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To the Trustees of the Rockefeller Foundation:

Gentlemen:—

I have the honor to transmit to you herewith a report on the activities of the Rockefeller Foundation and on its financial operations from May 14, 1913, the date on which its charter was received from the Legislature of the State of New York, to December 31, 1914, a period of eighteen months and a half.

The following persons named in the act of incorporation became, by the formal acceptance of the Charter, May 22, 1913, the first Board of Trustees:

John D. Rockefeller, of New York.
 John D. Rockefeller, Jr., of New York.
 Frederick T. Gates, of Montclair, N. J.
 Harry Pratt Judson, of Chicago, Ill.
 Simon Flexner, of New York.
 Starr J. Murphy, of Montclair, N. J.
 Jerome D. Greene, of New York.
 Wickliffe Rose, of Washington, D. C.
 Charles O. Heydt, of Montclair, N. J.

To the foregoing number have been added by election the following Trustees:

Charles W. Eliot, of Cambridge, Mass.¹
 A. Barton Hepburn, of New York.²

Appended hereto are the detailed reports of the Secretary and the Treasurer of the Rockefeller Foundation and of the Director General of the International Health Commission.

JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, JR.,
President.

¹ Elected January 21, 1914.

² Elected March 18, 1914.

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To the President of the Rockefeller Foundation:

Sir:—

I have the honor to submit herewith my report as Secretary of the Rockefeller Foundation for the period May 14, 1913, to December 31, 1914.

Respectfully yours,

JEROME D. GREENE,
Secretary.

CHARTER AND ORGANIZATION

The Rockefeller Foundation was chartered under the laws of the State of New York on May 14, 1913, the date on which the Act of Incorporation, passed by the Legislature without opposition April 24, 1913, was approved by the Governor.¹ The text of the Charter follows:—

AN ACT

To incorporate The Rockefeller Foundation.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. John D. Rockefeller, John D. Rockefeller, Junior, Frederick T. Gates, Harry Pratt Judson, Simon Flexner, Starr J. Murphy, Jerome D. Greene, Wickliffe Rose, and Charles O. Heydt, together with such persons as they may associate with themselves, and their successors, are hereby constituted a body corporate by the name of The Rockefeller Foundation, for the purpose of receiving and maintaining a fund or funds and applying the income and principal thereof to promote the well-being of mankind throughout the world. It shall be within the purposes of said corporation to use as means to that end research, publication, the establishment and maintenance of charitable, benevolent, religious, missionary and public educational activities, agencies and institutions, and the aid of any such activities, agencies and institutions already established and any other means and agencies which from time to time shall seem expedient to its members or trustees.

¹ Chap. 488, Laws of 1913. For an account of the efforts to secure incorporation by Act of Congress, see Appendix V, page 187.

2. The corporation hereby formed shall have power to take and hold by bequest, devise, gift, purchase or lease, either absolutely or in trust for any of its purposes, any property, real or personal, without limitation as to amount or value, except such limitation, if any, as the legislature shall hereafter specifically impose; to convey such property and to invest and reinvest any principal, and deal with and expend the income and principal of the corporation in such manner as in the judgment of the trustees will best promote its objects. It shall have all the power and be subject to all the restrictions which now pertain by law to membership corporations created by special law so far as the same are applicable thereto and are not inconsistent with the provisions of this act. The persons named in the first section of this act, or a majority of them, shall hold a meeting and organize the corporation and adopt a constitution and by-laws not inconsistent with the constitution and laws of this state. The constitution shall prescribe the manner of selection of members, the number of members who shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at meetings of the corporation, the number of trustees by whom the business and affairs of the corporation shall be managed, the qualifications, powers, and the manner of selection of the trustees and officers of the corporation, the manner of amending the constitution and by-laws of the corporation, and any other provisions for the management and disposition of the property and regulation of the affairs of the corporation which may be deemed expedient.

3. No officer, member or employee of this corporation shall receive or be lawfully entitled to receive any pecuniary profit from the operations thereof except reasonable compensation for services in effecting one or more of its purposes, or as a proper beneficiary of its strictly charitable purposes.

4. This act shall take effect immediately.

The Charter was duly accepted by the Trustees at their first meeting, held in Room 1409, 26 Broadway, New York City, on May 22, 1913. All the incorporators were present, except Mr. John D. Rockefeller, who sent a letter expressing his confidence in the Trustees and his personal regard for them.

At the same meeting a Constitution¹ and By-Laws² were adopted, and the following officers were elected: President, John Davison Rockefeller, Jr.; Secretary, Jerome Davis Greene; Treasurer, Louis Guerineau Myers.

FUNDS RECEIVED

At the same meeting the Foundation came into the possession of the first funds to be entrusted to it, in the form of securities amounting in par value to Three million two hundred thousand dollars (\$3,200,000), previously given by Mr. Rockefeller in trust to John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Starr J. Murphy, Edward L. Ballard and Jerome D. Greene, Trustees, for purposes identical with those of the Foundation, on the understanding that if the Foundation should become incorporated, the funds should be turned over to it. By subsequent gifts of securities, as of the dates indicated below, Mr. Rockefeller increased the funds of the Foundation to the sum of One hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000). Mrs. John D. Rockefeller also gave to

¹ Appendix II, page 165.

² Appendix III, page 171.