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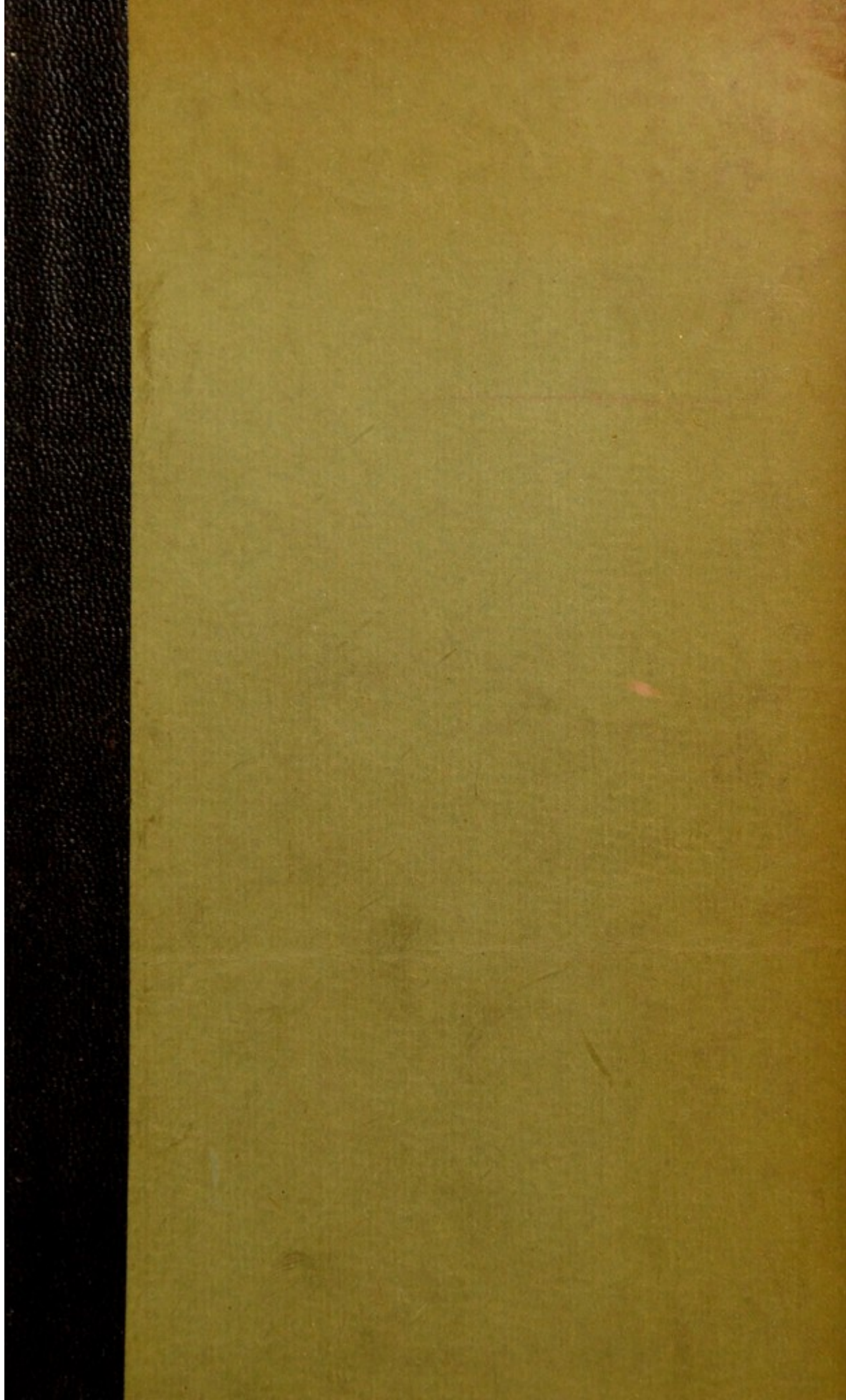
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Magdalen Hospital,

Instituted Anno Domini 1758,
Incorporated, by Act of Parliament, 1769,

AND SUPPORTED
BY VOLUNTARY BENEFACTIONS.

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INTRODUCTION.

THE MAGDALEN CHARITY was established in the year 1758, and Regulations, well adapted to a New Institution, were then made and printed.

In the year 1769 the Society was incorporated by an Act of Parliament, which Act contained several additional Rules of great use for the well governing the Hospital.

In the course of thirty-three years that this Charity has *now** subsisted, many alterations have been made in the Original Regulations, and many New ones have been added, particularly during the last four or five years, in which the Governors have made several material improvements in the management of the Hospital. A Chaplain is now constantly resident, a *Probationary Ward* is established, and the Women are separated into distinct classes, according to their birth, education, and behaviour.

In consequence of these and of other alterations and improvements, it has been found necessary to make a complete revision of the By-Laws of the Institution.

For

* In the year 1791, when this *Introduction* was written.

For this purpose a Sub-Committee was appointed to select from the Minute-Books all the Rules which had been made from the year 1758 to the present time. These Rules were afterwards examined by the General Committee; most of them were retained; some were altered; many additions were made; and, the whole being corrected, a new Code of By-Laws, suited to the present improved state of the Charity, was drawn up, and ordered to be printed.

Copies of the intended By-Laws were then sent to all the Governors of the Charity, that every person might have an opportunity of examining them thoroughly before they were finally settled; and that those Governors, who could not attend the General Court, might be able to deliver their sentiments in writing, and suggest any objections or alterations which might occur to them on perusing the By-Laws.

Sufficient time having been allowed for this purpose, a General Court was held on the 31st of May 1791, at which, and at another General Court, on the 6th of June following, the New By-Laws and Regulations were submitted to the Governors at large, and were fully examined and corrected.

Lastly, a Special General Court (expressly summoned for that purpose) was held on the 13th of June of the same year; when the By-Laws

Laws and Regulations contained in this Book were finally confirmed and ratified, in conformity with the powers, and pursuant to the directions, contained in the Act of the 9th year of his present Majesty, cap. 31, intituled, “ An Act for the establishing and well governing “ an Hospital for the Reception, &c. of Penitent “ Prostitutes ; &c.”

