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# THIRD ANNUAL REPORT.

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*The Church Mission to Deaf-Mutes in account with I. H. Holmes, Treasurer.*

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Oct. 29. To Balance from old Account. . . . .		\$15 54	
1875.			
Oct. 27. " Receipts to date. . . . .		5,433 70	
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			259 06
			\$5,449 24

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NEW YORK, Oct. 27, 1875.

## THE THIRD ANNIVERSARY

Of the Church Mission to Deaf-Mutes, was held in St. Ann's Church, 18th street near 5th avenue, on Wednesday evening, November 3d, 1875. The service was read by the Rev. Messrs. CHAMBERLAIN, KRANS and HOLMES, and interpreted in signs by the Rev. Dr. GALLAUDET. Quite a number of deaf-mutes were present in the congregation.

Extracts from the Third Annual Report were read by the General Manager, the Rev. Mr. CHAMBERLAIN interpreting.

Addresses were made by the Rt. Rev. Bishops GARRETT and WHIPPLE.

The offering was appropriated to the support of the Society.

## THE THIRD ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE

# Church Mission to Deaf-Mutes.

In presenting to the Society and all who take an interest in its objects, the report of another year's work, the Trustees express the hope that "The Church Mission to Deaf-Mutes" is gradually winning its way to recognition as a general institution. Its influence is extending among the 20,000 deaf-mutes of our country, and in various ways it is striving to promote the temporal and spiritual good of these children of silence.

At the meetings of the Trustees reports have been presented from the General Manager and his Associates, from which the following summary is condensed.

A very intimate relation exists between this Society and St. Ann's Church for deaf-mutes, and for the time being the General Manager of the former, and the Rector of the latter is the Rev. Dr. Gallaudet, who has been providentially instrumental in systematizing the special work which the Society and the Church have undertaken.

The Trustees, therefore, appropriate a portion of the income of this Society to the support of Dr. Gallaudet and his Assistant, the Rev. John Chamberlain, thus making it possible for them to hold religious services, not only for the deaf-mutes of New York city and vicinity, but in various other portions of our country.

A service for deaf-mutes has been held in St. Ann's Church, New York, by our General Manager or Assistant, every Sunday afternoon during the past year.

In St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia, the Rev. Dr. Rudder, Rector. Sunday afternoon services have been regularly held for most of the year by Rev. Dr. Gallaudet, Rev. Mr. Chamberlain, Rev. Dr. Clerc, Rector of Burlington College, New Jersey, and Mr. Henry W. Syle. The latter gentleman is now in charge of this Associate Mission, and is proving himself a faithful and devoted laborer in this portion of the Master's vineyard. Becoming deaf in childhood he has so cultivated his talents and improved his opportunities that he has recently been received by the Bishop and Standing Committee of the Diocese of Pennsylvania as a candidate for Holy Orders. We trust that in due time he will be ordained to the diaconate, and be instrumental in leading many of those deprived of hearing and speech to follow Christ in the ways of divine appointment. This is the first time in the history of the Church that a deaf-mute has been received as a candidate for orders. To make this Associate Mission to the deaf-mutes of Philadelphia still more effective, it is proposed to have a celebration of the Holy Communion for them in St. Stephen's Church on the third Sunday of every month at 9 A. M.

Our Mission for the deaf-mutes of Baltimore is connected with Grace Church, the Rev. Dr. Leeds, Rector. It is conducted by Mr. L. C. Tuck, a graduate of the National Deaf-Mute College in Washington, D. C., and the instructor of colored deaf-mute children at the Institution in Baltimore. He succeeded Mr. John C. Covell, and began his ministrations on the first Sunday of December, 1874, having been licensed as a lay-reader by the Bishop of Maryland. He has conducted services on Sunday afternoons in the Sunday School Room of Grace Church. The General Manager has visited this Mission several times during the year and brought us favorable accounts. In connection with this Mission a few special services have been held in Trinity Church, the Rev. Dr. Leaken, Rector.

For a portion of the year our Associate, the Rev. Thomas B. Berry was in charge of the Mission connected with St. Paul's Church, Albany, the Rev. J. Livingston Reese, D. D., Rector, in which services for deaf-mutes were held on the

third Sunday of each month, at 2 P. M. After Easter Mr. Berry resigned the pastorate of St. Paul's Mission Chapel, and accepted a call to the Rectorship of Trinity Church, Granville, Washington Co., N. Y. He continues his interest in our work by holding services for deaf-mutes on the first Friday evening of each month in St. Paul's Chapel, Troy, the Rev. Walker Gwynne, Pastor. He also holds occasional services in other places. We trust that the way will be opened for him to be more actively engaged among our deaf-mute brethren, as there are so few of the clergy who are qualified for these silent ministrations. The General Manager now holds services in St. Paul's Church, Albany, on the last Sundays of July, October, January, and April, at 2:30 P. M.

For the past year services have been continued in St. Mary's Church, Brooklyn, the Rev. Dr. Johnson, Rector, on the second Sunday afternoon of each month, by Dr. Gallaudet and Mr. Chamberlain, and two deaf-mute gentlemen, Mr. James S. Wells and Mr. James Lewis.

On the third Sunday of November, February, May, and August, at 3 P. M., a service was held by Dr. Gallaudet in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd, Boston, the Rev. George J. Prescott, Pastor. In connection with these services Dr. Gallaudet on various occasions met his deaf-mute friends of Boston in the room of the Library Association, holding short services and making addresses.

In Grace Church, Allentown, Pennsylvania, the Rev. Mr. Byllesby, Rector, Mr. Thomas Roberts, deaf-mute, has held Sunday afternoon services.

In St. Luke's Church, Rochester, the Rev. Dr. Anstice, Rector, the deaf-mutes have been kindly cared for. Sunday afternoon services, in a Bible-class room, have been conducted by Mr. John C. Acker, deaf-mute. He has had the sympathy and co-operation of Mr. Edward P. Hart, who has acquired such a knowledge of the sign-language that he has occasionally interpreted the services in church.

In St. Paul's Church, Bridgeport, Conn., the Rev. Dr. Richardson, Rector, Mr. R. D. Beers, deaf-mute, has had a Bible class. The General Manager has had occasional services

there, baptizing a deaf-mute man and two children of deaf-mutes.

Dr. Gallaudet in May held a service at St. Paul's Church, New Haven, the Rev. Mr. Lobdell, Rector, and encouraged Mr. Beecher and Mr. Leek, deaf-mutes, who have a Bible class in that city, to persevere in their good work.

