distance from New York city, thereby relieving the Church Mission of the pressure of the rent of the present temporary home in town, and that nothing but liberal donations, cheerfully and promptly made, together with periodical contributions, will enable us to accomplish in a short time what is required of us.

JOHN CARLIN,

Chairman of the Committee on the Building Fund.

New York, Oct. 28, 1874.

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APPENDIX.

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

OF THE

CHURCH MISSION TO DEAF-MUTES.

In conformity with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act for the Incorporation of Benevolent, Charitable, Scientific and Missionary Societies." passed the twelfth day of April, 1848, and the several Acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, the subscribers, of full age, citizens of the United States, and of the State of New York, and residents within the City of New York, in said State, being desirous to associate themselves together for the purpose of promoting the temporal and spiritual welfare of adult deaf-mutes, and to be a body politic and corporate for that purpose, do hereby make and sign this certificate.

- 1. The name or title by which said Society shall be known in law shall be "The Church Mission to Deaf-Mutes."
- 2. The particular business and objects of the said Society, shall be the promoting of the temporal and spiritual welfare of adult deaf-mutes.
- 3. The number of Trustees to manage the said Society shall be twenty-five.
- 4. The names of the Trustees of the said Society for the first year of its existence are: Horatio Potter, John T. Hoffman, D. Colden Murray, Orlando L. Stewart, Isaac H. Holmes, John Carlin, Henry J. Haight, S. R. Comstock, William O. Fitzgerald, Robert Gracie, I. L. Peet, John H. Pool, F. A. Rising, James F. Ruggles, James

McCarter, Charles S. Newell, F. Campbell, James Lewis, Louis F. Therasson, James M. Austin, William Niblo, Frederick DePeyster, Samuel V. Hoffman, Edward M. Curtiss, and G. Fersenheim.

In testimony whereof, we have herewith subcribed our names.

ISAAC H. HOLMES, WM. O. FITZGERALD, JAMES LEWIS, GUSTAVE FERSENHEIM, HENRY J. HAIGHT, ORLANDO L. STEWART, D. COLDEN MURRAY,

STATE OF NEW YORK,
CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, 88.

On this fourteenth day of June, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-two, personally came before me, Isaac H. Holmes, William O. Fitzgerald, James Lewis, Gustave Fersenheim, Henry J. Haight, Orlando L. Sewart, and D. Colden Murray, to me known to be the same persons who are by those names described in, and who executed the foregoing instrument, and severally acknowledge that they executed the same.

F. C. REED,

A Notary Public in and for said County

ENDORSEMENT.

I consent to and approve of the filing of the within certificate of incorporation of the Church Mission to Deaf-mutes.

New York, October 15th, 1872.

GEO. C. BARRETT,

Justice of the Supreme Court, in the first department.

Filed in the Clerk's office, October 21st, 1872, and also in the Secretary of State's office at Albany.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

The Church Mission to Deaf-Mutes is a Society designed to promote the temporal and spiritual welfare of adult deaf-mutes. Its central office shall be in the city of New York.

ARTICLE II.

Its members shall consist of those persons paying two dollars and upwards a year towards its support, who shall be elected at any regular meeting of the Trustees. Any person paying one hundred dollars at one time, shall be eligible to life-membership.

ARTICLE III.

The affairs of the Society shall be under the direction and management of a Board of twenty-five Trustees, to be elected annually as hereafter provided. The officers of the Society shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer and a Secretary, who shall be selected annually by the said Board from their own number, and shall also be officers of the said Board.

ARTICLE IV.

The Board of Trustees shall hold stated meetings at least once in three months, and may hold adjourned meetings when necessary. Seven Trustees shall form

a quorum for the transaction of business, except that no purchase, lease or sale of real estate shall be made, unless two-thirds of the whole number are present at the meeting at which it is ordered. The Board shall have power to make By-Laws for its own government and for the government of the officers, and to alter and amend the same, and may fill any vacancy which may occur in the Board or among its officers.

Special meeting of the Board and of the Society may be called by the President, or one of the Vice-Presidents, or on requisition of five of the Trustees; but when special meetings are called, the time and place of meeting and the subject proposed to be considered shall be previously notified to the members, and no other subject shall be discussed or acted upon at such meetings.

ARTICLE V.

The annual meeting of the Society shall be held in St. Ann's Church for Deaf-Mutes, in the city of New York, on the last Wednsday evening of October. At this meeting the Society shall elect from its members, by ballot, twenty-five Trustees, who shall hold office for the ensuing year and until their successors are appointed.

At the first stated meeting of the Board after the annual meeting of the Society, the officers, specified in Article III, shall be chosen by ballot from among the members of said Board, and shall continue in office until their successors are appointed.

The Trustees shall present to the Society, at its annual meeting, a report of their proceedings during

the previous year, a full statement in relation to the funds and property of the Society, and information relative to the object of the Society which may be of interest to its members.

ARTICLE VI.

The Constitution shall not be altered unless it be at an annual meeting of the members of the Society, and two-thirds of the members then present consenting thereto, on previous recommendation of the Board of Trustees.

BY-LAWS.

- 1. The President, First and Second Vice-Presidents, Secretary and Tresurer, shall faithfully perform the duties usually entrusted to such officers.
- 2. The Trustees shall have power to appoint, by resolution from time to time, such special committees as may be necessary to accomplish most effectively the objects of the Society.
- 3. The Trustees shall appoint a General Manager whose duty it shall be to take the general oversight of the various departments of work, which shall be adopted to improve the temporal and spiritual welfare of adult deaf-mutes. They shall also have power to appoint assistants to the General Manager, and to fix the salaries which shall be paid to the General Manager and assistants.
- 4. The General Manager shall be subject to such regulations as the Trustees may adopt for his guidance, and shall present a written report of his work at every stated meeting of the Trustees.
- 5. With the consent of "The Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Ann's Chuch for Deaf-Mutes, in the city of New York," the meetings of the Trustees shall be held in the said church.

- 6. At the meetings of the Trustees, the following shall be the order of proceedings, viz:
 - 1. Devotions.
 - 2. Reading of the minutes.
 - 3. Communication from the officers.
 - 4. Report of the General Manager.
 - 5. Reports of Committees.
 - 6. Miscellaneous business.
 - 7. Adjournment.
- 7. Alterations of these By-Laws, proposed at one meeting, can be adopted at the next, by a two-third vote of the Trustees present, but by unanimous consent at a regular meeting, without previous notice.