

THE SYRACUSE MUSEUM
OF
FINE ARTS.

On December 17, 1896, the Regents of the State of New York, in accordance with the provisions of the statutes of 1892, which authorizes the Regents to grant charters to universities, colleges, libraries, museums and kindred institutions, granted a charter to the SYRACUSE MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS. In the charter the following persons were named as Trustees of the Museum :—Charles Andrews, James Barnes, Samuel R. Calthrop, James C. Carson, Charles P. Clark, George F. Comfort, Frederic D. Huntington, Salem Hyde, Peter B. McLennan, John F. Mullany, Ezekiel W. Mundy, Edward N. Packard, George B. Spalding, Irving G. Vann and Frederick S. Wicks. These Trustees met in the Trustees' room of the Syracuse Savings Bank, on Wednesday, December 30, 1896, and organized under this charter. They adopted the following By-Laws, supplemental to the provisions of the statute and of the charter :—

By-Laws of the Syracuse Museum of Fine Arts.

§ 1.—The Annual Meeting of this Corporation shall be held on the first Monday of February of each year, commencing with the year 1898.

§ 2.—Regular meetings of the Trustees shall be held on the third Monday of January, February and November of each year.

§ 3.—At the regular meeting of the Trustees in February, 1897, the Trustees shall divide themselves by lot into five classes, of three in each:—one class to serve for one year, one class for two years, one class for three years, one class for four years, and one class for five years, or until their successors, respectively, shall be elected. At each succeeding Annual Meeting of the Corporation three Trustees shall be elected, to take the places of those whose term shall then expire.

§ 4.—At each regular meeting in February the Trustees shall elect from their own number, to serve for one year:

- (1)—A President, a Vice-President, a Treasurer and a Secretary.
- (2)—An Executive Committee of seven members.
- (3)—An Auditing Committee of three members, none of whom shall be a member of the Executive Committee.

§ 5.—The Trustees shall elect a Director of the Museum, who shall have general charge of the administration of the Museum, and shall perform the duties usually connected with that office in museums of this class in Europe and America, subject to instructions by the Executive Committee.

§ 6.—The President (or, in his absence, the Vice-President) shall preside at all meetings of the Corporation, of the Trustees, and of the Executive Committee.

§ 7.—The Secretary shall keep, in separate books, the records of the Corporation, of the Trustees, and of the Executive Committee.

§ 8.—The Treasurer shall deposit the funds and securities of the Corporation in such bank or safe deposit company as the Executive Committee shall designate. The Treasurer shall give such bonds as the Executive Committee shall fix. He

shall make an annual report to the Trustees at their regular meeting in January of each year.

§ 9.—The Auditing Committee shall audit the books of the Treasurer, and shall make an annual report to the Trustees at their regular meeting in January of each year.

§ 10.—The Trustees shall make an annual report to the Corporation at each Annual Meeting, describing the general state of the Museum and the work accomplished during the preceding year.

§ 11.—The contribution to this Museum of ten thousand dollars, or more, at any one time, shall make the donor eligible to the rank of *Benefactor of this Museum*.

§ 12.—The contribution to this Museum of one thousand dollars, or more, at any one time, shall make the donor eligible to the rank of *Patron of this Museum*.

§ 13.—The contribution to this Museum of two hundred and fifty dollars, or more, at any one time, shall make the donor eligible to the rank of *Fellow for Life of this Museum*.

§ 14.—The contribution to this Museum of books or work of art, to the value of twice the amount of either of the above sums of money, which shall be accepted by the Executive Committee, shall make the donor eligible to the corresponding rank.

§ 15.—Benefactors, Patrons and Fellows for Life shall be elected by the Executive Committee. The President and Secretary shall issue certificates for these ranks, under the seal of the Museum.

§ 16.—The Trustees may elect *Honorary Fellows for Life*.

§ 17.—The present Trustees and all persons who shall hereafter become Benefactors, Patrons and Fellows for Life, shall be *Life Members of this Museum*, and, as such, shall be eligible to be Trustees of this Corporation. Those becoming Life Members during the first four months of the year 1897 shall be distinguished as *Founding Life Members of this Museum*.

§ 18.—Persons may be elected by the Executive Committee to be *Annual Members of this Museum*, who shall pay yearly subscriptions to the Museum as follows : (1). One person in a family, ten dollars. (2). Each additional person in a family, five dollars. (3). But in case the person is a teacher or

student in a public or private school, five dollars. The term "family," as here employed, shall be considered to include husband and wife and minor children. An Annual Member who shall have paid the yearly subscription two years in succession shall have the right to vote in the meetings of the Corporation. An Annual Member who shall fail to pay the yearly subscription for two years shall thereby cease to be a member.

§ 19.—Members shall be entitled to free admission to the Reading Room and Library, and to exhibitions, lectures, receptions and public entertainments given by the Museum, subject to such regulations as from time to time shall be made by the Executive Committee, and shall be entitled to two copies of the annual report.

§ 10.—For the purpose of thus publicly perpetuating the memory of those who may found and sustain this Museum the names of Benefactors, Patrons and Fellows for Life shall be printed in the annual reports, in separate classes, in perpetuity, with the year of their admission to those ranks (after their deaths, in italics, and with the year of death added). The names of Founding Life Members shall be printed in small caps.

§ 21.—The names of Annual Members shall be printed in the annual reports of the years during which they pay the annual subscription, with the year added in which they shall become Annual Members.

In accordance with these By-Laws the following officers and standing committees were elected :—

OFFICERS :— Charles Andrews, President ; Salem Hyde, Vice-President ; James Barnes, Treasurer ; George F. Comfort, Secretary, and Director of the Museum.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE :— Charles Andrews, James Barnes, Salem Hyde, George F. Comfort, Peter B. McLennan, John F. Mullany, Ezekiel W. Mundy.

AUDITING COMMITTEE :— Irving G. Vann, Charles P. Clark, Frederick S. Wicks.

Syracuse, N. Y., Jan. 6th, 1897.