Within the year, Mr. A. W. Mann, a deaf-mute lay-reader of the Diocese of Michigan, has devoted himself to church work among deaf-mutes. Beginning in St. Paul's Church, Flint, the Rev. Marcus Lane, Rector, he has extended his ministrations to Detroit, Jackson, Grand Rapids, and other cities of Michigan, and also to Chicago, Milwaukee, and Cleveland. He has made a large venture of faith, and we trust he will be sustained. Occasional services have been held in Grace Church, Mexico, Oswego Co., N. Y.; Trinity, St. Stephen's, and Christ Churches, Newark, New Jersey; Christ Church, Norwich, Conn.; Grace Church, Providence, R. I.; Trinity Church, Watertown, N. Y.; Trinity Church, Columbus, Ohio; St. Matthew's Church, Wheeling, West Virginia; Trinity Church, Pittsburg, Penn.; St. Paul's Church, Erie, Penn.; St. Mark's Church, Tarrytown, N. Y.; St. Mark's Church, Washington, D. C.; Christ Church, Newton, Sussex Co., N. J.; St. Mark's Church, Brooklyn; Grace Church, Cleveland; Christ Church, Detroit; St. Paul's Church, Jackson; St. James' Church, Chicago; St. Mary's Church, Mott Haven, N. Y.; St. Andrew's Church, Harlem, and Trinity Church, Potsdam, N. Y.

The Trustees cannot but believe that with the Divine blessing, many beneficial results have followed these extended ministrations. They desire more means and men, that there may be services for deaf-mutes in all the larger cities of our country.

The National Home for Aged and Infirm Deaf-Mutes at No. 220 East Thirteenth street, New York, has been for another year under the faithful care of Miss Jane Middleton. It has had seven inmates. It is still in its infancy, but it will, doubtless, by-and-by, grow to be an important Institution, gathering its beneficiaries from all parts of our land.

The deaf-mute members of our Board have acted as a Committee on the Building Fund for the Home. They will present a special report. It is very desirable to have this Fund rapidly increased that we may have a permanent building and surrounding grounds. We hear of quite a number of deaf mutes, men and women, in alms-houses. Surely they should be rescued from their isolation, and comforted with the pleasant associations of a Christian home.

For another year continued efforts have been put forth to assist deaf-mutes coming under our influence in temporal as well as spiritual matters. Without these efforts it is feared that many would become a burden to society.

The Trustees, in closing their report, ask all to whom a knowledge of this Society comes, to support it in its increasing work, and to give it their sympathy and prayers.

New York, Oct. 27, 1875.

## REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER TO THE TRUSTEES

OF THE

### Church Mission to Deaf-Mutes.

GENTLEMEN :

In my first and second reports I presented historical sketches of the way in which the educational system for deaf-mutes began with the first Institution at Hartford, Connecticut, founded in April, 1817, and gradually spread throughout our country. I showed how St. Ann's Church was established in New York, October, 1852, having a special mission to the adult, educated deaf-mutes of this city and vicinity. I traced the progress of this church work among the deaf-mutes of Philadelphia, Baltimore, Albany, Boston, and other cities, and put upon record the circumstances which led to the incorporation of "The Church Mission to Deaf-Mutes," with the great object of promoting the temporal and spiritual welfare of the 20,000 deaf-mutes of the United States. In order to make the historical sketches more complete, I call attention to the mission in Buffalo which, from 1865 to 1868, was under the pastoral care of the Rev. George C. Pennell, S. T. D. He held 58 services for deaf-mutes in and about Buffalo, 1 in Rochester, 1 in Syracuse, 1 in Palmyra, and 1 in Montreal. Total, 62. He baptized 1 adult and 4 children. He sent to the New York Institution 9 pupils. He gave 14 lectures on some secular topics. On his removal to parish work in another part of the State, he was compelled to give up this mission, much to the regret of all who were interested in it.

The Rev. Dr. Pennell has recently communicated to me his desire to be considered as one of our Associates, and will hold

occasional services for deaf-mutes in Potsdam and Rouse's Point. He is the Rector of Christ Church in the latter place. I trust that he will be instrumental of much good to the deaf-mutes of northern New York.

Between four and five years ago Dr. Pennell was led to take an interest in preparing the Rev. Thomas B. Berry for the ministry. In this he rendered a great service to church work among deaf-mutes. On All Saints' Day in 1871 Mr. Berry was ordained a Deacon in Christ Church, Rouse's Point, and has since that time been one of our active Associates.

At present the Rev. Mr. Berry is the Rector of Trinity Church, Granville, Washington Co., N. Y., but is able to hold a monthly service for deaf-mutes at St. Paul's Chapel, Troy, and occasional services in other places. Some months ago he was instrumental in forming the Troy Deaf-Mute Literary Club. He reports having baptized two deaf-mutes during the year, and also interpreting at the confirmation of six deaf-mutes in Trinity Church, Potsdam, the Rev. Mr. Howard, Rector. I trust that Providence may open the way for our Associate to minister to deaf-mutes in some large city.

Since my last report our Associate Mission in St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia, has been very much strengthened by the earnest labors of Mr. Henry W. Syle, now a candidate for orders in the Diocese of Pennsylvania. He took charge of the work on Sunday, the 7th of February. Since then, with but few exceptions, he has held services at 2:30 P. M. every Sunday, in St. Stephen's Church. He has had monthly visits from the Rev. Dr. Clerc, the Rev. Mr. Chamberlain, and myself. He reports two baptized, eight confirmed, and about thirty communicants. He considers that there has been a good attendance at the services, and speaks encouragingly for the future. The offerings at the services for deaf-mutes, after his connection with the mission, amounted to \$48 52. For the three months previous they amounted to \$4 99. Total, \$53 51, all of which was expended. In connection with the Mission "The Literary Association" has met for most of the year in St. Stephen's Sunday School Room, on Thursday evenings, having lectures, debates, &c. Mr. Syle, in his re-

port to me, alludes with gratitude to the kindness he has received from the Rev. Dr. Rudder and the Rev. Mr. Jackson, the Rector and Assistant Minister of St. Stephen's Church, and also the attentions of Mr. Schenck, the sexton. He alludes also with feeling to the cordial and active sympathy of the Principal, Matron, and other officers of the Institution for Deaf-Mutes with him in his work. I desire to add my testimony to that of Mr. Syle. Our friends at the Institution have, from the beginning of our church work among the deaf-mutes of Philadelphia, shown me and my associates the utmost kindness and appreciation.

The Mission in Grace Church, Baltimore, has had services for most of the year, every Sunday afternoon. They have been held in the Sunday School Building, adjoining the Church, a neat, chapel-like room, distinguished for the sessions of the House of Bishops in the General Convention of 1871. On Sunday, the 6th of December, 1874, I had the pleasure of presenting to our deaf-mute friends of Baltimore, Mr. Lewis C. Tuck, as the conductor of their services. I stated that he had been duly appointed a lay-reader by Bishop Whittingham, and would enter upon his work with a sincere desire to do them good. Grace Church has appropriated \$250 a year for the support of this Mission, a portion of the sum being made up by the offerings of the deaf-mutes. Mr. Tuck has proved himself a faithful Associate, and as the years roll on will see the gracious results which will providentially follow his labors. The Rev. Dr. Leeds has been a kind friend to Mr. Tuck.

