

# ACT OF INCORPORATION

AND

# BY-LAWS

OF THE

# HIBERNIAN SOCIETY

OF BALTIMORE.

GRATEFUL AND FAITHFUL.



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ACT OF INCORPORATION.

*A Law Incorporating the Hibernian Society of Baltimore, passed by the General Assembly of Maryland, February, 1818.*

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* that members of the HIBERNIAN SOCIETY OF BALTIMORE, and all those who shall hereafter become members, shall be and are hereby incorporated and created a body politic, by the name, style and title of the *Hibernian Society of Baltimore,* and by that name shall have continual succession and be able and capable in law to sue and be sued, to plead and be impleaded, in any court of record or elsewhere, to make, have and use a common seal and the same at pleasure to alter or renew; to receive donations, gifts, grants, devises, and bequests, or other conveyances of money, goods, chattels, effects, lands, tenements, and estates, real and personal and the same to hold, use, sell, or otherwise dispose of and convey, and generally to do all such acts, matters and things as are or shall be necessary for the purpose of affording charitable assistance and advice to such emigrants from, or natives of Ireland arriving at, or residing in any part of the State of Maryland, as may be in want and deemed worthy; *provided always,* that the clear annual value of the property held or owned by the said Society, shall not exceed ten thousand dollars.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the affairs of the said Society shall be conducted and managed by a President and such other officers and in such manner as the by-laws to be made, as herein directed, shall authorise and provide; and until such by-laws shall be enacted and made, the present officers of the said Society, to wit: Luke Tiernan, President, John Kelso, Vice-President, Reverend John Glendy, Chaplain, Samuel I. Donaldson, Counsellor, George Brown, Physician, Stewart Brown, Treasurer, William Young, Secretary, and Samuel Harden, Samuel Moore, Thomas Kelso, Martin F. Maher, John Sullivan, David Burke, John Hanna, Managers; shall conduct the affairs of the Society, conformably to the constitution and articles



formed and agreed to by the members, previously to the passage of this act, and shall be entitled to hold their said offices until an election shall be made by the members as is herein directed.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the members of the Hibernian Society of Baltimore, shall meet on the first Saturday of March next after the passing of this act, at such place and hour as the President of the said Society shall appoint, and a majority of the members assembled at such time and place of meeting, shall have power, and they are hereby authorised to pass all such by-laws as they may think necessary, to provide for the fixing the time of the anniversary and other meetings of the Society, and notifying the same to the members; to specify what officers shall be chosen annually for the Society, their powers and duties, and prescribe the time, place and manner of their election and of filling any vacancies that may occur, to provide for the admission and expulsion of members, to provide for the collection of annual and other contributions, to provide for the distribution and disposition of the funds of the Society to such charitable purposes as are designated in this charter, and in payment of the necessary expenses of the Society, and in general to provide for conducting and managing the business of the Society; and for exercising all the powers, rights and privileges granted or authorised by this act, for the benevolent purposes herein before mentioned, in as full and ample a manner as any other corporate body might or could do, and a majority of the members which shall be present at each meeting of the said Society for the annual election of officers, shall have power to alter, repeal, revise and amend all or any of the by-laws which shall be made as aforesaid, and to make others which shall be subject to like repeal and revision. *Provided*, that such by-laws shall not be inconsistent with this charter, nor in contradiction to any of the laws of this State.

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## CHAPTER 124, DECEMBER SESSION, 1823.

Passed February 9th, 1824.

*A Supplement to the Act to Incorporate the Hibernian Society of Baltimore.*

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, that the corporate powers of the Hibernian Society of Baltimore, as constituted by an act passed at December Session, 1817, entitled an act to incorporate the Hibernian Society of Baltimore, be and are hereby extended to the purchase and leasing for terms



of years of one or more lots of ground and the erection of a suitable building or buildings for a free school in the City of Baltimore, for the education of poor children of every religious denomination, under the direction of said Society, and under such regulations as said Society by their by-laws may direct, and that said Society be, and are hereby capable of receiving donations, gifts, grants, devises and bequests or other conveyances of money, goods, chattels, effects, lands, tenements and estates, real, personal and mixed, and the same to hold, use, sell, or otherwise dispose of and convey, and generally to do all such acts, matters and things, as are or shall be necessary for the purpose of erecting said building or buildings and applying the funds aforesaid to the education of said poor children, as may be hereafter admitted by the said Society into the said school.

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## CHAPTER 322.

Passed March 19, 1840.

*A Supplement to an Act, Entitled and Act to Incorporate the Hibernian Society of Baltimore.*

### Preamble

WHEREAS, it has been represented to this General Assembly that John Oliver, late of the city of Baltimore, deceased, bequeathed to the directors or managers of the Hibernian Society, of Baltimore, the sum of twenty thousand dollars, for the purpose of founding a school for the gratuitous education of poor Irish children of both sexes, and the children of Irish parents and descendants therefrom; and that the residue of said fund after paying for the expense of erecting a suitable building, does not produce a sufficient interest or annual income entirely to support and maintain said school, and that it would be desirable to authorise said society to supply the deficiency out of the ordinary funds of the association—Therefore,

### Funds to be Appropriated for Maintaining Free School

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Hibernian Society, of Baltimore, be and is hereby authorised to appropriate such portion of its funds as the officers and members of the society may, from time to time consider expedient and proper, towards the supporting and maintaining the free school, under the patronage and government of said society, founded by the bequest of the late John Oliver, and known by the name of the Oliver Hibernian Free School, any thing in the act to which this is a supplement, to the contrary notwithstanding.*

# BY-LAWS

PASSED BY THE HIBERNIAN SOCIETY OF BALTIMORE, ON SATURDAY, 7th MARCH, 1818: REVISED AND CORRECTED 17th MARCH, 1853. FURTHER REVISED 17th MARCH, 1879. AND REVISED TO 17th MARCH, 1960.

