

that the lights are extinguished and removed. The discipline shall be strictly parental in its character, and the order and decorum of a well regulated family shall be carefully observed. The Matron is to be particular in her attention to the clergy and strangers who visit the House, and she shall not be absent or sleep out of the House without permission from one of the Managers. Upon the representation of the Matron of the failure of duty in any of the persons hired, she shall be at liberty (with the consent of the Managers) to dismiss them from service. All cases of disobedience to the orders of the Matron by the inmates to be represented to the Managers.

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the Children.

VIII. The objects of the charity shall consist of three classes—1st, Orphans: 2nd, Children without a Father: 3rd, Children without a Mother. Preference shall be made of applicants in the above order. All applications for the admission of children shall be made in writing to the Managers (under cover to the Secretary), and must be approved by them; and the admission of the different classes shall be according to the priority of the applications. The election of the candidates for admission shall be determined by the Managers at their monthly meetings, and to such an extent as the funds of the Society will admit. Any of the Managers may nevertheless in their discretion admit children into the House in the interim, subject to such approval. Children admitted into the House shall remain under the care of the Matron for at least one year previous to their being apprenticed, unless circumstances may require this rule to be deviated from.

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IX. Children are to be retained in the House until they are twelve years of age, unless a particularly good situation should offer for a child of an earlier age, when the case may be discretionary with the Managers. The friends of the children are allowed the privilege of procuring situations for them if they can do so on as favorable terms as the Managers. Subscribers to the Society shall always have the preference in the choice of Apprentices. Children on attaining the age of twelve years may be apprenticed to such worthy Protestant families as give satisfactory evidence to the Managers by the certificates of clergymen, that they are proper persons to have the charge of orphan children.