Mr. Edward P. Hart writes me that for another year our work has gone steadily on among the deaf-mutes of Rochester. The services have been conducted weekly in the Sunday School Building of St. Luke's Church by Mr. John C. Acker, a deaf-mute. Two were baptized and two confirmed; \$85 97 were raised for the Mission. At the confirmation referred to I was present. It was held by Bishop Coxe in St. Luke's Church, on the forenoon of the first Sunday in May. I interpreted the service and the Bishop's address. There was a large class of other persons besides the two deaf-mutes. It

was a deeply interesting occasion to all the deaf mutes of Rochester and vicinity.

Last November and last June I made visits to Michigan. On the latter occasion I enjoyed the hospitality of the Michigan Institution, of which Mr. Bangs is principal, and acted as one of the examining committee. I had opportunities of aiding Mr. A. W. Mann in his efforts to extend church services to deaf-mutes in the principal cities of Michigan, and also in Chicago, Milwaukee, and Cleveland. I had frequent consultations with him, and also with the Rev. Marcus Lane, the Rector of St. Paul's Church, Flint, who was instrumental in leading Mr. Mann to begin the work about two years ago. Mr. Mann has written me several very full and interesting letters in relation to the appointments which he has recently had in several places. The offerings had been small, amounting to only a little more than \$20, which were used in traveling expenses. I trust that as the work becomes more effective there will be ample provision for Mr. Mann's support and traveling expenses. Surely our deaf-mute friends, who are benefited by his ministrations, will do all in their power to encourage Mr. Mann in his self-denying exertions for their good. Last June it was my privilege to baptize several adult deaf-mutes and several children of deaf-mute parents in St. Paul's Church, Flint, the results of the labors of Mr. Mann. I hope to be able to report next year that in this important department of our work, ample provision has been made for the support of our Associate.

The Convention of the Empire State Deaf-Mute Association, held in Watertown, N. Y., the last Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of August, was full of interest to me as affording a very desirable opportunity for extending religious influences among them. On Wednesday evening an impressive service was held in Trinity Church. The Rev. Mr. Brewer, the Rector, was assisted in reading the service by the Rev. Mr. Hopkins, Rector of Grace Church, Watertown. Interpretations were given by the Rev. Thomas B. Berry and myself.

Leaving this Convention on Thursday I reached Columbus, Ohio, the following day in time to be present at the Alumni Re-union of the Ohio Institution for Deaf-Mutes, and to receive a cordial welcome from the Superintendent, Mr. Fay. On Sunday afternoon, in the chapel of the Institution, it was my privilege to baptize a deaf-mute couple and three children, each having deaf-mute parents. It was a great pleasure to me to join in this large gathering of intelligent deaf-mutes and to see the results of their education.

The position of General Manager of this Society has given me such prominence in the deaf-mute community that they very naturally turn to me in various matters. It was a great satisfaction to me to be able to co-operate with my friend, Mr. Alphonso Johnson, in his efforts to establish the Central New York Institution for Deaf-Mutes in Rome. After two public meetings in the Court House, at which I made addresses, the Institution was opened last March, and has proved a decided success.

During the year I visited all the Associate Missions to which you make reference in your report, and found our work steadily progressing.

Last April I made a very pleasant visit to the National Deaf-Mute College, Washington, D. C., and attended the exercises of "Presentation Day." I am thankful that the College is doing so much in the way of the higher education of those deaf-mute young men of our country, who have the capacity to advance beyond the courses of study pursued in the Institutions.

In addition to the general oversight of our whole work, I have tried to do all I could for our deaf-mute friends in New York and vicinity by personal ministrations among them when in trouble or sickness. I have attended a number of the meetings of the Manhattan Deaf-Mute Literary Association, held Thursday evenings, in the Lecture Room of St. Ann's Church, and I have visited as often as possible the National Home for Aged and Infirm Deaf-Mutes.

I have endeavored to get together the means necessary for the support of all our work, including the Home, but have not

fully succeeded. We need a few hundred dollars to meet all our indebtedness, the principal item being the rent of the Home.

In my work in this city I have been specially aided by two deaf-mute communicants of St. Ann's Church, Mr. James Lewis and Mr. James S. Wells. The former acts as a visitor among deaf-mutes and holds short services on Sunday evenings at their houses. The latter had charge of the Evening School after Mr. Syle left for Philadelphia, and for part of the year has had a Bible Class in the Sunday School room of St. Ann's Church.

I trust that all persons who receive copies of this report will be convinced that we are engaged in a work to which Providence has called us, and will do all in their power towards its support.

Yours respectfully,

THOMAS GALLAUDET,  
*General Manager.*

New York, Oct. 27, 1875.

## THE SECOND REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

OF THE

## COMMITTEE ON THE BUILDING FUND

OF

### The National Home for Aged and Infirm Deaf-Mutes.

In reviewing the labors of the Committee on the Building Fund, commenced a year ago, they have good reason to be thankful for even the moderate degree of success which, with God's blessing, has attended their efforts. The unpropitious circumstances, briefly mentioned in preceding reports, continued to follow them, seeming to render their work fruitless; yet the funds already deposited in savings banks, and other funds promised by some of the Principals of deaf-mute schools, indicate a speedy establishment of a permanent home for mute unfortunates; consequently there is no reason why we should feel discouraged by such adverse winds as have retarded the progress of our enterprise.

A circular was sent last May to thirty-six Principals in the Union and the Canadas, as follows :

NEW YORK, May 10th, 1875.

Mr. ———, *Principal of the ——— Inst. :*

Among the propositions which were approved of by the Committee on the Building Fund of the National Home for Aged and Infirm Deaf-Mutes was the following : All the Principals and Superintendents of the deaf-mute schools in the United States and Canadas shall be solicited to collect mites from all the pupils in their charge for that fund before their approaching vacation.

Thereupon soliciting you to lend assistance to this noble work of charity, we are confident that your long and constant intercourse with the deaf and

dumb, and your knowledge of their peculiar mental habits and proverbial proneness to isolate themselves from the society of the hearing, and to delight in each others company and conversation, will enable you to feel and recognize the absolute indispensability of a permanent asylum to the comfort and happiness of the most unfortunate of their class.

Should you comply with our request, we beg to suggest that you appoint some competent person in your school to undertake the collection, and to assure you of our appreciation and gratitude for your kindness.

Yours respectfully,  
JOHN CARLIN,  
*Chairman of the Committee on the Building Fund.*

Only ten out of that number have responded to the appeal for their aid, and these sympathizing fully with the object set forth in the circular. Their replies will be appended to this report.