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## ARTICLE I.

### OF THE STATED MEETINGS.

The Society shall meet annually on St. Patrick's Day unless it happens to be on Sunday, in which case the anniversary meeting shall be held on the preceding or following day, as directed by the Board of Managers. The Society shall also meet quarterly on the second Tuesday of March, June, September and December at an hour to be fixed by the President, with power to the President, or the Board of Managers, to change the date of any quarterly meeting.

The Secretary shall give notice, either in the newspaper or otherwise, as the Society may direct, of the time and place of each meeting; and any seven or more members, an officer of the Society being one, shall be a sufficient quorum to transact any business, except when a greater number is expressly required by the Charter or By-Laws.

## ARTICLE II.

### OF THE OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTION.

The officers of the Society shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Chaplain, a Counsellor, a Physician, a Treasurer of the Society, a Treasurer of the School Fund, a Secretary, and sixteen managers, who shall be chosen annually by a majority of the members attending at the January meeting, voting by ballot. Officers elected at the January meeting shall be inducted into office at the anniversary meeting and shall hold office for one year thereafter. In the case of the death or resignation of any officer, the vacancy shall be filled by a majority vote by the

Board of Managers at a special meeting called by the President or Vice-President. No person shall hold the office of President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Counsellor or Physician for more than two successive years.

### ARTICLE III.

#### OF THE DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE PRESIDENT.

The President shall preside and preserve order at the meetings of the Society; he shall have the power and it shall be his duty, to call special meetings of the Society, or of the Board of Managers and other officers, whenever he shall deem it necessary, or when any three or more officers of the Society shall apply to him for that purpose; he may request the professional attention of the Chaplain, Counsellor, or Physician to any native of Ireland within the City or Precincts of Baltimore, whom any two of the officers of the Society shall recommend as deserving and in want of such attention; he may by order in writing, require any one or more of the Board of Managers to inquire into the situation, circumstances, wants, injuries or merits of any native of Ireland within the State, and make report to him of the result of such enquiry; he may, by his order, require the Treasurer of the Society to pay out of the funds of the Society all such sums of money as the By-Laws and resolutions of the Society shall recommend to be paid; and he shall exercise such powers and perform such other duties as the Society by their resolutions shall authorise or require.

### ARTICLE IV.

#### OF THE DUTIES OF THE VICE-PRESIDENTS.

During the absence from the city, or indisposition of the President, either of the Vice-Presidents may exercise all the powers, and shall perform all the duties of President of the Society; he shall also preside and preserve order, if present at the meeting of the Society when the President is absent, and perform such other duties as shall be assigned to him by the resolutions of the Society or the By-Laws.

### ARTICLE V.

#### OF THE DUTIES OF THE CHAPLAIN.

The Chaplain shall perform the religious duties customary at the meetings of the Society; visit such sick or distressed persons as may be recommended to him by the President, or



managers, and perform such other duties as the resolutions of the Society may recommend.

## ARTICLE VI.

### OF THE DUTIES OF THE COUNSELLOR.

It shall be the duty of the Counsellor, in all cases when the President or any two of the Board of Managers may recommend, to give his professional advise and assistance in obtaining protection or redress for any emigrant from Ireland arriving at any port in this State, or resident therein, and to render such other professional services as the Society, by resolution, may from time to time request.

## ARTICLE VII.

### OF THE DUTIES OF THE PHYSICIAN.

The Physician shall give his professional aid to such natives of Ireland or their children as the President or any two managers may recommend.

## ARTICLE VIII.

### OF THE DUTIES OF THE TREASURERS.

SECTION 1. The Treasurer of the Society shall have the custody of the funds of the Society, except the school fund, which it shall be his duty to apply in such manner as the resolutions of the Society may direct, and in payment of such orders as shall be signed by the President or Vice-President, or any two of the Board of Managers; he shall keep regular accounts of the monies received and paid by him for the Society, and submit his accounts at all times to the inspection of the Board of Managers, or of such committee as the Society shall appoint; and he shall give bond to the Hibernian Society of Baltimore, in such penalty, and with such sureties as a majority of the managers shall approve; with condition "that he will faithfully preserve and account for all monies of the Society which shall be placed in his care, and pay and apply the same in such manner as the Society or the President and managers thereof shall direct."

SEC. 2. The lot and improvements on North Street now occupied by the Oliver Hibernian Free School, the ground rent of \$360 per annum, belonging to the society issuing out of a lot of ground on the south side of Baltimore Street, Seventy shares of stock of the Bank of Baltimore, six shares of stock of the Farmers and Merchants Bank, and two thousand dollars of

Baltimore City six per cent stock, and all lands, chattels, and moneys which shall hereafter be specially devised, bequeathed, granted, and conveyed for the foundation or support of free schools under the direction of this society or its officers, together with all the income and increments hereof, shall be set apart and reserved from the other property of this society, and shall be called "the school fund."