Magdalen Hospital, June 30th, 1791.

* * * A subscription of *Twenty Guineas* or more at one time, or *Five Guineas per annum* for five successive years, is a qualification for a Governor for life ; and an annual subscription of *Five Guineas*, for a Governor for one year ; but smaller subscriptions or donations are thankfully received.

Subscriptions are received by the Treasurer, *Alexander Bennett, Esq.* Walcot - Terrace, Lambeth ; Messrs. *Boldero and Co.* Cornhill ; Messrs. *Child and Co.* Fleet-street ; Messrs. *Croft and Co.* Pall-mall ; Messrs. *Dorrien and Co.* Finch-lane ; Messrs. *Drummond and Co.* Charing-cross ; Messrs. *Hoare*, Fleet-street ; Messrs. *Martin and Co.* Lombard-street ; Messrs. *Vere and Co.* Lombard-street ; Messrs. *Wilkinson and Co.* Southwark Bank ; and by the Reverend Mr. *Prince*, Chaplain and Secretary, at the Hospital.

To such as are inclined to become Benefactors by their last Will, the following Form of a Legacy is recommended : I give and bequeath unto the *President, “ Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, and Governors of the “ Magdalen Hospital, for the Reception of Penitent “ Prostitutes, in St. George’s Road, in the County of “ Surrey,* the Sum of _____ which I “ desire may be paid out of my personal Estate.”

N. B. Devises of Land, or Money charged on Land, or to be laid out in Land, are void.

* ADMISSIONS from the Institution of the Magdalen Charity in 1758 to Jan. 4, 1802,	3437
Reconciled to friends, or placed in service	2230
Discharged at their own request	499
Discharged for improper behaviour	476
Lunatic, troubled with fits, or incurable disorders	99
Dead	66
In the House January 4, 1802	67
Total	3437

Note, Of the number reconciled to friends, or placed in service, some undoubtedly have relapsed into their former errors; but many, who left the House at their own request, have since behaved well; and some of those discharged for improper behaviour have, to the certain knowledge of the Committee, never returned to evil courses. It may therefore be safely asserted, that **TWO THIRDS** of the whole number of women admitted have been thus saved.

To justify the above assertion, great pains have been taken to trace out all those women, who left the House during the space of four years, from May 1786 to May 1790. The result of which inquiry is now stated; *viz.*

Discharged in the said four years, of every description	246
Now Behaving well	157
Behaving ill	74
Lunatic	4
Dead	1
Situation unknown; some probably having retired from observation; others, perhaps, being dead	10
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* The women, who are admitted, are, for the most part, **BETWEEN SIXTEEN AND TWENTY YEARS OF AGE**; and it is an invariable rule, not to dismiss any woman (unless at her own desire, or for misconduct) without some means being provided, by which she may obtain a livelihood in an honest manner.

PATRONES,
HER MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY,
QUEEN CHARLOTTE.

THE
BY-LAWS, &c.

I. Of the GOVERNMENT.

1. THIS is composed of
A PRESIDENT,
SIX VICE-PRESIDENTS,
A TREASURER,
A GENERAL COURT,
A COMMITTEE OF THIRTY-TWO.

2. The President is appointed for life, the six Vice-Presidents, the Treasurer, and Committee of Thirty-two, are annually chosen, and seven of the Committee go out annually.

3. All the officers and servants, whether appointed by the General Court or the Committee, are chosen annually. The former are chosen *at the General Court, on the last Wednesday in April*, and the latter at a Committee summoned for that purpose on the *second Thursday in May*.

II. The TREASURER.

1. He has the general superintendence of the Institution, in the absence of the Committee.

2. He takes care that the Regulations in the Act of Parliament, the By-laws made by the General Courts, and the Orders of the Committee, are carried into effect and strictly observed.

3. He receives the benefactions, keeps an account of all receipts and payments, and presents it at the four General Courts, or oftener, if required.

4. All Bills are paid by him at the Hospital, in the presence of the Committee; and no draft on any Banker is payable, unless signed by three of the Committee, or by a Vice-President, or the Treasurer,
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or Secretary, and two of the Committee, when in Committee.

5. If any money remains in his hands, more than is sufficient to defray the current expenses, he is to inform the Committee thereof; and, if they approve of it, he is to lay it out in the Public Funds, in the names of the President and Vice-Presidents of the *Magdalen Hospital*. Nevertheless such money, as is not immediately wanted, for the current expenses, may be laid out, under the authority of the Committee, in the purchase of Exchequer Bills, or East India Bonds; which said Bills, or Bonds, may be sold again, by the same authority.

6. He reports to the next General Court the quantity of stock thus purchased; and no stock is sold without an order of a General Court.

III. The GENERAL COURTS and ELECTIONS of OFFICERS.

1. A General Court consists of the President, or, in his absence, of one of the Vice-Presidents, or the Treasurer, and

eight or more Governors ; and, in the absence of the President, all the Vice-Presidents and Treasurer, of nine Governors, who, in that case, choose their Chairman. The President, Vice-President, Treasurer, or Chairman presiding, is to explain the business of the assembly, to propose questions, and to put them to the vote ; and, if required by five Governors, to take the votes by ballot ; such ballot to begin and be determined immediately. The Chairman may vote in common with others ; and, in case of an equality of votes, the Chairman is further to have the casting vote.

2. A Paper of *Agenda* is prepared by the Committee, and given to the Chairman at every Court by the Secretary.

3. The Chairman begins the business of the Court, with desiring the Secretary to read the Minutes of the last General Court. These Minutes are then confirmed, corrected, or rescinded ; such confirmation or alteration being signified at the end of those Minutes by the Chairman.

4. After examining the Minutes of the preceding Court, the other Business is
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taken into consideration in the order in which it stands in the *Agenda*.