Dr. Isaac Lewis Peet, Principal of the New York Institution, has, by means of a printed circular of his own publication, sent to the parents of his pupils, met with much success in obtaining contributions. So good is his method of securing assistance to the Committee's work, that I beg to suggest to all the other Principals that they make a trial of it in their respective spheres, constructing their circulars in whatever style they may deem most appropriate. Dr. Peet's circular will be found below :

NEW YORK INSTITUTION FOR THE INSTRUCTION }  
OF THE DEAF AND DUMB, June 9, 1875. }

DEAR SIR: The pupils of this institution have become interested in an enterprise called the Home for Aged and Infirm Deaf-Mutes. Last year they gave nearly three hundred dollars to support six deaf mutes of this class. They now desire to raise five hundred dollars, as their contribution toward a building fund for this object, but they cannot do so without the aid of their parents. They have, therefore, requested me to send this circular to their parents, and ask them to send me from one dollar to five dollars each, which shall be credited to their names respectively. I shall be gratified if you will send me immediately what you feel able to give in behalf of your child. Very truly yours,  
ISAAC LEWIS PEET, *Principal.*

The following appeal to the benevolent, which appeared in the *New York Times* of September 1st, 1875, remains, we all trust, in their hearts, to bring forth fruit in due season:

THE NATIONAL HOME FOR AGED AND INFIRM DEAF-MUTES.

*To the Editor of the New York Times:*

The attention of all philanthropists is respectfully called to the above name to be given to the first charitable institution of the kind ever established

in our land, if not in Christendom. We have in our midst charitable establishments without number, erected and supported by the benevolent, for the benefit of hearing unfortunates, but none for mutes of the same condition. We have capacious institutions for the deaf and dumb, but they are school-houses for the instruction of young mutes, and not asylums for aged or crippled ones.

Impressed by the above facts with the real importance of a permanent home for a class of our fellow-creatures, deprived of the blessed sense of hearing, and consequently isolated from the speaking world, and incapacitated by age or disease for earning their livelihood, the Church Mission to Deaf Mutes, a body comprising several prominent citizens of this city (New York) as trustees, with Bishop Horatio Potter as their President, decided last year to have one built at once, and accordingly appointed a Building Committee of their deaf-mute co-trustees, to raise a fund for that purpose. The committee have pursued their mission, laboring under many difficulties, rising not only from the prevalence of "hard times," but also from the want of comprehension on the part of the community—I speak in general terms—of the true character of their appeal for aid. Indeed, it is not a very pleasant task to solicit donations from the public for objects really worthy of charity, nor can it always be expected of every one to welcome wearied agents every day, or cheerfully contribute his mite toward the building of homes for suffering mankind. But, reminded in the Bible that charity is the noblest of the three cardinal virtues, it behooves both the solicitor and giver to exercise patience, courage and cheerfulness in performing their duties, remembering always that either they themselves or their descendants may, perhaps, have occasion to be thankful for obtaining refuge in the asylum of their rearing, as misfortune and adversity often come most unexpectedly. Notwithstanding the discouragements mentioned above, it is gratifying to say that, besides the mute graduates' regular contributions, generous responses are now being made in various institutions for deaf mutes to our appeal—the pupils striving to contribute something to our fund, and their parents and friends also assisting in our work—still the committee greatly need more funds from other sources to facilitate the establishing of the National Home at the earliest possible date, and the founding of an income adequate to its support. I say at the earliest possible date, as there are in several almshouses quite a number of mute unfortunates whose isolation and want of social intercourse with their less unfortunate fellow-inmates, and of religious instruction, imperatively demand their removal to a more suitable place. Of this truth an instance will be reported, as follows: A mute lithographer of eminence, named Albert Newsam, had the misfortune to become a paralytic, and was taken to the Blockley Almshouse at Philadelphia, where he remained some time, almost wholly isolated from society. As it happened that he was the only mute there, living in the midst of hearing paupers, of conditions and habits by no means congenial to his gentle yet sensitive spirit and refined tastes, his solitude was anything but calculated to render him happy. Fortunately for him, his sad case was in some way made known to the Rev. Dr. Thomas Gallaudet, Rector of St. Ann's Church for Deaf-Mutes, in this city, who

obedient to the impulses of a friend of suffering mutes, hastened to relieve him from the miseries of so dismal an abode, and soon had the satisfaction to see him comfortably housed in a private infirmary, where he lingered a little while to enjoy the attentions of his kind physician and a few friends, and the religious ministrations of Dr. Gallaudet. It was several years ago, long before the Church Mission was instituted.

The committee propose that the Home shall be located in a healthy, rural place—such as could be had at a moderate price, perhaps with a ready-built house, to be altered or enlarged according to the requisitions of the Home; but they would not decline a gift or bequest of a house or ground, in any city or town, suitable for the object in question.

Although the Church Mission, an Episcopal corporation, may take charge of the domestic and religious departments of the Home, the Asylum will be open to applicants of all religions and nationalities. So it will be national and unsectarian in character and spirit. And its fund—such as may be raised solely for its benefit—should be religiously kept separate from that of the Church Mission. The reason therefor is that this prudent provision will, in the event of their separation, render the sacredness of their respective missions intact and undisturbed by litigation. By the way, it might not be amiss to respectfully suggest that bequests be distinctly made to "THE NATIONAL HOME FOR AGED AND INFIRM DEAF-MUTES," now in charge of the Church Mission to Deaf-Mutes.

Donations from individuals and church congregations of any denomination will be gratefully received by the Treasurer, William O. Fitzgerald, Custom House, New York, or by

JOHN CARLIN,  
*Chairman of the Build'g Committee,*  
No. 212 W. Twenty-fifth St., N. Y.

MR. PRESIDENT: The Committee beg to propose the following questions:

1. Shall the fund—such as may be raised solely for the benefit of the National Home—be perpetually kept separate from that of the Church Mission?

2. Shall the real estate, comprising the said Home and its grounds, be deeded in the name of the National Home for Aged and Infirm Deaf-Mutes? In case they both shall be so, it may be taken for granted that the General Manager of the Church Mission will superintend the whole establishment at a separate salary to be fixed on a future occasion, he also receiving another for his services in the Mission.

3. When the contributions amount to at least two thousand and five hundred dollars, will it be advisable to purchase any

property next spring if the price and location are to our advantage?

4. In this transaction at that or any other time, shall the committee understand that they shall be expected to attend it in person, or that a special committee shall be appointed for that purpose?

Believing that the above questions furnish sufficient material for deliberation on this occasion, the Committee await the answers.

In presenting the Treasurer's report, I shall state that the funds now in our hands were:

Deposited by the Treasurer in three city Savings banks.....	\$1,336 06
"    Dr. I. Lewis Peet, in a Harlem Savings bank.....	250 00
"    Prof. Weeks in a Hartford Savings bank.....	15 00
	\$1,601 06
Dr. Peet has, cash in hand.....	25 86
	\$1,626 92
Our Treasurer has, cash in hand.....	34 17
	\$1,661 09

JOHN CARLIN,  
*Chairman B. F. C.*

*New York, October 27, 1875.*

Reported July 28th, 1875.....	\$1,161 96
Receipts up to October 27th, 1875.....	279 43
	\$1,441 39
Less Expenses.....	71 16*
Balance on hand.....	\$1,370 23

RECAPITULATION.

