

generally shall enjoy all the rights and privileges enjoyed by other bodies politic and corporate recognized by the Legislature, and shall have full power to make and establish such and so many By-laws, orders and regulations (not being contrary to the laws of this Province or to this Act) as they shall deem useful or necessary for the conduct and government of the said Institution : Provided always that no Act done by such Directresses and Managers shall be valid and effectual, unless five of such Directresses or Managers, at the least, shall be present, and the major part of these consenting thereto.

**Annual meetings.** 3. The said Directresses and Managers shall keep or cause to be kept, in a book to be opened for that purpose, a list of all subscribers to the said Institution, and a meeting of the said subscribers shall be held annually on the first Friday in the month of January in each year, except when the said Friday shall be the first day of the year, in which event the said annual meeting shall be held on the Friday next ensuing, (the first of such meetings to be held on Friday, the eighth day of January next) at such hour and place as the Directresses and Managers, for the time being, shall by notice thereof given at least one week beforehand in some newspaper published in the City of Toronto, appoint; and at each such meeting, a report in writing of the affairs and management of the said Institution, and of all moneys received and expended, and of all property movable and immovable then held by the Institution, and also of the number of girls and children received into the institution, and of the number sent out for adoption or to service, shall be exhibited under their proper heads by the Directresses and Managers for the year then past; and at such meeting the persons then present who shall be respectively subscribers of a sum of not less in amount than two dollars annually, or donors at any one time of money to an amount not less than twenty dollars, or of lands to an amount not less in value than one hundred dollars, shall elect from the subscribers or donors of like amounts not fewer than twenty-four fit and proper persons as Managers of the said Institution, and also a first, second and third Directress; And the said Directresses and Managers shall be the governing body of the Institution, and all vacancies which may occur in the interval between the annual meeting, in the number of Directresses and Managers from death, resignation or otherwise, may be filled up at a special meeting of the subscribers called for the purpose by a notice given in a similar manner to that required to be given for the annual meeting: Provided always, that if from any cause such annual or special meeting shall not take place at the time appointed by the notice, such meeting may be called as aforesaid at any subsequent time.

**Powers, &c., of Directresses.** 4. The said Directresses and Managers may send out to service, and bind or apprentice thereto, or to any healthy trade or business, all girls, and may send out to be nursed, supported, educated or adopted, all children having the protection of the said institution, to, by, or with such person or persons, and upon such terms as to the said Directresses and Managers may seem fit and proper, and for such purposes and on behalf of and for such girl or child, and themselves may enter into and make with any persons or person with whom such girl or child may be placed articles of apprenticeship or agreement; and such articles or agreement may be enforced as well by action at law or in equity, as by summary application to a Justice of the Peace (who is hereby empowered to act thereon) under the provisions of chapter seventy-six of the Consolidated Statutes for Upper Canada intituled, "An Act respecting apprentices and minors." And all persons desirous of obtaining any girl or child for the purposes of service or apprenticeship or adoption, shall deposit in the hands of the Treasurer of the said Institution for the benefit