5. If the Court is summoned for any particular business, that business is mentioned in the summons, and is inserted in the *Agenda* immediately after the examination of the Minutes.

6. When the Paper of *Agenda* is finished, any business that is proposed by any Governor is taken into consideration, such business being stated by him, or by the Secretary, at the end of the *Agenda*; but nothing is taken into consideration, unless it is thus stated before one o'Clock.

Note. *It is the particular Duty of the Secretary to attend to the observance of this By-law.*

7. Minutes of the proceedings of every General Court are taken during the sitting of the Court by the Secretary; and, when the business is finished, these Minutes are read, and signed by the Chairman immediately before he leaves the Chair.

8. The General Courts are held quarterly, viz.

The last *Wednesday* in *January*;

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The last *Wednesday* in *April*;

The last *Wednesday* in *July*;

The last *Wednesday* in *October*.

9. The Secretary gives notice by Letter to the President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, and Governors, of the day and hour of holding General Courts, Ordinary or Extraordinary; and the same is also advertised, in two or more of the public News-papers, *five* days before such Court.

10. At the Annual General Court, *held on the last Wednesday in April*, the six Vice-Presidents, the Treasurer, Committee, and Officers are chosen; and a general view of the state of the Charity is laid before the Governors by the Committee.

11. At every Quarterly Court the Treasurer lays before the Governors the general state of the house, respecting the receipts and disbursements of the quarter, the cash which remains in hand, &c.

12. The Treasurer also reports the number of women in the house, the number admitted, the number provided for, and in what manner, during the quarter.

13. The General Court orders and dis-
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poses of the Common Seal, and the use and application of it.

14. The General Court hath power to enter into contracts, and to make, alter, or revoke, all Rules, By-laws, and Orders.

15. No Rule, By-law, or Order, or alteration or repeal of a Rule, By-law, or Order, can have effect, unless confirmed by a succeeding General Court, either Annual, Quarterly, or Extraordinary.

Note. All the proceedings of the General Courts and Committees respecting the Annual Election of the Officers and Servants of the Institution are subject to a similar confirmation by a subsequent General Court or Committee.

Those persons, who are elected to any Office, may nevertheless perform the duties of their Office, without waiting for the confirmation of their election.

16. The General Court hath power, from time to time, to appoint such officers and servants, as shall be thought necessary; and to accept the resignation of any officer or servant; and to suspend or remove all such officers or other persons, or any of them,

them, and appoint others in case of death, suspension, resignation, or removal.

17. The President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, Committee, Solicitor, Chaplain and Secretary, Evening Preachers, Physician, Surgeons, Apothecary, Surveyor, and Matron, are appointed by the General Court; all other appointments are made by the Committee.

18. The Salaries of those persons, who are appointed by the General Court, are fixed by the Court; and the Salaries of those, who are appointed by the Committee, are fixed by the Committee.

19. If any vacancy happens in any of the offices, appointed by the General Court, *between the 20th of January and the 1st of June*, such vacancy is declared at a General Court, either Ordinary or Extraordinary, within a fortnight after the vacancy happens, and a day is then appointed for the election; but, if the vacancy happens *between the 1st of June and the 20th of January*, such vacancy is declared, and a day is fixed for the election, at the Quarterly General Court, on the *last Wednesday in January*:
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in this case, the Committee are to provide a proper person or persons to do the duty of the office which is vacant, till a successor can be regularly appointed by a General Court.

20. At all elections, the right of voting by proxy is confined to Ladies. No proxy can be received at any election, unless such proxy be sealed as well as signed by the Lady who gives it, and unless the name of a Governor to whom it is given, and the name of the person in whose favour it is given, be also specified in the hand-writing of the Lady who gives the proxy.

21. At all contested elections, two of the Governors present are named by each of the Candidates to be *Scrutators*. Any doubts that arise respecting the election are referred to the Chairman of the Court and the Scrutators; and their decision is final, unless any of the parties should think fit to appeal to a Special General Court, to be summoned for the express purpose of confirming or rescinding the act of the preceding Court.

22. The *Anniversary Meeting* is held in
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the months of *March, April, or May*; but not on the same day as the *Annual General Court*.

23. The general yearly Account is published at the *Anniversary Meeting*.

24. Any five Governors have power to require a General Court, provided they address themselves to the President, or one of the Vice-Presidents, or Treasurer, by Letter, specifying the purpose for which such General Court is required to be held.

IV. The COMMITTEE.

1. The Committee are appointed (agreeably to the Act of Parliament) to transact and manage the affairs of the *Magdalen Charity*.

2. Of this Committee five constitute a *Quorum*, and the President, Vice-Presidents, and Treasurer, are always of the Committee; one of whom is Chairman, but in their absence, the Committee choose a Chairman.

3. The Chairman may vote in common with others; and, in case of an equality of votes,

votes, the Chairman is further to have a casting vote.

4. The Committee meet every Thursday at twelve o'Clock *precisely*, except on the first Thursday in the month, when they meet at eleven.

5. The first Thursday in every month is appointed for the admission of petitioners; when the Committee admit all such petitioners as they approve, and give orders in what manner they shall be employed.

6. In cases of extraordinary emergency, petitioners may be admitted at any other meeting of the Committee; or, in the absence of the Committee, the Treasurer may admit them; such admissions being subject to the confirmation of the Committee on the first Thursday in the next month.

7. The Committee dismiss any women from the House, as occasion requires; and, in cases of emergency, in the absence of the Committee, the Treasurer hath the same power.

8. Any three of the Committee, or two of the Committee and Secretary in Committee, have power to draw on the Bankers

of the Charity, or transact any business which will not admit of delay.

9. The Committee contract for, and inspect, the clothing, furniture, and provisions, and take care to prevent impositions.

10. The Committee, being summoned for that purpose, have power to suspend, dismiss, or elect all officers or servants not specified in the 17th article of the chapter relating to the *General Courts and Elections of Officers*.

11. In cases of necessity, the Committee are empowered by the Act of Parliament, to suspend any Officer appointed by the General Court, and appoint another in his room; or, in case of death, in the room of the person so deceased, until a General Court shall be held.

