

At a meeting of the Trustees of the AMERICAN SCHOOLS OF ORIENTAL RESEARCH held at the Columbia Club, New York City, on Friday, June 17th, 1921, at 2:20 P. M., Professor George A. Barton read the following letter from Mr. John B. Pine, Esq., Counsellor for the Schools:

Dr. George A. Barton
Roberts Road,
Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania.

Dear Dr. Barton:

The Certificate of incorporation of the Schools was filed on June 14th in the office of the Recorder of Deeds of the District of Columbia and formally accepted by him, and I enclose a copy of the same herewith to be attached to your minutes.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) John B. Pine

The said Certificate of Incorporation is as follows:-

AMERICAN SCHOOLS OF ORIENTAL RESEARCH

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, Benjamin W. Bacon, George A. Barton, Albert T. Clay, James A. Montgomery, Edward T. Newell, James B. Nies, John B. Pine, Wilfred H. Schoff, Charles C. Torrey, James C. Egbert, A.V. Williams Jackson, Morris Jastrow, Jr., and Cyrus Adler,

all being of full age and citizens of the United States of America, being desirous of associating ourselves for the purpose of establishing an institution of learning under and pursuant to the provisions of Chapter Eighteen, Sub-Chapter One of the Code of Law of the District of Columbia, in the United States of America, do hereby certify as follows:-

FIRST. The name by which the said institution shall be known in law is "American Schools of Oriental Research".

SECOND. The number of trustees of said institution shall be fifteen, and the names of the trustees to serve until its first annual meeting or until their successors shall be elected, are:

Cyrus Adler
Benjamin W. Bacon

James A. Montgomery
Warren J. Moulton

George A. Barton
Howard Crosby Butler
Albert T. Clay
James C. Egbert
A. V. Williams Jackson
Morris Jastrow, Jr.

Edward T. Newell
James B. Nies
James Hardy Ropes
Wilfred H. Schoff
Charles C. Torrey

THIRD. The purpose of said institution and the particular branches of literature and science proposed to be taught therein are as follows: To promote the study and teaching and to extend the knowledge of Biblical literature and of the geography, history, archaeology, and ancient and modern languages and literatures of Palestine, Mesopotamia, and other oriental countries, by affording educational opportunities to graduates of American Colleges and Universities and to other qualified students, and by the prosecution of original research, excavations, and exploration.

FOURTH. The persons signing and acknowledging this certificate, and their successors and associates, shall be a body politic and corporate by the name and style aforesaid and by that name and style shall have perpetual succession with power to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded; to have and use a common seal and to alter and change the same at pleasure; and to make and alter from time to time such By-Laws not inconsistent with the Constitution of the United States of America or the laws in force in the District of Columbia, as they may deem necessary and proper, prescribing the qualifications of its members, officers, and trustees and providing for the government of the institution.

FIFTH. Such corporation shall be competent in law and equity to take and hold in its corporate name, real, personal, or mixed property by gift, grant, conveyance, devise, or bequest of any person or corporation whomsoever and wheresoever said property may be situated within the District of Columbia or in any state, territory, or dependency of the United States or America, or in any foreign country, and to grant, bargain, sell, convey, or otherwise dispose of the same for the use of the institution in such manner as shall seem most beneficial therefor.

SIXTH. The corporation shall hold the property of the institution

solely for purposes of education, and not for the individual benefit of the incorporators or their successors, or of the Trustees thereof, or of any contributor to the endowment thereof, and the Trustees shall faithfully apply all the funds collected for said institution, or the proceeds of property belonging to or hereafter acquired by said institution according to their best judgment exclusively for the purposes of said institution.

SEVENTH. The principal office of the institution shall be in the District of Columbia, but it may transact business and carry on its operations in any state of the United States of America, or in any of the territories or dependencies of the United States of America, or in any foreign country.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the subscribers, have made, signed, and acknowledged this certificate this fourteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one.

Benjamin W. Bacon
 George A. Barton
 Albert T. Clay
 James A. Montgomery
 Edward T. Newell
 James B. Nies
 John B. Pine

Wilfred H. Schoff
 Charles C. Torrey
 James C. Egbert
 A. V. Williams Jackson
 Cyrus Adler
 Morris Jastrow, Jr.

State of New York :
 : S. S.
 City & County of New York :

On this 14th day of May, 1921, before me personally came Benjamin W. Bacon, George A. Barton, Albert T. Clay, James A. Montgomery, Edward T. Newell, James B. Nies, John B. Pine, Wilfred H. Schoff, and Charles C. Torrey, to me known to be nine of the individuals described in and who executed the foregoing and annexed certificate dated May 14, 1921, and severally acknowledged that they executed the same.

