

the charter and has power to revoke it, if its purpose is not fulfilled. Mr. Rockefeller was agreeable to have this large fund under the supervision of Congress, which represents all the people of the United States, by seeking a Federal charter in the first instance. The strongest guarantee that the objects of the charter are duly complied with is afforded by the right of supervision by the people through their representatives in the Legislature. This makes of the fund a public trust, not a private possession.

The association of members of the Rockefeller staff on the Board.

This is explained as a part of a natural sequence in the method of giving adopted by Mr. Rockefeller, Sr. There are several Trustees in no way associated with the Office; others, as, for example, Mr. Gates and Mr. Murphy, have been advisors in charitable matters for many years. Others have been persons whose proven worth and judgment in special work for which they were independently selected have entitled them to an increasing measure of confidence, for example, Dr. Rose. It is to be noted that, so far as Mr. Rockefeller, Sr. and Mr. Rockefeller, Jr. are concerned, the men who compose the Board are not relatives, or even connections, and that, in so far as association with the office of 26 Broadway is concerned, this has not been more than was necessary to provide the continuity necessary in linking up the Foundation's work with previous charitable efforts. It has not been the men associated with the business of the Standard Oil Company in the offices at 26 Broadway that have been placed on the Board of Trustees. It is the men who have advised respecting philanthropic and educational work and whose relations for the most part