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**THE
CLUB OF ODD VOLUMES
OF BOSTON**

**CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS WITH A
LIST OF THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS**



APRIL 1904

CHARTER

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

BE IT KNOWN: That whereas Curtis Guild, William Clarence Burrage, John P. Woodbury, William S. Hills, John Murray Brown, Loren G. DuBois, Edward M. Jewett, Jno. E. Devlin, Zachary T. Hollingsworth, W. E. Field and Sumner Hollingsworth, have associated themselves with the intention of forming a corporation under the name of The Club of Odd Volumes of Boston, for the purpose of promoting literary and artistic tastes, establishing and maintaining a place for social meetings and a reference library, occasional exhibits of a special and instructive character and publishing rare prints and books relating to historical and literary matters, and have complied with the provisions of the Statutes of this Commonwealth in such case made and provided, as appears from the certificate of the President, Treasurer and Clerk, and Directors of said corporation, duly approved by the Commissioner of Corporations, and recorded in this office.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, HENRY B. PEIRCE, Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that said C. Guild, W. C. Burrage, J. P. Woodbury, W. S. Hills, J. M. Brown, L. G. DuBois, E. M. Jewett, J. E. Devlin, Z. T. Hollingsworth, W. E. Field and S. Hollingsworth, their associates and successors, are legally organized and established as and are hereby made an existing corporation under the name of

THE CLUB OF ODD VOLUMES OF BOSTON
with the powers, rights and privileges, and subject to

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the limitations, duties, and restrictions which by law appertain thereto.

SEAL *WITNESS my official signature hereunto subscribed, and the seal of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts hereunto affixed this twenty-eighth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety,*

HENRY B. PEIRCE, Secretary of the Commonwealth.

CONSTITUTION

I

NAME

THE title of this Club shall be **THE CLUB OF ODD VOLUMES.**

II

OBJECTS

This Club is formed for the purpose of promoting literary and artistic tastes, establishing and maintaining a place for social meetings and a reference library, providing occasional exhibits of a special and instructive character, and publishing rare prints and books relating to historical and literary matters.

III

MEMBERSHIP

1. Candidates for membership shall be at least twenty-one years of age, and men sincerely interested in the objects named. Any person duly elected a member shall, upon accepting his election in writing, and paying his admission fee and assessment for the current half year, become thenceforth entitled to all the rights and privileges of membership, provided such acts shall be performed within sixty days from the date of such election.
2. Persons elected members of the Club during the months of June and December shall not be required to pay the assessment for the current half year.
3. The number of members, resident and non-resident, at any one time, shall not exceed fifty-one.

IV

GOVERNMENT

1. The Officers of the Club shall be a President, a Clerk and Treasurer, and Nine Directors, who shall constitute the Executive Committee of the Club. They shall be elected at the Annual Meeting in December, and shall hold office from the first day of January following, and until their successors are elected and have accepted office.

The President and Clerk and Treasurer shall be elected for a term of one year. At the Annual Meeting in 1903 three Directors shall be elected for a term of one year, three Directors for a term of two years, and three Directors for a term of three years, and thereafter at each Annual Meeting three Directors shall be elected for a term of three years, to fill the vacancies then occurring in said office. Upon the expiration of his term of office a Director shall not be eligible for reelection for one year thereafter. The President, or in his absence one of the Executive Committee, shall preside at all meetings of the Club.

2. The offices of Clerk and Treasurer may be held by one person.

3. If the office of the President or of the Clerk or Treasurer becomes vacant, the Executive Committee shall call a special meeting of the Club to fill such vacancy. If any other vacancy shall occur, the Executive Committee may fill the same.

BY-LAWS

I

CLERK AND TREASURER

1. The Clerk shall give notice by mail of all Meetings of the Club; he shall notify members of all persons elected, and such persons of their election; he shall have the custody of all the Club's official documents, conduct its correspondence, and keep the Records and Minutes of the Meetings.
2. The Treasurer shall be charged with the collecting and custody of the funds of the Club and their disbursement, under the direction of the Executive Committee, and shall keep an account thereof and exhibit the same at the Annual Meeting.

II

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. The Executive Committee shall have the management and control of the affairs of the Club and its property, including the supervision of all publications issued by the Club, but shall have no power to contract any debt in the name of the Club beyond an amount that may be in the hands of the Treasurer, except it be authorized by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a regular meeting, notice by mail of the desired appropriation having been given by the Clerk to each member seven days in advance of said meeting.
2. The names of all candidates proposed for admission shall be received and acted upon by this Committee.
3. The Executive Committee shall appoint a Librarian.

III

LIBRARIAN

1. The Librarian shall have the charge of all books, papers, prints, manuscripts or publications of the Club, and, with the concurrence of the Executive Committee, provide for the purchase, acceptance and safe keeping of the same.
2. No article, with the custody of which the Librarian is charged, shall be removed from the Club Rooms without the consent of the Executive Committee, and no picture, ornament or work of art shall be placed in the Club Rooms, except by the consent of the Executive Committee.

IV

ELECTION OF MEMBERS

1. Whenever any person shall be proposed for membership, written application must be made by a member of the Club to the Executive Committee, subscribed by him, setting forth the name and place of residence of the person proposed and the date of such proposal. If the Committee shall unanimously accept him as a suitable person for membership, due notice of the same shall be given to the Clerk.
2. The election shall take place at a regular meeting of the Club, notice by mail of the candidate's name and that of the member proposing the same having been given by the Clerk to each member seven days in advance of said meeting.
3. All elections shall be by ballot, and a single black ball shall constitute a rejection.
4. No candidate who shall have been rejected shall be again proposed within six months.