12. When a vacancy happens in any office, the appointment to which belongs to the Committee, such vacancy is notified to them, at their next meeting, by the Secretary. A day is then fixed for receiving the applications, and examining the qualifications of all persons who wish to be candidates; after which, another day is fixed, when

when the Committee are summoned to proceed to the election.

13. At every meeting of the Committee, a Book of *Agenda* is given to the Chairman by the Secretary.

14. The Chairman begins the business with desiring the Secretary to read the Minutes of the last Committee. These Minutes are then confirmed, corrected, or rescinded, such confirmation or alteration being signified at the end of the Minutes by the Chairman.

15. After considering the Minutes of the preceding Committee, the House-reports are examined, and the other business is gone through, in the order in which it stands in the *Agenda*.

16. If the Committee have been summoned for any particular business, such business is mentioned, both in the summons and in the *Agenda*, and is considered immediately after the House-reports.

17. When the Book of *Agenda* is finished, any business that is proposed by any member of the Committee is taken into consideration, such business being stated by him,

him, or the Secretary, at the end of the *Agenda*; but no business is taken into consideration unless it has been thus stated *before one o'Clock*.

Note. It is the particular duty of the Secretary to attend to the observance of this By-Law.

18. At every Meeting of the Committee, Minutes are made of the proceedings by the Secretary, which are signed by the Chairman immediately before he leaves the Chair.

19. Two members of the Committee attend at the Chapel every Sunday, and notice of their turn is regularly given.

20. The Committee, or Treasurer, in the absence of the Committee, direct such alterations and repairs as are proper; but no repairs or alterations are undertaken, which exceed 15l. without an estimate being made by the Surveyor; which estimate is laid before the Committee, and approved by a subsequent Committee summoned for that purpose. If the estimate exceeds 60l. it is referred to a General Court.

21. On

21. On the first meeting of the Committee, after the General Court in January, a day is fixed for a *General Review of the state of the Charity*.

22. At this Review, the Committee examine the state of the buildings, furniture, &c. They are attended by every officer or servant of the Charity; they make inquiry of them respecting every circumstance that concerns the good of the Institution; and lastly, they examine every person who is an object of the care of the Charity, making the necessary inquiries respecting their conduct, improvement, and the means of reconciling them to their friends, or placing them in such a way of life, as may enable them to obtain an honest livelihood.

23. The Committee determine what books are proper to be allowed for the use of the women.

V. A SUB-COMMITTEE.

1. This consists of any number of the Committee appointed for any special purpose.

2. The

2. The President, Vice-Presidents, and Treasurer, have votes at all Committees, or Sub-Committees, and have, on all occasions, the authority of members of the Committee.

VI. The QUALIFICATIONS of GOVERNORS.

1. A subscription of *twenty guineas*, or more, at one time, is a qualification of a Governor for life.

2. An annual subscription of five guineas is a qualification of a Governor for that year; and every person, on payment of five years' successive subscription, becomes a Governor for life.

3. If any annual subscriber shall be in arrear, his power as a Governor ceases, till such arrear is paid.

4. It is ordered in the Act of Parliament, by which the Society is incorporated, that no person, who holds the office of Chaplain, Secretary, Physician, Surgeon, Apothecary, or any inferior office or employment, shall act as a Governor, during the
time

time that he shall be employed, or continued, in such office.

5. The General Court hath power to make such Governors as shall be thought fit.

6. Executors of persons leaving legacies of 100l. or upwards are usually appointed Governors.

VII. The SOLICITOR.

1. He conducts all the law business in which the Society, as a Body Corporate, may happen to be engaged.

2. He is paid in the usual manner for all charges and expenses ; but, with respect to his own trouble, he acts *gratis*.

VIII. The PHYSICIAN.

1. He must be a married man or a widower, not under thirty years of age, and either a Fellow or a Licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians of London.

2. He attends all persons who reside in the *Magdalen Hospital*, as often as they have need of medical assistance ; notice of which is sent to him by the Secretary.

3. He also visits the Hospital at least once a week, and attends on days of admission.

4. He attends with the Surgeons whenever they desire him to visit their patients.

5. He performs the duties of his office *gratis*.

IX. The TWO SURGEONS.

1. They must be married men, or widowers, not under thirty years of age, and members of the Royal College of Surgeons.

2. They attend alternately (each for three months) all persons who reside in the *Magdalen Hospital*, as often as they have need of their assistance.

3. One of them attends, *from eleven to twelve o'clock*, on days of admission.

4. They perform the duties of their office *gratis*.

X. The APOTHECARY.

1. He must be a married man, or a widower, not under thirty years of age, and a Member of the Company of Apothecaries.

2. He

2. He attends all persons, who reside in the *Magdalen Hospital*, whenever they have need of medical assistance.

3. He furnishes medicines both for the Physician's and Surgeons' Patients; for which he is allowed 60*l. per annum.*

XI. The SICK WARD and NURSE.

1. A room is set apart for the sick, and another for the convalescent.

2. A Nurse is appointed to attend the sick; and every thing necessary for their recovery is provided.

3. The Nurse must be a single woman, or a widow, not under thirty, nor above fifty years of age, at the time of her appointment.

4. The Nurse has the authority of an Assistant Matron, as far as respects those persons who are in the Sick Ward; and great care is taken in the appointment of the Nurse, to choose a person capable of instructing the women under her care.

5. She attends the Petitioners, and examines them respecting their health, on days of admission.

6. No woman may be received into the Sick Ward, without an order in writing, signed by one of the gentlemen of the Medical profession. These orders must be laid before the Committee at their next Meeting.

XII. The SECRETARY.

1. He keeps the book of *Agenda*, and prepares the business for the meetings of General Courts and Committees.

2. He is present at all those meetings and takes the Minutes.

3. He carries on the correspondence.

4. He is thoroughly acquainted with all the By-laws and Regulations of the Hospital, and informs the Chairman, at all General Courts, and Meetings of the Committee, if any thing falls under his observation which is contrary to any of them.