MARY WALLACE
 Notary Public, Westchester County,
 County Clerk Certificate filed
 New York County No. 344, Kings County No. 93
 Registers-New York 2252, Kings 2117, Westchester
 Commission expires March 30, 1922

(SEAL)

State of New York)
County of New York) SS.: No.....59414.....SERIES B

I, WILLIAM F. SCHNEIDER, Clerk of the County of New York, and also Clerk of the Supreme Court in and for said County, DO HEREBY CERTIFY, That said Court is a Court of Record, having by law a seal; thatMARY WALLACE..... whose name is subscribed to the annexed instrument was at the time of taking the same a NOTARY PUBLIC acting in and for said county, duly commissioned and sworn, and qualified to act as such; that she has filed in the Clerk's Office of the County of New York a certified copy of her appointment and qualification as Notary Public for the County ofWESTCHESTER..... with his autographic signature; that as such Notary Public, she was duly authorized by the laws of the State of New York to protest notes; to take and certify depositions; to administer oaths and affirmations; to take affidavits and certify the acknowledgment and proof of deeds and other written instruments for lands, tenements and hereditaments, to be read in evidence or recorded in this state; and further, that I am well acquainted with the handwriting of such Notary Public and verily believe that her signature to such proof or acknowledgment is genuine.

(SEAL)

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at the City of New York, in the County of New York, this 1 day of June 1921

W. F. SCHNEIDER
.....Clerk.....

State of New York, :
: SS.
City & County of New York :

On this 20th day of May, 1921, before me personally came

James C. Egbert and A. V. Williams Jackson, to me known to be two of the individuals described in and who executed the foregoing and annexed certificate dated May 14, 1921, and severally acknowledged that they executed the same.

CHARLES S. DANIELSON
Notary Public Westchester County
(New York County No. 91
Certificate (New York Register No. 3090
Term expires March 30, 1923

(SEAL)

State of New York,)
County of New York,) ss. : No.....59415.....SERIES B

I, WILLIAM F. SCHNEIDER, Clerk of the County of New York, and also Clerk of the Supreme Court in and for said county, DO HEREBY CERTIFY, That said Court is a Court of Record, having by law a seal; thatCHARLES S. DANIELSON..... whose name is subscribed to the annexed certificate or proof of acknowledgment of the annexed instrument was at the time of taking the same a NOTARY PUBLIC acting in and for said county, duly commissioned and sworn, and qualified to act as such; that he has filed in the Clerk's Office of the County of New York a certified copy of his appointment and qualification as Notary Public for the County ofWESTCHESTER..... with his autograph signature; that as such Notary Public, he was duly authorized by the laws of the State of New York to protest notes; to take and certify depositions; to administer oaths and affirmations; to take affidavits and certify the acknowledgment and proof of deeds and other written instruments for lands, tenements and hereditaments, to be read in evidence or recorded in this state; and further, that I am well acquainted with the handwriting of

(SEAL)

Certificate of Incorporation of the "American Schools of Oriental Research" and of the whole of said Certificate of Incorporation, as filed in this office the 14th day of June, A.D. 1921.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of this Office this 14th day of June, A. D. 1921.

R. DeWitt
Deputy Recorder of Deeds, D. C.

(SEAL)

Professor Barton then called the roll of Trustees named in the charter and it appeared that the following were present, viz: Messers. Bacon, Barton, Clay, Egbert, Jackson, Jastrow, Montgomery, Newell, Nies, and Schoff. Professor Egbert, seconded by Professor Jackson, moved that Professor Barton be directed to cast a unanimous ballot for Professor Montgomery as President. The motion was put by Professor Barton and unanimously carried, and Professor James A. Montgomery was declared the duly elected President of the corporation.

Professor Clay, seconded by Professor Jastrow, moved that Professor Barton be elected Secretary and Treasurer. The motion was carried, Professor Clay cast the ballot for him and Professor George A. Barton was declared the duly elected Secretary and Treasurer of the Corporation.

The Chair then nominated Professor J. C. Egbert as the First Vice President of the Corporation, the nomination was seconded by the Secretary. The vote was put and the Secretary was directed to cast a unanimous ballot for Professor Egbert. The Secretary reported the ballot cast and Professor James C. Egbert was declared the duly elected First Vice President of the corporation.

On motion of Professor Jastrow, seconded by Dr. Nies, Mr. Schoff was nominated as Associate Secretary. The motion was carried, the Secretary, being thus directed, reported that he had cast a unanimous ballot for Mr. Wilfred H. Schoff, who was the duly elected Associate Secretary of the corporation.

It was moved and duly voted that the President, Secretary & Treasurer, Associate Secretary, with the addition of Professor Clay and Dr. Nies should constitute