Deposited in Greenwich Savings Bank.....	\$463 62
"    Seamen's " ".....	427 66
"    New York " ".....	444 78
	\$1,336 06
Total in three Banks.....	34 17
Cash on hand.....	\$1,370 23

WM. O. FITZGERALD,  
*Treasurer, C. B. F.*

*Attest,*  
C. S. NEWELL, JR.,  
*Sec'y, C. B. F.*

*Oct. 27, 1875.*

\* \$36 45 were paid for the bill of the Clerc Monument Views, \$13 55 have been realized from the sale of Views since.

## THE REPLIES OF THE PRINCIPALS

NEW YORK, May 13th, 1875.

JOHN CARLIN, Esq., *Chairman B. F. C., &c.* :

DEAR SIR: I am in receipt of your esteemed favor of the 10th instant, relative to the collection of funds for the erection of buildings for the National Home for Aged and Infirm Deaf-Mutes. I share the views as to the importance of the work which you set forth in your letter, and shall place the subject before our teachers and pupils at the earliest favorable opportunity.

I hope, before the close of the term, to have the pleasure of forwarding a substantial sum of money as our contribution to the building fund of the Home. With best wishes for your undertaking, I remain

Yours respectfully, ISAAC L. PEET, *Principal.*

INDIANA INSTITUTION FOR THE DEAF AND DUMB, }  
INDIANAPOLIS, May 19th, 1875. }

MR. JOHN CARLIN:

DEAR SIR: Yours of May 10th is duly received. I fully sympathize with your benevolent efforts, and will at some suitable time soon present the matter to the deaf and dumb of our Institution and neighborhood. Should they conclude to take the matter up and do anything for the cause, I will recommend that they confer with you on the subject.

Very truly yours, THOMAS MACINTYRE.

INST. FOR DEAF AND DUMB }  
WASHINGTON, June 1st, 1875. }

MY DEAR SIR: Yours of May 13th was duly received. Our Ephpatha Sunday-school, which includes the students of the College and the pupils of the Primary Department, voted day before yesterday to contribute the sum of twenty-five dollars toward the National Home for Aged and Infirm Deaf-Mutes.

Mr. Hotchkiss, the Secretary of our Sunday-school, will remit you a check in a few days.

With kind regards to your wife and family,  
I remain yours, very sincerely,  
E. M. GALLAUDET.

JOHN CARLIN, Esq., *New York.*

WEST VA. INST. FOR THE DEAF AND DUMB, }  
ROMNEY, W. VA., May 31st, 1875. }

MR. JOHN CARLIN, *Chairman Committee Building Fund:*

DEAR SIR: Although three weeks have elapsed since your letter was received calling for a collection in aid of the Home for Aged and Infirm Deaf-Mutes, and it has remained unanswered all this time, nevertheless we have been neither negligent nor idle. I placed the matter in the hands of one of our prominent deaf-mutes, who assures me you shall receive something at his hands at the close of the season.

Respectfully yours, J. C. COVELL, *Principal.*

MYSTIC RIVER, CONN., May 19th, 1875.

MR. CARLIN:

DEAR SIR: Your favor of the 15th inst., soliciting contributions to the Building Fund for the National Home for Aged and Infirm Deaf-Mutes, is received.

I would like to help on the enterprise, for I think it is a benevolent work, and one that may do much good, and I may possibly be able to contribute something by and by. Our Home School for Deaf-Mutes is still in its infancy, and much has to be expended, while but little is received. That compels me to practice the most rigid economy, and deprives me oftentimes of the pleasure of giving to what I know to be worthy objects.

There are only ten pupils in our school at present.

With kind regards, yours truly, Z. WHIPPLE.

DEAF AND DUMB INSTITUTION, }  
HALIFAX, N. S., May 31, 1875. }

JOHN CARLIN, Esq., *Chairman Committee B. F., Home for Aged and Infirm Deaf-Mutes.*

DEAR SIR: I have your favor of the 12th inst., on behalf of the Building Fund for the Home for Aged and Infirm Deaf-Mutes, and beg to assure you of my entire sympathy with the object, and my sincere desire for the success of your efforts. In March last I forwarded to Rev. Dr. Gallaudet a small contribution (ten dollars) from the Institution toward the "Home," (the temporary Home) and hope to be able to send something again next year. Of course ours is a small and poor community, and it is not much we can give, but what little we can do will be done cheerfully. And you know in these matters the Master's mood of approbation depends on "what a man hath, not what he hath not."

I should like to know something of the principles on which the "Home" is to be conducted. What are the terms of admission, &c.? Would a deaf-mute from the British Provinces be eligible for admission, and on what conditions?

The favor of a few lines at your convenience will oblige,

Yours, very truly,  
J. SCOTT HUTTON.

THE CHAIRMAN'S REPLY.

NO. 212 WEST 25TH STREET, }  
NEW YORK, June 12th, 1875. }

J. SCOTT HUTTON, Esq.:

MY DEAR SIR: I am in receipt of your very kind letter of the 31st ultimo, and beg to tender to you our thanks for your deep interest in the object of our Mission.

You express a wish to "know something of the principles on which the "Home" (National) is to be conducted, the terms of admission, and whether deaf-mutes from the British Provinces are eligible for admission." These inquiries I shall endeavor to answer to your perfect satisfaction, trusting that the Trustees of the Church Mission to Deaf-Mutes will coincide with me in my views.

Permit me to premise, that in framing the Constitution and By-Laws of the Church Mission, the framers, evidently not anticipating a very early erection of the National Home, did not add thereunto any rules by which it was to be governed; but since the formation of the Committee on the Building Fund, I have had occasional conversation with the General Manager of the Mission, Rev. Dr. Gallaudet, in which some measures relative to the future management of the Home have been briefly considered, and I am happy to say that we agreed on all points, and decided to cause the By-Laws of the Mission to be revised on the earliest occasion.

I shall now state a few of the propositions to be considered by the Trustees, in order to enable you to comprehend what you wish to know.

We propose that the Home shall be located in a healthy rural place with a few acres of good land for a kitchen-garden, which will be in charge of inmates able enough to superintend its cultivation. But a gift or bequest of a place of residence in any city or town, eligible for the object in question, with an ample income for sustenance, will not be declined, in case the rural house is not already built.

Although the Church Mission, an Episcopal corporation, may take charge of the domestic and religious departments of the Home, its fund—such as may be raised solely for its benefit—should be religiously kept separate from that of the Mission. The reason therefor is that this prudent provision will, in the event of their separation, render the sacredness of their respective missions intact and undisturbed by litigation.