XIII. The CHAPLAIN.

1. He must be a married man, or a widower, in Priest's Orders, and not under thirty-five years of age.

2. He

2. He must reside in the Lodge of the Hospital.

Note. That part of the Magdalen Hospital, which is nearest the road, is called the Lodge. This building is separated from the Wards of the Hospital by a large Court. In the Lodge are the Apartments for General Courts, and for receiving petitioners and their friends on days of admission. The Chaplain, and his family, and servants, the Clerk and the Door-keeper, reside in the Lodge; but none of them, except the Chaplain, are permitted to go into the Wards of the Hospital.

3. He reads prayers twice and preaches once every Sunday; and also reads prayers at such hours in the week-days as are appointed by the Committee.

4. He administers the Sacrament on Christmas Day, Easter Day, and Whitsunday, and on the first Sunday in every month; except on the first Sunday in the months nearest to those great Festivals.

Note. Those women only are admitted to receive the Sacrament, who appear to be thoroughly

thoroughly sensible of their misconduct, and express a desire to partake of the Communion.

5. He reads prayers twice, and preaches once on Good Friday, Ascension Day, and Christmas Day ; and, on the evenings of those days, he reads a Sermon, or expounds a Chapter of the Bible to the women.

6. If the Chaplain wishes to be assisted in reading prayers, or in preaching, he signifies the name of the person who is to assist him to the Committee, the Presiding Gentlemen, or the Treasurer ; but no person may officiate at the Altar, except the Chaplain and Assistant Chaplain.

7. He attends in the wards every day, instructs the Women in the Principles of the Christian Religion, expounds to them the Scriptures, hears them read, and repeat, from memory, the private devotions they use every morning and evening ; and gives every woman that particular instruction and admonition, which is best adapted to make a proper impression on her mind.

8. He

8. He is attentive to the women in the Sick Ward.

9. He reports to the Committee his observations on the disposition, conduct, and employment of the women, and their sense of Religion.

Note. By the Resolutions of the General Courts of April 28th and May the 7th, 1790, the Offices of Chaplain and Secretary are united.

XIV. The ASSISTANT CHAPLAIN.

1. He must be a married man, or a widower, in Priest's Orders, not under thirty-five years of age.

2. His office is, to assist in the performance of Divine Service, in such manner as he may be desired by the Chaplain and Committee, on the mornings of those days, on which the Holy Sacrament is administered.

XV. The TWO EVENING PREACHERS.

1. Two Clergymen, in Priest's Orders, are appointed to preach alternately in the Chapel on Sunday evenings.

2. If

2. If either of the Evening Preachers is prevented by illness, or unavoidable absence, from preaching in his turn, a Clergyman recommended by him, and approved by the Committee, the Presiding Gentlemen, or Treasurer, may preach in his place; but the Committee, Presiding Gentlemen, or Treasurer, must in all such cases signify their consent in the Minute-Book.

XVI. The REGULATIONS for the CHAPEL.

1. Divine Service begins precisely at a quarter past eleven in the morning, and a quarter past six in the evening.

Note. As the admission by Tickets is discontinued, it is expected, that all persons, coming to the Chapel, will contribute to the Charity, previously to their admission.

2. Two gentlemen of the Committee preside at the Chapel on Sunday, and have notice of the day of their attendance on the Monday preceding.

3. In case it doth not suit them to attend on that Sunday, they are desired to engage
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some other gentlemen of the Committee to attend, and signify the same to the Committee on *Thursday*, or to the Secretary on *Friday*.

4. The doors of the Chapel are opened at a quarter before eleven in the morning, and half past five in the evening; and the Presiding Gentlemen are requested to attend at the opening of the doors, to receive benefactions and preserve order.

5. The psalms and hymns, which are intended to be sung on Sunday, are laid before the Committee, by the Organist, on the preceding Thursday; and nothing is permitted to be sung (unless at the Anniversary) but the psalms and hymns printed for the use of the Chapel.

XVII. The ORGANIST.

1. This office must be always held by a woman.

2. She attends whenever public Service is performed in the Chapel.

3. She attends at least twice a week to instruct the women who sing in the Chapel.

Note. *No person is allowed to go into the*

Organ-loft, except the Organist and the women in the house.

XVIII. The SURVEYOR.

1. He must be a married man, or a widower, not under thirty years of age.
 2. He attends whenever he is sent for by the Committee.
 3. He prepares estimates of the expense of all buildings, alterations and repairs in the Hospital, examines the bills of workmen, and superintends the execution of all contracts that are made with them.
 4. He performs the duties of his office *gratis*.
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XIX. The MATRON.

1. She must be a single woman or a widow.
2. The candidates for this office must not be under thirty-five years of age, nor above fifty.

Note. Any person, who has been an Assistant five years, may be a candidate for the office of Matron, though her age should

should not agree with the foregoing By-Law.

3. She resides constantly in the house, and directs the economy of it.

4. She is fully instructed in the Rules, By-Laws, and Orders of the House, and observes them strictly.

5. She superintends the conduct of the Assistants and Nurse.

6. She sees that all the women are neat and decent in their apparel and persons, that they are duly employed, and behave in an orderly and religious manner, and that they constantly attend Divine Service.

7. She visits all the wards frequently and at different hours. She inquires what progress the women make in reading and working, and inspects the Assistants' reports.

8. She receives the materials for work, and delivers to the Clerk an account of the work done by the women, that he may make a regular entry thereof in proper books.

9. She takes the charge of all the household

hold linen and clothing; of which the Clerk also keeps an account.

10. She receives the provisions and stores which are allowed for the House; and takes care that none be carried away, nor any waste made.

11. She reads instructions to the women, prepared by the Committee, the next morning after their admission; and delivers a copy of those instructions to each of such newly-admitted women.

12. She observes the behaviour of every person who resides in, or comes into, the House; and makes a weekly report to the Committee, whether they appear to do their duty in their respective stations; and whether every thing in the House appears to be properly conducted.