The Treasurer of the school fund shall have the custody of the said fund and be charged with the administration thereof under the direction of the society. He shall make at each annual meeting a report of his receipts and disbursements, and of the condition of the fund; and his books and accounts shall be at all times open to the inspection of the Board of Managers and of such committee as the society shall appoint. He shall give bond in the same manner and with like condition as the Treasurer of the society, in such sum and with such sureties as a majority of the managers shall approve.

SEC. 3. Neither the Treasurer of the society nor the Treasurer of the School Fund, nor any other officer of the society, shall have any authority to sell, transfer, or change any investment, or receive the principal of any money at interest, without being authorized so to do by a vote of the society, and the direction in writing, of the President and a majority of the managers.

## ARTICLE IX.

### OF THE DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY.

The Secretary shall provide a book in which the charter and By-Laws shall be fairly copied and signed by each of the present members, and by every person hereafter admitted as a member of this Society; he shall keep a journal of the proceedings at the meetings of the Society, and have charge and custody of the seal of the Society; he shall give notice of every stated and special meeting, and he shall perform such other duties as the President under the charter and resolutions of this Society, may require of him.

## ARTICLE X.

### POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS.

It shall be the duty of the Board of Managers, and they shall be fully authorised, to enquire diligently, in person or by letter, respecting the situation, circumstances, wants, injuries and merits of every native of Ireland, or descendant of such native, or relict of any member of this Society, resident in any part of

the State of Maryland, or arriving at any port within the State, who shall make application to them or any of them, or shall be recommended to the attention of them or any of them, for advice, assistance, redress or protection; and take the necessary measures to insure the most effectual relief and assistance this Society can give, or procure, to such as they judge deserving and of the description contemplated to be aided by this Society; by recommending the payment of such sum of money, to those who require only a small pecuniary assistance as may relieve their necessities, and by reporting to this Society the particular circumstances of those cases which may require other and more extensive aid; but the managers shall not, unless authorised by a special resolution of this Society, recommend the payment of a greater sum than twenty dollars to the use of any one person within three months, *nor exceed in the appropriation for any quarter of the year, the one-fourth of the annual income of the Society.* They shall have general charge of the schools, the property and all investments of the Society and of the school fund, except in so far as is otherwise provided in these By-Laws.

## ARTICLE XI.

### OF THE ADMISSION OF MEMBERS.

Persons desirous of becoming members of this Society, may be admitted by the unanimous consent of the Board of Managers on the application of a member, such assent to be certified in writing to the Secretary, who shall make an entry of it on the journal of the proceedings of the Society, or such admission may be by vote of the Society at any stated meeting, the vote to be by ballot, if required by any one member. And every person admitted a member shall pay such sum, not less than *five dollars*, as he may think proper to contribute to the funds of the Society; which sum shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Society, and a quarterly statement of such contributions shall be laid before the Society and entered upon the journal of proceedings.

## ARTICLE XII.

### OF THE ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE FUNDS.

For the purpose of furnishing a regular annual income as a fund to be applied in promoting the charitable objects of this Society, each member residing within the City or County of Baltimore, shall contribute annually such sum, not exceeding *five dollars* as may be determined by a vote of the Society at the quarterly meeting in March, which shall be payable at the



anniversary meeting to the Treasurer of the Society or his agent, and the payment may be enforced under such penalties, extending even to a deprivation of the right of membership, as the Society may from time to time think proper to adopt; but any member who has paid or shall pay at one the sum of fifty dollars, it shall be considered as in full for his annual contribution during life. The funds thus received, and all other monies belonging to the Society, until they are required for charitable or necessary uses, shall be improved or beneficially invested, as the Society by resolutions may direct.

### ARTICLE XIII.

#### OF THE MEETING PREPARATORY TO THE ANNIVERSARY.

The Society at the quarterly meeting in March, shall appoint a Committee of Accounts, to examine the accounts and vouchers of the Treasurer of the Society and the Treasurer of the school fund and the books and papers of the Secretary; and a Committee of revival and unfinished business, to examine and consider the proceedings of the Society for the past year, with a view to ascertain whether anything has been neglected or delayed which requires attention; which Committees shall report to the Society at the annual meeting, and if it should be deemed advisable to have an anniversary dinner, a Committee of Arrangement shall be appointed to make the necessary preparations.

At the anniversary meeting there shall be appointed an Annual Committee consisting of the President and two members, to be called the "Annual School Committee," whose duty shall be to provide for all necessary repairs required to the school buildings during the year.

At each quarterly meeting of the Society, there shall be appointed a committee to consist of three members, to visit the schools which have been established by the Society, and to supervise the same. They shall report at the quarterly meeting succeeding their appointment, the condition of the schools, and shall make such recommendations as they may consider necessary.

### ARTICLE XIV.

The Society may, at any stated or special meeting, transact any business which shall be deemed necessary to promote the great object of the Association, and which is not contrary to, or inconsistent with the provisions of the act of Incorporation. All reports of committees shall be in writing, and shall be entered on the minutes and carefully preserved by the Secretary.

# ITEMS

## SELECTED FROM THE RECORDS.

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At a meeting held on March 11th, 1816, "the proposed Constitution being read and maturely considered, article by article was unanimously adopted."