The Home will always be open to applicants of all religions and nationalities. Here I beg to make a remark in reply to one of your inquiries, that one of the inmates of Dr. Gallaudet's present temporary Home is a paralytic Irish subject of Her Britannic Majesty, who—if I mistake not—has never been naturalized in this country, and also a feeble countrywoman of his. Another inmate, a German paralytic, was not long since removed from that friendly shelter to the Insane Hospital on Blackwell's Island, just opposite this city, on account of his alarming symptoms of insanity. Hence an inference may be drawn that foreigners, who happen to reside in our midst, will be admitted to the National Home, and that paralytics and cripples of sound mind and even tolerably good health, will be allowed to live there in order to enjoy the social and intellectual intercourse of the deaf-mutes, and to attend religious services in the chapel.

Dr. Gallaudet is strongly opposed to the admission of native and foreign paupers and persons of vicious proclivities into that asylum, and so are all those engaged in the work of ameliorating the condition of the unfortunate deaf-mutes.

And in reference to the terms of admission and other measures, those are a subject which demand careful and serious study while we are collecting funds for rearing in modest proportions one of the noblest institutions in the land.

Hoping for your co-operation, I am

Yours truly, JOHN CARLIN, *Chairman B. F. C.*

AMERICAN ASYLUM FOR DEAF AND DUMB, }  
HARTFORD, CONN., June 25th, 1875. }

MR. JOHN CARLIN, *New York* :

DEAR SIR : Your favor was duly received. I have requested Mr. W. H. Weeks to undertake a collection for the National Home for Aged and Infirm Deaf Mutes. He has been communicating with the parents of our pupils by a circular, and in due time will report and remit the amount collected.

Very truly yours, EDWARD C. STONE.

INST. DEAF AND DUMB, }  
OMAHA, June 22, 1875. }

MR. CARLIN :

Recognizing the importance of your suggestions, but unable to obtain anything from poor Nebraska mutes, I inclose money order for five dollars. Hoping that success will crown your efforts,

I am truly yours, R. H. KINNEY.

IOWA INSTITUTION FOR DEAF AND DUMB, }  
COUNCIL BLUFF, IOWA, July 8, 1875. }

JOHN CARLIN :

DEAR SIR : Your circular letter, concerning the "Home for Aged Deaf-Mutes," came duly to hand, but I was unable to answer it in the pressure of business then resting on me, though warmly sympathizing with your effort. I put the matter in the hands of Mr. Edward Southwich, our oldest deaf-mute teacher, a graduate of the New York Institution, who made a handsome collection from our pupils just before the close of the term. I presume he will soon report to your Treasurer, if he has not already done so.

Yours truly, BENJ. TALBOT, *Supt.*

MINNESOTA INSTITUTION FOR THE EDUCATION OF }  
THE DEAF AND DUMB AND THE BLIND, }  
FARIBAULT, MINN., July 27th, 1875. }

MR. JOHN CARLIN, *New York City* :

MY DEAR SIR : During my absence visiting similar institutions, your letter, concerning the Home for Aged and Infirm Deaf Mutes, came to my office, as my good wife informs me. I did not see the letter, it having been mislaid. I therefore take this way and this late day to assure you I am in hearty sympathy with you in your good work, and as soon as we are fully organized in the fall, will lay the subject before the pupils, and ask them to aid in this benevolent work, even though it be a mite they can give.

Very truly yours, I. L. NOYES.

CLARKE INSTITUTION FOR DEAF MUTES, }  
ROUND HILL, NORTHAMPTON, MASS., July 30, 1875. }

JOHN CARLIN, Esq., *Chairman Building Committee, Home for Aged Deaf-Mutes* :

DEAR SIR : Enclosed please find check for ten dollars and forty-one cents, the contributions of our school for your "Home."

I wish the sum was much larger.

Yours very truly, HARRIET B. ROGERS, *Prin.*

## LIFE MEMBERS.

1873.

MR. B. ST. JOHN ACKERS,  
MRS. B. ST. JOHN ACKERS,  
MR. R. J. LIVINGSTON,  
MRS. G. P. CLAPP,  
MR. WILLIAM O. FITZGERALD,  
MISS CATHERINE BLAUVELT,  
MR. D. COLDEN MURRAY,  
MR. E. B. WESLEY,  
MR. J. C. TRACY.

MR. EDWARD S. DEWING,  
MR. MOSES TAYLOR,

1874.

MISS SUSAN SWIFT (Deceased),  
MR. D. H. HAIGHT,  
MR. GEORGE P. CLAPP,  
MR. CHARLES LULING,  
MRS. CHARLES LULING,  
MR. J. H. CASWELL,  
MR. H. E. PELLEW,  
MR. A. F. HIGGINS,  
MRS. C. L. SPENCER,  
MRS. ELIZABETH LIBBEY.

1875.

MR. ALEXANDER F. STERLING,  
MRS. ELIZABETH J. STERLING.

## DONATIONS, 1874-5.

OCTOBER.

Mr. G. Fersenheim..... \$2 00  
Mr. C. S. Newell..... 2 00  
Mr. John Knower..... 20 00  
A friend..... 10 00  
Mr. Dnyckinck..... 5 00

NOVEMBER.

Trinity Church, Newark, N. J..... 62 00  
Mr. J. J. Cisco..... 10 00  
St. Mary's Church, Brooklyn..... 2 46  
Miss A. T. Isham..... 2 00  
Offerings, 2d Anniversary at St. Ann's..... 50 00  
A friend..... 1 00  
Trinity Church, Boston..... 15 00  
Mr. W. Durbrow..... 12 50  
Chapel of the Good Shepherd, Boston..... 4 10  
St. Luke's Church, Rochester..... 27 00  
Grace Church, Cleveland..... 18 00  
Saco and Biddeford Deaf-Mute Christian Association..... 15 00  
Christ Church, Detroit..... 19 20  
St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia..... 1 82  
Cash, for Thanksgiving at the Home..... 5 00  
Mr. W. S. C. Abbott..... 10 00  
Mrs. Stafford..... 5 00  
Offerings from St. Ann's..... 1 00

DECEMBER.

Mr. A. Rumrill..... 25 00  
Mr. James L. Morris..... 50 00  
Mr. J. C. Harrison..... 50 00  
Offerings from Service for Deaf-Mutes in Grace Chapel, Baltimore..... 5 64  
St. Mark's Church, Washington..... 5 77  
St. Andrew's Church, Stamford, Conn..... 10 00  
Messrs. Archer, Pancoast & Co..... 10 00  
Mr. R. Mortimer..... 25 00  
Mr. Wm. K. Kitchen..... 10 00  
Mr. William Carroll..... 5 00  
Messrs. C. G. Gunther's Sons..... 10 00  
Cash..... 5 00

Mr. D. W. C. Wheeler..... \$25 00  
Mr. W. C. Sheldon..... 5 00  
Mr. P. B. Spring..... 5 00  
Mr. S. D. Babcock..... 10 00  
Mr. J. S. Bennet..... 25 00  
Offerings from St. Stephen's, Philadelphia, Sunday, 13th..... 3 17  
Mr. S. V. Hoffman..... 25 00  
Mr. L. Bayard Smith..... 20 00  
St. Mary's Church, Brooklyn..... 1 05  
Mr. G. W. Carleton..... 10 00  
Mr. Geo. A. Robbins..... 10 00  
Mr. Wm. Barton..... 10 00  
St. Mark's Church, Tarrytown..... 3 51  
Mr. R. J. Livingston..... 25 00  
Mr. Samuel Holmes..... 10 00  
Miss C. L. Wolfe..... 50 00  
Mr. R. H. Bowne..... 10 00  
A friend..... 10 00  
Miss E. Benedict..... 10 00  
Mr. A. Koffman..... 20 00  
Mrs. Ann Voorhis..... 10 00  
Miss Baxter..... 5 00  
Mr. Ferdinand Stagg..... 10 00  
Balance of Clero Monument Fund, for the Building Fund of the Home... 150 26

JANUARY.

