

Articles of Association adopted by the Society for
the free Instruction of Female Children, established
in the year 1796.

Impressed with the belief that the advantages of a
guarded education are highly important to the future use-
fulness and respectability of the rising youth, and being
desirous of imparting those blessings to the children of the
poor in the City and Liberties of Philadelphia, a number
of Females have associated themselves for the purpose of
promoting so desirable a work, under the title of, The
Society for the free Instruction of Female Children, and
have adopted the following regulations.

Article 1st. The number of the Society shall not
exceed twenty who shall meet monthly for the trans-
action of business at such time and place as may be
agreed on, when Committees are to be appointed for the
Superintendance of the School and to report the order
thereof to each meeting of the Society.

Art. 2nd. The Officers of the Society shall
be a Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be appointed at
the first meeting in every year.

Article 3rd. The duty of the Clerk shall be to keep regular Records of the proceedings of the Society, and with the concurrence of two of the Members she may at any time call a special Meeting.

Art. 4th. The Treasurer shall take charge of the Income of the Society, and hold it subject to the direction thereof. She shall punctually discharge all debts incurred and at the close of each year produce a statement of her accounts of which a record shall be kept.

Art. 5th. The expenses of the school shall be defrayed by the voluntary contributions of the Members, together with such aid as the benevolent may be induced to furnish.

Art. 6th. The school shall be denominated "Aimwell School". The Objects of instruction to be poor Female Children not Members of the Religious Society of Friends

Art. 7th. Application for admission into Membership must be made to a Committee ^{appointed} for the purpose, and if by them approved, the names be reported to the

Society for its acceptance or rejection; or when vacancies occur if the Society deem it expedient to have them filled, the Committee may be directed to bring forward names for consideration.

Art. 8th. The primary object of this Institution being to inculcate principles of Piety and Virtue, it is earnestly recommended that every thing of a contrary tendency be studiously avoided, and that in the selection of Books for the Scholars those may be chosen in which amusement and instruction are blended, but that such as give calculated to vitiate the taste for useful reading and give false ideas of life be entirely prohibited, the Holy Scriptures particularly to be held in high estimation, and such parts selected as are best adapted to the capacities of Children.