The objects of the Society were first made known to the public through the American and Federal Gazette, in March, 1817, and at the anniversary meeting a resolution was passed to appoint a committee of two persons from each ward to solicit the inhabitants, constitutionally admissible, of the city and precincts to join the Society.

The city then contained eight wards and two districts, called the Eastern and Western precincts.

*September 7th, 1816.* At a meeting it was resolved that a committee be appointed to proceed by legal means to gain redress for outrages committed on the person of Michael Kirby, by the military at Fort McHenry.

*March 17th, 1817.* At a meeting held on this day, John Walsh, lumber merchant, was elected member for life.

*December 6th, 1817.* At a meeting held on this day, a committee was appointed to make application to the general assembly for a law to incorporate the Society, which law was passed and a charter granted accordingly in February, 1818.

At a meeting held 20th December, 1817, a resolution was passed to Memorial Congress for a tract of land on an extended credit, as an Asylum for Irish Immigrants, and said memorial to be based on the plan adopted by the Irish Emigrant Society, of New York.

*March 17th, 1818.* At a meeting held on this day, a committee was appointed to procure a common seal for the use of the Society. Emblematic description of which is as follows: the front figure represents the genius of the Society which stands ready to defend and relieve, with one hand outstretched as if defending the evil which may be impending. The other sitting in a mourning attitude, represents the genius of Hibernia in distress, and the vessel at sea in the distant horizon represents emigration. Over the genius of Hibernia is an eagle holding a half developed scroll, inscribed with these words, "enjoy this Asylum, thy sons have bled for it."

*June 1st, 1818.* At a meeting held on this day, it was resolved that a copper plate engraving 12 by 17 inches, for issuing diplomas of membership, with appropriate emblematic devices, be procured.

*December 17th, 1818.* At a meeting it was resolved that an address be prepared and published, to the citizens of Baltimore, who are natives of Ireland, and of Irish descent, inviting them to become members of this Society, previous to the next anniversary meeting, and the same to be published every year.

*March 17th, 1820.* At a meeting held on this day, a letter was read from one of the members, proposing that an intelligence office be opened in the city for the benefit of the Irish Emigrants on their arrival in this country, and a committee of inquiry was appointed for that purpose. They did not report.

*March 18th, 1822.* On motion it was resolved that a vote of thanks be given to the President and managers of the Baltimore General Dispensary, for their gratuitous services and relief to numerous sick Emigrants from Ireland.

*June 21st, 1822.* On motion it was resolved that a committee of four from each ward of the city be appointed to solicit from the citizens and residents of Baltimore, donations in money for the relief of the poor of Ireland, suffering this year from a famine, and also that a committee be appointed to prepare an address for that purpose to the citizens of Baltimore.

*March 3rd, 1823.* On motion it was resolved that a committee of three be appointed to commence and support an action at law by the Hibernian Society against Dr. Elliot O'Donnell, for an assault upon Mary Healy, a girl lately brought by him from Ireland.

On motion it was resolved that the thanks of the Society are due to Mr. and Mrs. Ewell, for their very kind and affectionate attentions to Mary Healy, an unprotected orphan, while placed



in the most distressing situation from the unmanly treatment of her employer, Dr. Elliot O'Donnell.

*March 17th, 1823.* On motion it was resolved and carried by a majority of 13 to 9, that a resolution entered into at a former meeting to commence an action at law against Dr. Elliot O'Donnell for his ill-treatment of Mary Healy, be rescinded; wherefore Mr. John D. Craig and Mr. William Young resigned.

*1823.* John Oliver, who was President of the Society, died this year, bequeathing to the Society the sum of twenty thousand dollars, in his will as follows:

To the Hibernian Society of Maryland, I leave and bequeath the sum of twenty thousand dollars, to be put into the hands of the President and directors of said Society for the time being, or a majority of them to be by them invested in any manner which they may think proper, for the purpose of establishing a free school in the city of Baltimore, under their direction, for the education of poor children of both sexes, one at least of whose parents must be Irish, and residing in or about Baltimore. And should it ever happen that said school not have a sufficient number of scholars of Irish parentage as aforesaid, it is my wish that it should be filled with poor children born in the city or precincts, but with the proviso, that room must always be made when required for children of Irish parents, and no distinction is ever to be made in the school as to the religious tenets of those that may apply for admission.

*December 1st, 1823.* On motion of Columbus O'Donnell, Luke Tiernan, Esq., was elected President of the Society, in place of John Oliver, deceased.

*January 2nd, 1824.* On motion it was resolved that the President and managers of the Hibernian Society, be requested to procure a suitable house in a convenient, central and healthy location, and to organise a school previous to the 17th March, according to the intention and will of the late President, John Oliver.

On motion it was resolved that a copy of the best likeness of John Oliver, late President of the Society, be taken by a first rate artist, and the expense to be defrayed by the members of the Society.

*March 1st, 1824.* On motion it was unanimously resolved that Mr. Neale Nugent and Mr. Patrick Riely, be and are hereby elected honorary members of the Society, for their many acts of benevolence to their countrymen in distress. And also that they be presented with the Society's diplomas.