13. It is her particular duty to take care that the rules contained in the 29th chapter are strictly observed; and she informs the Committee, if any person neglects them.

XX. The THREE ASSISTANTS, SUPERINTENDENT of the LAUNDRY, and HOUSE-KEEPER.

1. They must be single women or widows.
2. The candidates for these offices must not be under thirty, nor above fifty years of age.
3. Each of the Assistants has the charge of one class of the women.
4. They rise at the same hour as the women under their care.
5. They instruct the women in reading, needle-work, and what else may be necessary, and superintend the work of all the women in their wards.
6. They are present with the women at their meals, and hear Grace properly repeated.
7. They attend the women constantly, and observe their tempers and dispositions; they consider what offices in life they are most fit for, and when it is proper to discharge them to parents or friends, or to service.
8. They lay before the Committee every week a book containing a list of the women
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under their care ; marking, in distinct columns, their behaviour, temper, capacity for work, and improvement, with such remarks as they think proper.

9. They see that the bed-chambers and every part of their respective wards are kept perfectly clean, well aired, and in good order.

10. They see that the beds and bedding are kept properly mended, neat and clean.

11. They see that the table furniture and linen are kept clean and mended, and preserved in good order.

12. They hear all complaints which may be made by the women in their respective wards, and, if necessary, lay the same before the Matron or Committee.

13. They duly and strictly observe the several Regulations, By-Laws, and Orders of the House, and the directions which may be given them from time to time by the Committee.

14. They are constantly attentive not only to prevent any improper discourse, but to communicate just sentiments, and encourage

encourage sober conversation, and a regular, peaceful, and pious behaviour.

15. They read the instructions to the women on the first *Monday* in every month.

16. They take care that the rules contained in the 29th chapter are observed, and inform the Committee, if they see them neglected.

XXI. The ADMISSION of PETITIONERS.

1. No woman can be admitted into the *Magdalen Hospital*, while she is pregnant, or is diseased; nor can any woman, who is admitted and afterwards dismissed, be ever admitted again.

2. Every woman, who has been seduced, *whether recommended or not* (with the exceptions in the preceding Article) may apply for admission to the Committee, who meet for that purpose on the first Thursday in every month.

3. The method of admission is by petition.

4. The Clerk is directed to furnish a petition, *gratis*, to every woman who applies

plies for it, whether she has a recommendation or not.

Note. *The Form of the Petition may be seen in the Appendix.*

5. The blanks are filled up by the Clerk according to the report of the petitioner.

6. The Clerk gives the petitioner the number of her petition, and he gives the same number to her friends.

7. The petitioners are called by the numbers of their petitions, and not by their names; that, if they are not admitted, their names may not be known to other persons who attend.

8. Every petitioner is examined as to her state of health, or of pregnancy, by the Nurse attending for that purpose; and, if necessary, by the Physician or Surgeon.

9. When the petitioners have been thus examined, their petitions are laid before the Committee, and they are called in according to their numbers.

10. The Committee ask only such questions as are likely to enable them to judge whether the petitioners are proper objects to be received into the Hospital.

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11. If any friends of the petitioners attend with them, or any recommendations are brought in their favour, they are examined by the Committee.

12. When the Committee have obtained all the information in their power, the question is put on the propriety of admitting the petitioner; two-thirds of the votes of the gentlemen present being necessary for her admission.

13. If the petitioner is admitted, the Secretary gives her a note directed to the Matron, signifying her admission.

14. No woman, who has been admitted, is allowed to go out of the house, without special leave in writing signed by the Treasurer or Chairman and two of the Committee; and that for a time not exceeding a day, and this only on an urgent and extraordinary occasion: and, in such case, she is attended by a proper person appointed by the Matron.

15. Petitioners may be received at any subsequent day of admission, notwithstanding their having been formerly rejected.

XXII. The PROBATIONARY WARD.

1. The women, who are admitted, are placed in the *Probationary Ward*, where they continue about two months, after which they are brought before the Committee; and, report of their behaviour being made by the *Chaplain, Matron, and Assistant*, they are placed in one of the other Wards, or are dismissed, according to their conduct.

XXIII. The DIFFERENT CLASSES of WOMEN.

1. Those women, who have behaved well during the time of probation, are, at the end of that time, placed in one of the classes, into which the women are divided. Each of the classes is under the care of its Assistant; and the women that are in it are kept separate from those who are in the other classes.

2. In classing the women, regard is had to their birth, education, behaviour, and ability to perform different kinds of work, in which they may be employed.

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3. One part of the Hospital is appropriated to women of a better order than others, many of whom, though they have been seduced, have never been on the town, but apply to the *Magdalen*, in order to avoid being driven to that extremity. It sometimes happens, that persons of this description are placed by the Committee in this Ward at their first admission, without passing through the *Probationary Ward*.

XXIV. Their NAMES.

1. If the women are desirous of concealing their true Names, they have liberty to assume others.

2. Reproaches for past irregularities are forbidden ; no inquiry into names or family is permitted ; but all possible discouragement given to the making any discovery of them.

XXV. Their DRESS.

1. Upon their admission, their apparel is ticketed and laid by, in order to be returned to them whenever they leave the House.

2. They wear brown shalloon gowns, and in their whole dress are plain and neat, and exactly alike.

XXVI. Their DIET and REST.

1. In the summer the women rise at six o'clock, prayers are read at seven, after which they breakfast, and at eight go to work. They dine between one and two, and are allowed an hour. They leave off work at seven, sup between eight and nine, and, after prayers, go to bed at ten.

2. In the winter, they rise as soon as it is light, and prayers are immediately read. They breakfast between eight and nine, and then go to work. They dine at two, and are allowed an hour. They leave off work at eight, then sup, and go to bed at nine.

3. They repeat Grace by turns, each a week, in a solemn manner.

4. During the time that the women are not employed at work, they are allowed to walk in the garden, with one of the Assistants.