St. Luke's Church, Brooklyn..... 23 16  
N. Y. City Board of Apportionment..... 500 00  
Christ Church, Newton, N. J..... 10 00  
Mr. E. Ferguson..... 50 00  
Miss Ferguson..... 50 00  
Mr. Ferguson..... 50 00  
Mr. W. C. Prime..... 25 00  
Mrs. Annie T. Slosson..... 10 00  
St. Mary's Church, Brooklyn..... 70  
St. Mark's Church, Brooklyn, E. D..... 9 50  
Christ Church, Milton, Pa..... 1 00  
Mr. Edward S. Dewing..... 100 00  
A friend..... 25 00  
Mrs. Aymer..... 3 00

St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn..... \$20 40  
Mr. Howard Potter..... 20 00  
Mr. S. B. Saxton, Troy..... 40 00  
St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia... 3 54

FEBRUARY.

St. Stephen's Sunday School, N. Y.... 10 00  
Miss Ann Beech, collection from St. John's Church, Cohoes, N. Y..... 4 00  
Mr. C. G. Angell, Providence, R. I..... 20 00  
Rev. Mr. Remington..... 1 00  
Grace Church, Brooklyn Heights..... 41 16  
Mr. and Mrs. George P. Clapp..... 100 00  
Cash..... 10 00  
Offerings from St. Mary's Ch., Brooklyn Messrs. Arnold, Constable & Co..... 20 00  
Grace Church, Allentown, Pa..... 10 00  
Grace Church, Providence, R. I..... 11 79  
Chapel of the Good Shepherd, Boston..... 2 73  
St. John's Church, Boston Highlands.. 14 70  
Mr. Stewart Brown..... 50 00  
Mr. A. Blake, Grace Church, Brooklyn. 5 00  
Mr. Thomas Dickson..... 25 00  
St. Michael's Church, New York..... 5 61  
Mrs. Deliah R. Buck, Java, Wyoming Co., N. Y..... 1 00  
Mrs. Charles Hemenway..... 50 00  
St. Mary's Church, Mott Haven..... 4 80  
From sale of alphabet cards and photographs, presented by Mr. W. R. Cullingworth, Philadelphia..... 13 36  
Offerings from Services for Deaf-Mutes in St. Stephens Ch., Philadelphia..... 8 49

MARCH.

Mr. George C. Peters..... 5 00  
Miss J. A. Low..... 25 00  
Mrs. Edward King..... 10 00  
Mr. Edward Schell..... 5 00  
Hotel Brunswick..... 10 00  
Miss Mary S. Jones..... 50 00  
Messrs. Caswell, Hazard & Co..... 5 00  
Mr. D. Clarkson..... 30 00  
A member of St. John's Church, Woodside, N. J..... 10 00  
St. Mary's Church, Brooklyn..... 43  
Mr. Woodbury G. Langdon..... 25 00  
Pupils of Institution for Deaf-Mutes, Halifax, N. S..... 5 60  
Mr. J. Scott Hutton, Principal of Ins. for Deaf-Mutes, Halifax, N. S..... 4 40  
Mrs. N. Ludlam..... 50 00  
Proceeds of Lewie Timpson's Fair..... 5 00  
Miss Cornelia E. Boardman..... 25 00  
Mr. Wm. H. Bradford..... 50 00  
Mrs. Alfred Roe..... 10 00  
Mrs. Dalrymple..... 10 00  
Collected in 5 cent sums, during Lent, by Miss C. Vandervoort..... 22 75

APRIL.

St. Paul's Church Mission to Deaf-Mutes, Flint, Mich..... 2 00  
Offerings from St. Ann's Church, N. Y. 2 00  
Offerings from Services for Deaf-Mutes in St. Stephen's Ch., Philadelphia. 8 20  
Miss E. Benedict..... 10 00  
Miss Caroline Lloyd..... 1 00  
A friend..... 10 00  
Offering from Services for Deaf-Mutes, St. Mary's Church, Brooklyn..... 86  
Offerings from St. Barnabas' Sunday School, Easter Festival..... 45 00  
Mr. A. B. McDonald..... 10 00  
Mr. Samuel F. Lockwood..... 10 00  
Mr. Tillinghast..... 5 00  
Mr. J. C. Harrison..... 50 00  
Offering from Deaf-Mute Service, St. Paul's Church, Albany..... 3 17

Offering from St. Paul's Church, Burlington, Vt..... \$18 02  
Donation from St. Paul's Church, Burlington, Vt..... 10 00  
Mrs. C. L. Spencer..... 100 00  
Mrs. E. Vanderpool..... 20 00

MAY.

Special offering from St. Ann's Church, New York..... 10 00  
Two friends..... 10 00  
From sale of edging, presented by a friend..... 5 00  
Chapel of the Good Shepherd, Boston.. 1 61  
Offerings from Service for Deaf Mutes, St. Mary's Church, Brooklyn..... 70  
Mr. H. A. Hurlbut..... 10 00  
Mrs. Charles Foote, Hobart, N. Y..... 10 00  
Offerings from Service for Deaf-Mutes, St. Stephen's, Philadelphia..... 8 01  
Miss Delia A. Clark..... 35  
Messrs. Brewster & Co..... 20 00  
Messrs. Harper & Brothers..... 20 00  
Mr. Robert Bonner..... 10 00  
Mr. J. J. Crane..... 5 00  
Cash..... 5 00  
Messrs. D. Appleton & Co..... 25 00  
Mr. E. O. Potter..... 10 00  
Mr. J. L. Morris..... 25 00  
Offerings from St. Paul's Church, New Haven, Conn..... 30 00  
Offerings from Grace Church, Mexico, Oswego Co., N. Y..... 8 20

JUNE.