*March 7th, 1825.* On motion it was unanimously resolved that General Andrew Jackson be elected an honorary member of the Society, and that on his arrival in Baltimore, he be presented with a diploma, by the President and two Vice-Presidents.

At the anniversary meeting of this year on motion it was resolved that a committee of two persons be appointed in each ward of the city to endeavor to augment the number of members of the Society. At that time there were twelve wards.

*March 17th, 1827.* On this day the meeting of the Hibernian Society was held for the first time in the Oliver Hibernian Free School-Room, which was built on Belvidere street, (now North) at a cost of about 5,500 dollars.

*March 17th, 1830.* At a meeting held this day, the Treasurer reported that he had received for the Society a donation of \$123.08 from the Emancipation Society.

*June 2nd, 1834.* At a meeting held on this day a letter was received from Mr. George Brown, having enclosed a certificate for five hundred dollars of city stock, bequeathed to the Society by his father.

*March 7th, 1836.* On motion it was unanimously resolved that, in consideration of his numerous acts of philanthropy, and his uniform devotion to the best interests of the Society, Maurice Fitzgibbon be elected an honorary member.

During this month a correspondence was opened between Peter A. Kelly, Secretary of the Associated Friends of Ireland, and J. K. Law, Secretary of the Hibernian Society, which resulted in a union of the two Societies.

*March 17th, 1836.* A letter was received from Charles Tiernan, Treasurer of the "Associated Friends of Ireland," having enclosed the sum of \$16.68, the balance of the funds of said Society.

*November 11th, 1839.* A meeting was called, whose object it was to make arrangements to attend in a body the funeral of their late President, Luke Tiernan. Resolutions were passed, expressive of sympathy with the family of the deceased, and also that the Society do wear the usual badge of mourning (crape) on the left arm, and attend in a body at the funeral of the deceased.

*February, 1840.* At a meeting held this month, resolutions were passed expressive of sympathy with the family of the late Samuel Harden, a fellow member, and that the Society do in a



body, accompanied by the teachers and scholars of the Oliver Hibernian Free School, attend his funeral.

During the Summer of 1840, a ship arrived from Liverpool with Irish passengers on board, which was detained in quarantine, by order of the Board of Health of this city, in consequence of the passengers being afflicted with small-pox. A meeting of the Society was immediately called, and money appropriated for the relief of the suffering passengers, and otherwise affording them the relief their necessities required, while many of the members at the risk of their lives ministered with their own hands to the relief of their suffering countrymen.

*March 17th, 1842.* On this day, according to a resolution passed at a previous meeting, the Society walked in procession to St. Patrick's Church, F. P., accompanied by the scholars of the Oliver Hibernian Free Schools, to hear a panegyric on the patron Saint of Ireland.

*June 6th, 1842.* On motion, resolutions were passed expressive of sympathy with the family of Thomas B. Adair, deceased. He was Treasurer of the Society, and had for many years previous to his death devoted himself to the best interests of the Society and was ever willing and ready to relieve the necessities of his suffering countrymen.

*March 17th, 1843.* According to a resolution offered at a previous meeting, the Society, accompanied by the scholars of the male school, and by a large number of persons who had accepted a public invitation given them, formed a procession and moved through several of the principal streets to Calvert Hall, where an oration suitable to the occasion and the day, was delivered.

*July 1st, 1845.* According to resolutions passed at a former meeting, the Society on this day joined their fellow citizens in a public funeral procession, in honor of that distinguished patriot and statesman, General Andrew Jackson, who ended his mortal career on the 8th of June previously.

*August 21st, 1845.* Col. Samuel Moore who was President of the Society, having paid a visit to his native country, Ireland, died while there on the 25th July. The Society met on this day to do honor to his memory.

*October 4th, 1845.* On this day Hugh Jenkins, Esq., was elected in place of Col. Samuel Moore, deceased.

*April 26th, 1847.* A special meeting was called for the purpose of devising means to relieve a large number of emigrants from Ireland, who arrived in a destitute and famishing condi-



tion, owing to the general famine then existing in that country. Accordingly, appropriations of money were made for the relief of, and managers appointed to visit and assist the passengers who arrived in three ships. The Society met every week, and collections were taken up among the humane and charitable portion of the community. Never before was the benevolence of the society at large, and the charity of its individual members so severely tested as on that occasion, owing to the protracted sufferings of the emigrants from ship fever and its concomitant evils.

Among the many members of the Society who ministered with their own hands at the risk of their lives, to the suffering emigrants, two—Dr. Chas. McGuire and Col. James O. Law, fell victims to the dire disease.

*June 22nd.* At a meeting held this day the Society paid the usual honors to the memory of Dr. Charles McGuire and James O. Law, and also to that of Mr. Patrick Riely, who was an honorary member of the Society.

*December 14th, 1849.* According to previous arrangements the Society met on this day to the number of about sixty, and proceeded to the house of the Rev. James Dolan, where they were separately introduced to the great Irish Apostle of Temperance, the Very Rev. Theobald Mathew, and having spent an hour in his company, in a very sociable and pleasant manner, they retired, delighted with their visit, and with feelings of increased regard for the distinguished stranger.

*February 19th, 1852.* On motion a committee of five was appointed to ascertain the expediency of establishing an emigrant agency, for the purpose of procuring employment for the Irish emigrant on his arrival in this country, and rendering other services. The committee reported favorably and an office was established in the September following.