Note. *A Diet for breakfast, dinner, and supper,*

supper, for summer and winter, is appointed at the discretion of the Committee, and the same is written in a fair handwriting, and hung up in the Committee-room, and in each Ward.

5. Each woman sleeps in a separate bed, and has a box for her clothes and linen.

XXVII. Their EMPLOYMENT.

1. Each woman is employed in such household business or needle-work as is suitable to her abilities, and likely to qualify her for service.

2. A proper number of the women are appointed to perform all the domestic business of their respective wards, the household service, the keeping the Chapel clean, and what else is necessary, according to the directions given by the Matron.

3. The chief objects of needle-work, in which they have hitherto been employed, are, making household linen of all sorts, shirts, shifts, &c. making all the linen for the use of the house, making and mending all the clothes they wear, and also the sheets and table-linen.

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4. In their work, as in every other circumstance, the utmost propriety and humanity are observed; and the greatest care is taken to prevent all loose or idle discourse, sluttishness, indolence, or neglect of religious or moral duties.

5. On Saturday afternoon, and at extra hours, they may work for themselves.

XXVIII. Their DISCHARGE.

1. Application being made either by the parents or friends of the women, if such parents or friends appear worthy of being trusted, and declare they forgive past offences, and will take such woman under their protection, the woman also consenting, the Committee discharge her accordingly, and her clothes are returned to her.

2. If any housekeeper, of sufficient credit, applies for a servant, the Matron recommends such a woman as she thinks will answer the purpose, as to abilities and good conduct; and, if such service is approved by the Committee, the woman is discharged accordingly.

3. Services

3. Services out of town are always preferred.

4. Every woman, who is placed in a service, and continues there one year to the approbation of her master or mistress, upon its being made appear to the Committee, that she hath behaved unexceptionably, is entitled to a guinea, as a token of their approbation of her good behaviour.

Note. The above-named Sum may, nevertheless, be given to any young woman, being in service at the time; though she has not been one year in the Place to which she first went after she was discharged from the Hospital; provided that it shall appear to the Committee, that she had a reasonable cause for quitting the same. An additional guinea may be given, whenever the Committee think it proper.

5. The Committee, upon the good behaviour of any woman, and upon her having remained a proper time in the house, write to her friends or relations to provide for her.

6. On the discharge of those who behave well, whether they go out to service,
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or to their friends, or to be married, if their parents or friends are not in a capacity to furnish them with clothes, these are provided for them, at the discretion of the Committee.

7. If any woman, who is discharged for improper behaviour, or at her own request, is allowed to remain for a day or two in the Hospital, till her friends can take her away, such woman is not permitted to return to her Ward, but is sent to a separate room.

8. THE TIME THAT THE WOMEN CONTINUE IN THE HOSPITAL IS DIFFERENT, ACCORDING TO CIRCUMSTANCES. IN GENERAL IT IS ABOUT A YEAR: BUT IT IS AN INVARIABLE RULE, NOT TO DISMISS ANY WOMAN (UNLESS AT HER OWN REQUEST, OR FOR ILL CONDUCT) WITHOUT SOME MEANS BEING PROVIDED, BY WHICH SHE MAY OBTAIN AN HONEST LIVELIHOOD.

9. ALL THE MEANS WHICH THE COMMITTEE CAN THINK OF, THAT MAY CONDUCE TO THE GREAT ENDS OF THIS CHARITY, ARE USED, WHETHER IT BE TO
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SAVE THE SOUL, PRESERVE THE LIFE, OR
RENDER THAT LIFE USEFUL AND HAPPY.

XXIX. PRECAUTIONS concerning the WARDS.

Note. By the Wards are understood all parts of the Magdalen Hospital, except the Lodge, the Chapel, and the Rooms of the Committee and Matron.

1. The Chaplain, AND NO OTHER PERSON, is permitted to go into the Wards, without being accompanied by the Matron, one of the Assistants, or the Nurse.

2. The Physician, Surgeons, and Apothecary, when they visit their patients, must be attended by the Matron, one of the Assistants, or the Nurse.

3. If any of the Gentlemen* of the medical profession is prevented from attending by illness, or unavoidable absence, one of the other Gentlemen of that profession attends in his place ; but no deputy, pupil, apprentice, or servant, can, on any account, be allowed to go into the Wards.

4. If the Surveyor, or any workmen go into the Wards, on account of any neces-

sary repairs, great care must be taken that the women are not seen, and all such repairs must be executed in as short a time as possible.

5. The Treasurer, or any three or more of the Committee, may visit all or any of the Wards, whenever they think proper, provided they are accompanied by the Matron, or one of the Assistants; but no member of the Committee, though accompanied by the Matron or Assistants, is permitted to go into any of the Wards, unless with the Treasurer, or with two other members of the Committee.

Note. Notwithstanding the above Regulation, the Committee may give an order in writing, to empower any single member of the Committee to visit the Wards, for the purpose of superintending any workmen, who are employed in altering or repairing the Building.

6. Any Governors of the Charity, or any Ladies or Gentlemen, who desire to see the Hospital, and to be informed of what relates to the management of it, must apply to the Committee, or, in their absence,

sence, to the Treasurer, who may, if they, or he, think proper, give an order in writing to the Matron, to accompany such persons into all the Wards of the Hospital, except the rooms in which the women are present. These orders must be signed by the Treasurer, or by three of the Committee; the name of one of the company, to whom the Wards are to be shewn, must be specified in the order; and the Matron must return the orders, together with the names of the visitors, to the Committee at their next meeting.

7. The friends or relations of the Matron may visit her in her apartment, but not go into the Wards.

8. The friends or relations of the Assistants, if they come to see them, are to be received in one of the Committee-rooms; but no such person, either male or female, is permitted to go into the Wards. A fire is allowed for this purpose, as often as it is necessary.

9. Any of the women may be visited in the Matron's apartment, or Committee-rooms (provided it is in the presence of

the Matron, or one of the Assistants) by their relations or friends, or by any persons, who are known to interest themselves in their welfare; but no class of women may be visited, or seen collectively, by any lady or gentleman, governor, or member of the Committee, or other person, except the Treasurer, the Chaplain, or the Committee, when not less than three in number, and attended by the Matron or one of the Assistants.