Mr. R. C. Greene..... 2 00  
Cash..... 10 00  
Mr. F. S. Winston..... 10 00  
Mr. R. A. McCurdy..... 10 00  
Mr. J. M. Stuart..... 10 00  
Cash..... 2 00  
Mr. A. S. Barnes..... 5 00  
Mr. J. A. Roosevelt..... 25 00  
Mr. Solon Humphreys..... 10 00  
Mr. Henry F. Spaulding..... 20 00  
Mr. E. F. DeLancey..... 5 00  
Mr. E. S. French..... 5 00  
Mr. Henry Poggenburg..... 5 00  
Mr. Cyrus Curtis..... 50 00  
Mr. William Haxtun..... 10 00  
Mr. B. Haxtun..... 10 00  
Mr. C. V. B. Ostrander..... 50 00  
Messrs. Foster & Thompson..... 25 00  
Mr. Roswell Skeel..... 20 00  
Mr. G. T. Adee..... 10 00  
Mr. L. H. Meir..... 10 00  
Mr. H. Baltzer..... 5 00  
Mr. J. R. Kearney..... 10 00  
Cash..... 5 00  
Mrs. H. C. Ulman..... 10 00  
Mr. S. O. Howe..... 5 00  
Mr. John T. Terry..... 10 00  
Mr. A. M. Heyt..... 25 00  
Mr. E. Dutilh..... 10 00  
Miss Susan McKenzie, Boston..... 1 00  
Cash..... 1 00  
Cash..... 5 00  
Offerings from Service for Deaf Mutes, St. Mary's Church, Brooklyn..... 1 35  
Deaf-Mute Bible Class, St. Paul's Ch., E. Bridgeport, Conn..... 1 25  
Mr. William Toel..... 25 00  
Messrs. R. Hoe & Co..... 25 00  
Mr. Daniel Huntington..... 25 00  
St. Paul's Church, Jackson, Mich..... 10 86  
St. James Church, Chicago..... 33 57  
Miss Angie A. Fuller, Savannah, Ill... 10 00

JULY.	
Mr. B. B. Sherman.....	\$10 00
Mr. P. M. Bryson.....	10 00
The Singer Sewing-Machine Co.....	50 00
Mr. J. L. Morris.....	25 00
J. R. E.....	10 00
Cash.....	10 00
Bible Class of St. Paul's Free Chapel, Troy, through Miss Clapp.....	4 30
Offerings, St. Mary's Church, Brooklyn, Deaf-Mute Service.....	2 57
Mr. Thurlow Weed.....	10 00
Miss E. Benedict.....	10 00
From the Pic-nic of Deaf-Mutes.....	2 00
Mr. J. B. Hotchkiss, Washington, D. C.....	10 00
Offerings from Trinity Church, New Rochelle, N. Y.....	38 34
Mr. Robert C. Fisher, New Rochelle, N. Y.....	25 00
Miss Rathbone.....	2 00
Offerings from Service for Deaf-Mutes in St. Stephen's Ch., Philadelphia.....	12 25
Cash.....	5 00
Offerings from Service for Deaf-Mutes, St. Paul's Church, Albany.....	7 81
Mr. J. S. Bennet.....	50 00
Cash from two friends.....	20 00
Miss Munroe, addition to offering at New Rochelle, N. Y.....	5 00
St. Peter's Church, Brooklyn.....	16 25
AUGUST.	
Offerings from Christ Church, Norwich, Conn.....	15 15
Mrs. C. M. Goodridge.....	50 00
K. H.....	10 00
W. R. Cullingworth, Philadelphia, from sale of alphabet cards and photo's.....	10 00
A communicant of St. Paul's Church, Albany.....	50 00
Mr. Gouverneur Morris.....	25 00
Offerings from Service for Deaf-Mutes, St. Mary's Church, Brooklyn.....	69
Mrs. Cordelia Martin Duke.....	10 00
Ex-Gov. John T. Hoffman.....	25 00
Offerings, Chapel of Good Shepherd, Boston, Service for Deaf-Mutes.....	3 00
St. Peter's Church, Hobart, N. Y.....	23 57
Mr. John T. Southwick, Albany.....	10 00
Service for Deaf-Mutes, Trinity Ch., Watertown, N. Y.....	12 42
Proceeds of a Prize at Watertown, N. Y., Convention of Deaf-Mutes.....	17 17
St. Paul's Church, Columbus.....	6 51
Trinity Church, Columbus, O.....	21 34
Alumni Association of Institution for Deaf-Mutes, Columbus, O.....	20 50
SEPTEMBER.	
St. Matthew's Ch., Wheeling, W. Va.....	10 65
St. Paul's Church, Erie, Pa.....	33 60

Grace Church, Mexico, N. Y.....	\$7 10
A friend.....	10 00
Mr. D. H. Haight.....	100 00
A. Rumrill.....	25 00
Messrs. Kane, Spring, Dale & Co.....	10 00
Miss Charlotte Sheafe.....	5 00
A friend.....	10 00
Miss Catharine Baxter.....	5 00
Bible Class of Deaf-Mutes, Bridgeport, Conn.....	1 90
Cash.....	5 00
Madame Camille de Lacy.....	10 00
Mr. J. C. Harrison.....	50 00
A friend.....	10 00
Messrs. Croney & Lent.....	20 00
Cash.....	10 00
A friend.....	1 00
Mr. W. C. Browning.....	10 00
Cash.....	5 00
Cash.....	10 00
Mr. Moses Taylor.....	100 00
Rev. Thos. B. Pattison.....	7 50

## OCTOBER.

A friend.....	1 00
Friends in St. Andrew's Ch., New York.....	3 00
Mr. John H. Green.....	20 00
Mr. R. J. Livingston.....	100 00
Mr. W. T. Ryerson.....	10 00
Trinity Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.....	30 00
Mrs. Allen.....	5 00
Miss C. Vandervoort.....	2 00
Church of the Holy Innocents, Hobo- ken, N. J.....	5 01
St. Mary's, Brooklyn.....	57
Pupils of N. Y. Institution for Deaf- Mutes, through Miss Blauvelt.....	3 00
Mr. E. B. Wesley.....	50 00
Cash from two friends.....	10 00
St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia.....	91 73
Offerings at Service for Deaf-Mutes, Philadelphia.....	11 57
Mr. James Brown.....	25 00
Deaf-Mute Bible Class, St. Paul's Ch., Bridgeport, Conn.....	1 00
Cash.....	1 00
Rev. J. R. Davenport.....	10 00
Mr. S. T. Skidmore.....	10 00
Mr. C. D. Dickey.....	10 00
Cash.....	10 00
Miss E. Benedict.....	10 00
Rev. H. M. Beare, D.D.....	10 00
Mr. A. L. Willis.....	4 50
Mr. Alexander F. Sterling.....	100 00
Mrs. Elizabeth J. Sterling.....	100 00

Our thanks are given to other friends who assisted in providing for dinners, on Thanksgiving and Christmas days, at the Home for Deaf-Mutes; and also to those who have sent in various articles for the inmates.

## 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 subscribed 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, } ss.

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. Stewart, 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 acknowledged that they executed the same.

F. C. REED,

*A Notary Public in and for said County.*

#### ENDORSEMENT.

I consent 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 toward 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 Wednesday 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.

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## BY-LAWS.

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1. The President, First and Second Vice-Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer, 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 Church 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.