*February 8th, 1853.* At a meeting held on this day, arrangements were made for presentation, on the following day, of a beautiful block of marble to the National Washington Monument, by the Hibernian Society. And accordingly on the following day, about twenty gentlemen, members of the Society, accompanied by their President, Hugh Jenkins, Esq., proceeded to Washington for that purpose. On arriving at Washington, the block was conveyed to the City Hall, followed in procession by the Committee on presentation, where the Monument Committee were in waiting. Hugh Jenkins, Esq., President of the Society, advanced to the venerable Chairman of the Committee, General Walter Jones, and addressed him in eloquent and appropriate language. General Jones responded in a very

eloquent speech. He alluded to the part which Irishmen had taken in the Revolutionary war; to the high esteem in which they were held by the illustrious Washington, and the implicit confidence he had always reposed in them; to the strong ties which bind together the people of this country and the children of Ireland, and to the pleasure with which he received this offering of Irishmen as an ornament to the great work now being erected to honor the memory of the father of his country.

*March 17th, 1853.* On motion it was resolved that the Constitution and By-Laws of the Society, which provide for quarterly meetings, be altered so as to admit of monthly meetings, and that the Society meet on the first Monday in each month hereafter.

*March 16th, 1857.* Hugh Jenkins, President of the Society, having served thirteen years, asked to be relieved from further service and tendered his resignation, and inclosed a check for fifty dollars, asked to be elected a life member, stating that he would cheerfully fall into the ranks and cooperate to the extent of his power to maintain the character of the Society. A committee having been appointed to wait on Mr. Jenkins and ask the withdrawal of his resignation, he reluctantly gave his consent, and was re-elected.

*December 7th, 1857.* Jacob G. Davies, 1st Vice-President and oldest member of the Society, having deceased, resolutions of respect to his memory were unanimously adopted by the Society.

*February 28th, 1859.* At a special meeting a committee was appointed to receive Wm. Smith O'Brien, the distinguished Irish Patriot, who was expected to arrive in Baltimore that evening, and to escort him to Barnum's Hotel, where he should be entertained as the guest of the Hibernian Society during his stay in the city.

*March 7th, 1859.* The Committee appointed to receive and pay due respect to William Smith O'Brien, the distinguished Irish patriot, made its report to the Society through Hugh Jenkins, President. Mr. O'Brien was received by the Committee and escorted to Barnum's Hotel, attended by members of the Society in carriages. At the Hotel the President delivered an address of welcome which was appropriately responded to by Mr. O'Brien. An immense concourse of people having assembled, Mr. O'Brien addressed them from the balcony of the Hotel. On the following day the Committee with Mr. O'Brien, visited the Courts and was received with great respect, and after entertainment by the President and other officers of the Society, he departed for Washington.

# Officers of the Society.

1816.

*President* John Donnell  
*Vice President* Luke Tiernan  
*Treasurer* Stewart Brown  
*Chaplain* Rev. John Glendy  
*Counsellor* John Purviance  
*Physician* P. K. Rogers  
*Secretary* John D. Craig

*Managers:*

John Ramsay  
M. F. Maher  
John Henderson  
Jeremiah Sullivan  
William Young  
Samuel Moore  
John Hanna

1817.

*President* John Donnell  
*Vice-President* Luke Tiernan  
*Chaplain* Rev. John Glendy  
*Counsellor* Samuel I. Donaldson  
*Physician* Dr. George Brown  
*Treasurer* Stewart Brown  
*Secretary* William Young

*Managers:*

Samuel Harden  
Samuel Moore  
Thomas Kelso  
Martin F. Maher  
John Sullivan  
David Burke  
John Hanna

1818.

*President* John Oliver  
*Vice-President* Luke Tiernan  
*Chaplain* Rev. John Glendy  
*Counsellor* Samuel I. Donaldson  
*Physician* John O'Connor  
*Treasurer* Stewart Brown  
*Secretary* William Young

*Managers:*

Samuel Moore  
Samuel Harden  
Martin F. Maher  
Patrick Tiernan  
Hugh McElderry  
William Jackson  
John Hanna

1819.

Officers same as last year, except that John R. Caldwell was elected *Secretary* instead of William Young.

1820.

*President* John Oliver  
*Vice-President* Luke Tiernan  
*Treasurer* Stewart Brown  
*Secretary* John R. Caldwell  
*Chaplain* Rev. John Glendy  
*Counsellor* Samuel I. Donaldson  
*Physician* J. Harper



*Managers:*

Samuel Moore  
 Mathew Bennet  
 George Law  
 Samuel Harden  
 Thomas Kelso  
 David Burke  
 Patrick Tiernan

1821.

Officers same as last year, except that Richard Bell was elected *Secretary* instead of John R. Caldwell.

1822.

Officers same as last year except that an additional *Physician* was elected in the person of Dr. B. Dickson.

1823.

Names of officers elected this year are not recorded.

1824.

*President* Luke Tiernan  
*1st Vice-President* John Kelso  
*2nd Vice-President*

Samuel Moore  
*Treasurer* Samuel Brown  
*Secretary* Richard Bell  
*Counsellor* S. I. Donaldson  
*Physician* J. Harper  
*Managers:*

Samuel Harden  
 Thomas Kelso  
 Patrick Tiernan  
 Mathew Bennett  
 George Law  
 Hugh McElderry  
 David Burke

1825.