10. The women may be visited as above, on all days, *but Sundays and Thursdays*, between the hours of ten and two.

Note. *On extraordinary occasions, the friends of the women may visit them at other hours, at the discretion of the Matron.*

11. IT IS THE DUTY OF THE MATRON TO PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THE RULES CONTAINED IN THIS CHAPTER, AND TO REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE, IF ANY OF THE ASSISTANTS, OR ANY OTHER PERSONS, NEGLECT TO OBSERVE THEM PUNCTUALLY.

XXX. The CLERK and the DOOR-KEEPER.

1. The Clerk must not follow any business or employment whatever, but such as immediately relates to the *Magdalen Charity*.

2. He makes a weekly report to the Committee of whatever he is required to do.

3. He keeps accounts of the work done by the women, and of receipts and payments, which he enters in books kept for that purpose, under the direction of the Treasurer.

4. He assists the Matron in receiving and delivering the stores.

5. He goes on all those messages in which it is necessary to employ a servant of confidence and trust.

6. He is not to convey any letter or message into or out of the House without the knowledge of the Chaplain or Matron.

7. He attends at the Chapel on Sundays, and follows the directions of the gentlemen who preside at Divine Service.

8. He is diligent in observing the rules
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of the House, and in obeying the orders of the Committee, the Treasurer, and the Chaplain.

9. He finds security in the sum of 200l.

10. The office of Door-keeper must be always held by a woman.

11. She attends constantly in the Lodge as Door-keeper.

12. She has the care of the apartments on the ground floor on the North-side of the Hall.

13. She attends the petitioners on all days of admission.

14. She obeys the orders of the Committee, the Treasurer, and the Chaplain.

15. The Clerk and the Door-keeper must reside in the Lodge, and must not have any communication with the Wards of the Hospital, either in respect of their board, washing, or on any account whatever.

Note. The offices of Clerk and Door-keeper are at present held by a man and his wife, who have no child, and were between forty and fifty years of age at the time of their appointment.

XXXI. The GARDENER.

1. He must be a married man, not under 30, nor above 50 years of age, when he is hired.

2. He has the charge of the garden, and takes care that the House is properly supplied with vegetables.

3. He is not allowed to sell or dispose of any thing that is produced in the garden.

4. He is not to carry any message or letter, either to or from any person who resides in the Hospital, unless by the particular order of the Chaplain.

 XXXII. The OFFICERS and SERVANTS in general.

1. EVERY PERSON, WHO IS DISCOVERED TO HAVE RECEIVED ANY MONEY, PERQUISITE, FEE, REWARD, OR EMOLUMENT OF ANY KIND, MORE THAN THE SALARY OR WAGES ALLOWED BY THE GOVERNORS OF THIS CHARITY, OR THE COMMITTEE, SHALL BE IMMEDIATELY DISCHARGED.

Note. This Order is painted distinctly on a Board, and hung up in the Hall of the Hospital.

2. No

2. No person shall, for any reason, or on any account whatever, take any thing out of the house, which has been bought for the use thereof.

3. No person shall lie out of the house a single night without leave of the Treasurer, Chaplain, or two of the Committee, in writing. Leave of absence for more than one night cannot be granted, except by the Committee, unless on very urgent and extraordinary occasions.

CONCLUSION.

All By-Laws and Regulations of a date preceding the 30th of May 1791 (except the Regulations contained in the Act of Parliament for establishing the Hospital) are hereby declared to be repealed, pursuant to the powers contained in the said Act. The present By-laws and Regulations having been presented by the Committee to a Special General Court, summoned for that purpose, on the 31st of May, 1791, and having been fully considered, examined, and corrected at that Court, and at another General Court held
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on the 6th of June following, and the whole having been finally confirmed and ratified, pursuant to the Act of Parliament, by a Special General Court, on the 13th of June in the same year, nothing herein contained can be altered, either by the Governors or the Committee, unless by the determination of two General Courts, one of which must be expressly summoned for that purpose.

POSTSCRIPT.

After a trial of three years, the By-laws and Regulations, which had been made in the year 1791, were submitted to the consideration of the Annual General Court, on the 30th of April, 1794; when, experience having shewn, that they were well adapted to the use of the *Magdalen Charity*, they were, with a few alterations, ordered to be continued. These Resolutions were confirmed by a subsequent Special Court, held for that purpose on the 23d of May following.

APPENDIX.

FORM of the PETITION for ADMISSION.

To the Committee of the Magdalen Hospital.

The Humble Petition of _____ *aged*
years, of the Parish of
in the County of

SHEWETH,

THAT your Petitioner hath been guilty of such misconduct, as renders her a proper object of the protection of this Charity.

Your Petitioner is truly sensible of her offence, and humbly prays that she may be admitted into this House, solemnly promising to behave herself decently and orderly, and to conform to all the rules of the Institution.

And your Petitioner, as in duty bound, shall ever pray.

N. B. This Petition is given gratis to every woman, whether recommended or not, who applies for it, to the Clerk, at the Hospital, in St. George's-Fields.

Patroness,

HER MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY,
QUEEN CHARLOTTE.

President,

JACOB, EARL OF RADNOR.

Vice-Presidents,

HUGH, DUKE OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

CHARLES, EARL OF ROMNEY.

THOMAS, EARL OF WILTON.

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A. WINTERBOTTOM, Esq.

Chaplain and Secretary,

REV. J. PRINCE.

Evening Preachers,

REV. G. ANDREWES and REV. A. THOMPSON.

Physician,

DR. LATHAM.

Surgeons,

MR. SIMPSON and MR. SAUMAREZ.

Apothecary,

MR. WHEELER.

Surveyor,

MR. HARDWICK.

Patron,

MRS. SMITH.

Committee,

(As it stood Feb. 24th, 1802.)

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