*President* Luke Tiernan  
*1st Vice-President* John Kelso  
*2nd Vice-President*

Samuel Moore  
*Treasurer* Stewart Brown  
*Secretary* B. U. Campbell  
*Chaplain* Rev. John Glendy

*Counsellor*

Samuel I. Donaldson

*Physicians:*

G. S. Gibson  
 Thos. L. Murphy

*Managers:*

Samuel Harden  
 Thomas Kelso  
 Hugh McElderry  
 Mathew Bennett  
 Wm. R. Adair  
 Robt. Armstrong  
 David Burke

1826.

Officers same as last year.

1827.

Officers same as last year, except that Chas. Mallory was elected *Manager* in place of David Burke, resigned.

1828.

Officers same as last year.

1829.

Officers same as last year, except that Hugh Boyle and Thomas B. Adair were elected *Managers* instead of Chas Mallory and Wm. R. Adair.

1830.

Officers same as last year, except that Dr. Byrnes was elected *Physician* instead of Dr. Murphy, and Chas. Tiernan, *Manager*, instead of Hugh McElderry.

1831.

Officers same as last year, except that Rev. Nicholas Kerney was elected *Chaplain* instead of Rev. John Glendy.

1832.

Officers same as last year, except that an additional *Counsellor* was elected in the person of Wm. George Reid.

1833.

*President* John Kelso*1st Vice-President* Samuel Moore*2nd Vice-President* William Gwynn*Chaplain* Rev. Nicholas Kerney*Counsellors:*  
Samuel I. Donaldson  
Wm. Geo. Reid*Physicians:*  
Dr. B. M. Byrne  
Dr. G. S. Gibson*Treasurer* Thos. B. Adair*Secretary* James Reyburn*Managers:*  
Thomas Kelso  
Samuel Harden  
Hugh Boyle  
Charles Tiernan  
Wm. Crawford, Jr.  
B. U. Campbell  
Hugh McElderry

1834.

Officers same as last year, except that Edmund Byrnes was elected *Secretary* instead of James Reyburn.

1835.

*President* John Kelso*1st. Vice-President* Samuel Moore*2nd Vice-President* William Gwynn*Chaplain* Rev. N. Kerney*Counsellors:*  
Samuel I. Donaldson  
Wm. Geo. Reid*Physicians:*  
B. M. Byrne  
G. S. Gibson*Treasurer* Thomas B. Adair*Secretary* J. K. Law*Managers:*  
Thomas KelsoHugh Boyle  
Wm. Crawford, Jr.  
Jacob G. Davies  
Samuel Harden  
Chas. Tiernan  
B. U. Campbell  
Robt. P. Brown  
Edward Byrne

1836.

*President* John Kelso*1st Vice-President* Col. Sam'l Moore*2nd Vice-President* Wm. Gwynn*Chaplain* Rev. N. Kerney*Counsellor* Samuel I. Donaldson*Physicians:*  
George S. Gibson  
B. M. Byrne*Treasurer* Thomas B. Adair*Secretary* J. K. Law*Managers:*  
Thomas Kelso  
Hugh Boyle  
Wm. Crawford, Jr.  
Jacob G. Davies  
Samuel Harden  
Charles Tiernan  
John Power  
Robert P. Brown  
Edward Byrnes

1837.

Officers same as last year, except Timothy Kelly was elected *Manager* instead of Edward Byrnes.

1838.

Officers same as last year, except that John H. O'Donovan was elected *Physician* instead of George S. Gibson, and James Grieves *Manager* instead of Charles Tiernan.

1839.

*President* John Kelso  
*1st Vice-President* Samuel Moore  
*2nd Vice-President* Wm. Gwynn  
*Chaplain* Rev. N. Kerney  
*Physicians:*  
 Charles McGuire  
 John H. O'Donovan  
*Counsellor* Samuel I. Donaldson  
*Treasurer* Thomas B. Adair  
*Secretary* John K. Law  
*Managers:*  
 Thomas Kelso  
 Jacob G. Davies  
 Wm. Crawford, Jr.  
 Timothy Kelly  
 Hugh Jenkins  
 Robert P. Brown  
 James Grieves  
 John Walsh  
 John McColgan

1840.

*President* Samuel Moore  
*1st Vice-President* Jacob G. Davies  
*2nd Vice-President* Wm. Gwynn  
*Chaplain* Rev. N. Kerney  
*Counsellor* Samuel I. Donaldson  
*Physicians:*  
 Charles McGuire  
 John H. O'Donovan  
*Treasurer* Thomas B. Adair  
*Secretary* John K. Law  
*Managers:*  
 Samuel Harden  
 Hugh Jenkins  
 John McColgan  
 Robert P. Brown  
 James Grieves  
 Timothy Kelly  
 Charles Pendergast  
 James O. Law  
 Wm. Crawford, Jr.

1841.

*President* Samuel Moore  
*1st Vice-President* Jacob G. Davies  
*2nd Vice-President* William Gwynn  
*Chaplain* Rev. James Dolan  
*Counsellor* Samuel I. Donaldson  
*Physicians:*  
 Charles McGuire  
 J. H. O'Donovan  
*Treasurer* Thomas B. Adair  
*Secretary* John K. Law  
*Managers:*  
 James Grieves  
 Timothy Kelly  
 John McColgan  
 George Law  
 James O. Law  
 Chas. Pendergast  
 Edward Boyle  
 Hugh Jenkins  
 Wm. Crawford, Jr.

1842.

Officers same as last year.

1843.

*President* Samuel Moore  
*1st Vice-President* Jacob G. Davies  
*2nd Vice-President* William Gwynn  
*Chaplain* Rev. James Dolan  
*Counsellor* Samuel I. Donaldson  
*Physicians:*  
 John H. O'Donovan  
 Charles McGuire  
*Treasurer* James O. Law  
*Secretary* John K. Law  
*Managers:*  
 Hugh Jenkins  
 Chas. Pendergast  
 Wm. Crawford, Jr.  
 George Law  
 Timothy Kelly  
 James Grieves



John McColgan  
Edward Boyle  
James Kernan

1844.

Officers same as last year, except that Hugh Jenkins was elected *President*, instead of Samuel Moore, and Peter A. Kelly was elected *Secretary*, instead of John K. Law.

1845.

Officers same as last year, except that Dr. E. J. Chaisty was elected *Manager*, instead of W. Crawford, Jr.

1846.

*President* Hugh Jenkins  
*1st Vice-President*  
Col. Jacob G. Davies  
*2nd Vice-President*

Wm. Gwynn  
*Chaplain* Rev. James Dolan  
*Counsellor*

Samuel I. Donaldson  
*Physicians:*

J. H. O'Donovan  
Charles McGuire  
*Treasurer* James O. Law  
*Secretary* Peter A. Kelly  
*Managers:*

Col. Jas. Grieves  
John McColgan  
Chas. Pendergast  
George Law  
Timothy Kelly  
Edward Boyle  
James Kernan  
Dr. E. J. Chaisty  
Robert Barry

1847.

Officers of '46 unanimously re-elected.

1848.

*President* Hugh Jenkins  
*1st Vice President*  
Col. Jacob G. Davies

*2nd Vice-President*

William Gwynn  
*Chaplain* Rev. James Dolan  
*Counsellor*

Samuel I. Donaldson  
*Physicians:*

John H. O'Donovan  
D. A. O'Donnell  
*Treasurer* Thomas J. Carson  
*Secretary* Dr. E. J. Chaisty  
*Managers:*

Timothy Kelly  
Edward Boyle  
James Kernan  
Robert Barry  
John McColgan  
Chas. Pendergast  
George Law  
James Mullen  
Peter A. Kelly

1849.

Proceedings of this meeting held on the 17th March, of this year, have not been recorded.

1850.

*President* Hugh Jenkins  
*1st Vice-President*  
Col. J. G. Davies  
*2nd Vice-President*

Wm. Gwynn  
*Chaplain* Rev. James Dolan  
*Counsellor*

Samuel I. Donaldson  
*Physicians:*

John H. O'Donovan  
D. A. O'Donnell  
*Treasurer* Daniel J. Foley  
*Secretary*

Charles M. Dougherty  
*Managers:*

Timothy Kelly  
Edward Boyle  
Chas. Pendergast  
James Mullen  
John McColgan  
Robert Barry

Peter A. Kelly  
Wm. Brown  
James Kernan

1851.

Officers same as last year.

1852.

Officers of last year unani-  
mously re-elected.

1853.

*President* Hugh Jenkins  
*1st Vice-President*

Col. J. G. Davies

*2nd Vice-President*

William Gwynn

*Chaplain* Rev. James Dolan  
*Counsellor*

Samuel I. Donaldson

*Physicians:*

John H. O'Donovan

D. A. O'Donnell

*Treasurer* D. J. Foley  
*Secretary*

Charles M. Dougherty

*Managers:*

Chas. Pendergast

Edawrd Boyle

P. A. Kelly

Michael Roche

James Kernan

James Mullen

Col. Geo. P. Kane

James McHenry

Robert Barry

1855.

Officers same as last year,  
except that Bernard U. Camp-  
bell was elected *2nd Vice-*  
*President*—vice Wm. Gwynn.

1856.

Officers same as last year,  
except Peter A. Kelly was  
elected *2nd Vice-President*—  
vice Bernard U. Campbell.

1857.

Officers same as last year.

1858.

The following officers were  
elected:

*President* Hugh Jenkins

*1st Vice-President* D. J. Foley

*2nd Vice-President*

C. M. Dougherty

*Secretary* E. Cummiskey

*Treasurer* M. J. Kelly

*Chaplain* Rev. James Dolan

*Counsellor*

Samuel I. Donaldson

*Physicians:*

J. H. O'Donovan

D. O'Donnell

*Managers:*

Jas. Kernan

C. Pendergast

James Mullan

George P. Kane

George Reilly

Luke Cassidy

Michael Roche

Owen O'Brien

1859.

Officers same as last year,  
except S. H. Adams elected  
*Manager* — vice George P.  
Kane, and F. T. Gallagher  
elected *Manager*.

1860.

Officers same as last year.

1861.

Officers same as last year,  
except that Luke Cassidy was  
elected *2nd Vice-President*;  
Daniel Donnelly, Wm. H. Kee-  
nan and Henry McShane were  
elected on the *Board of Mana-*  
*gers*.

1862.

Officers same as last year.

1863.

Officers same as last year.