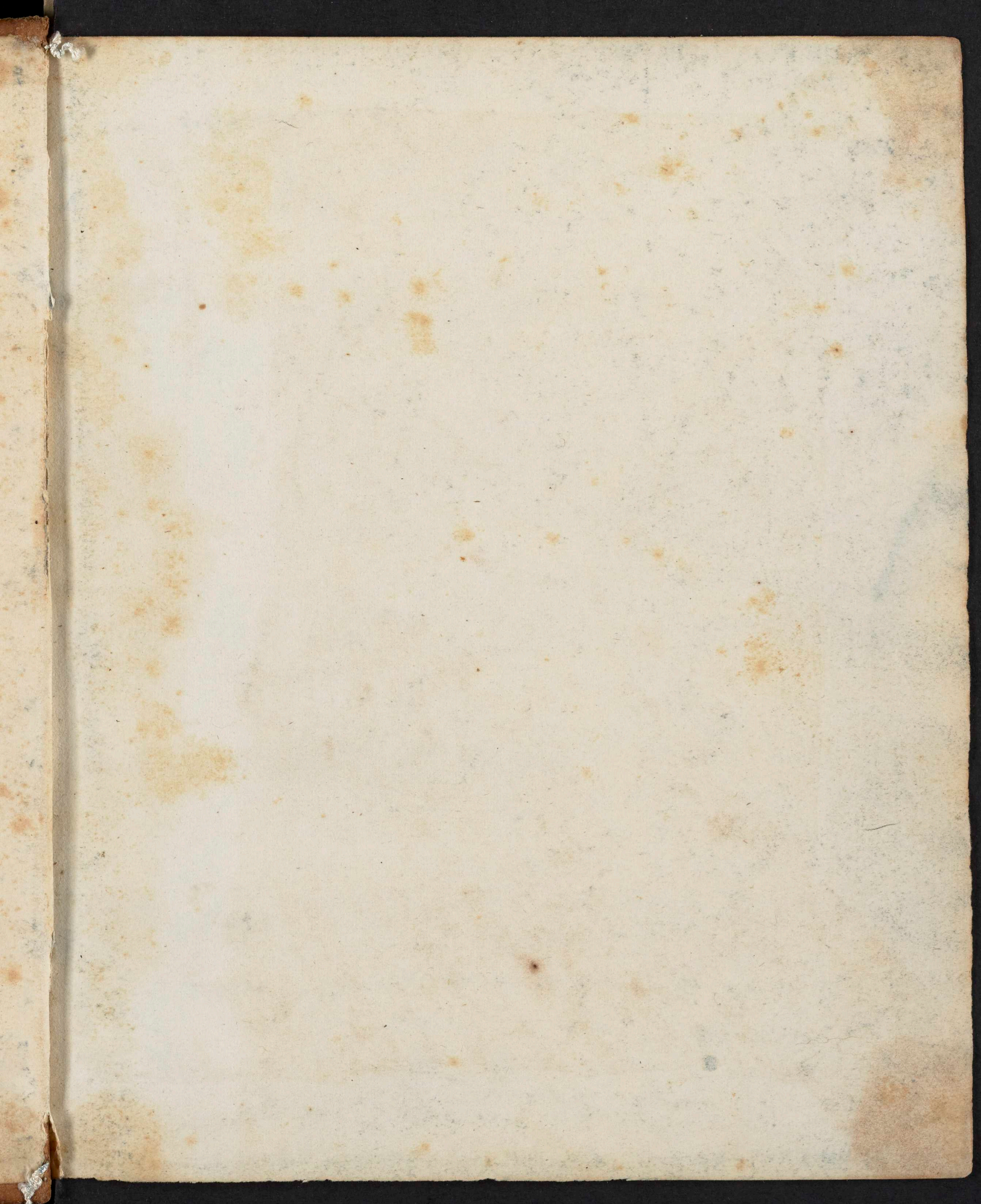
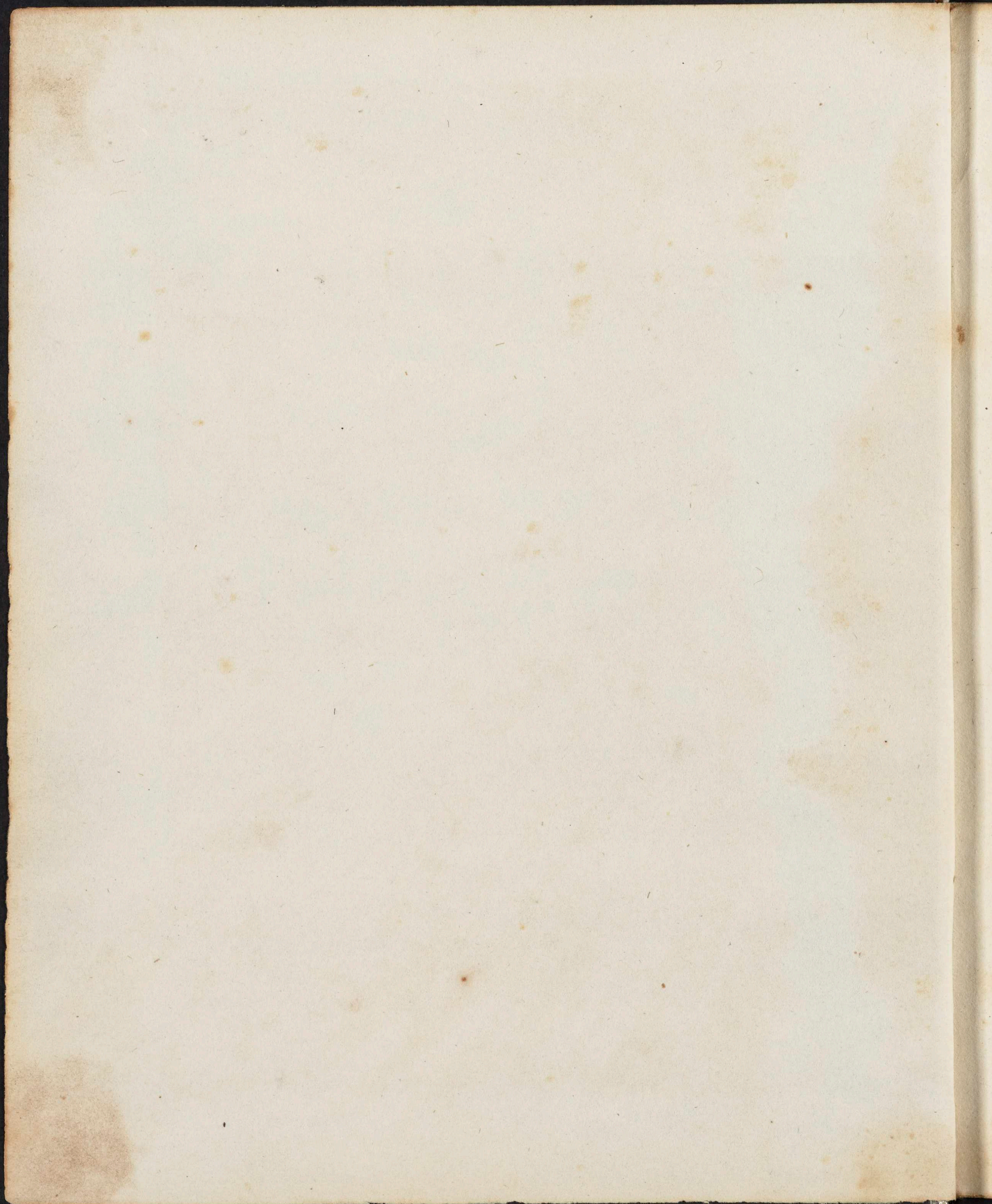


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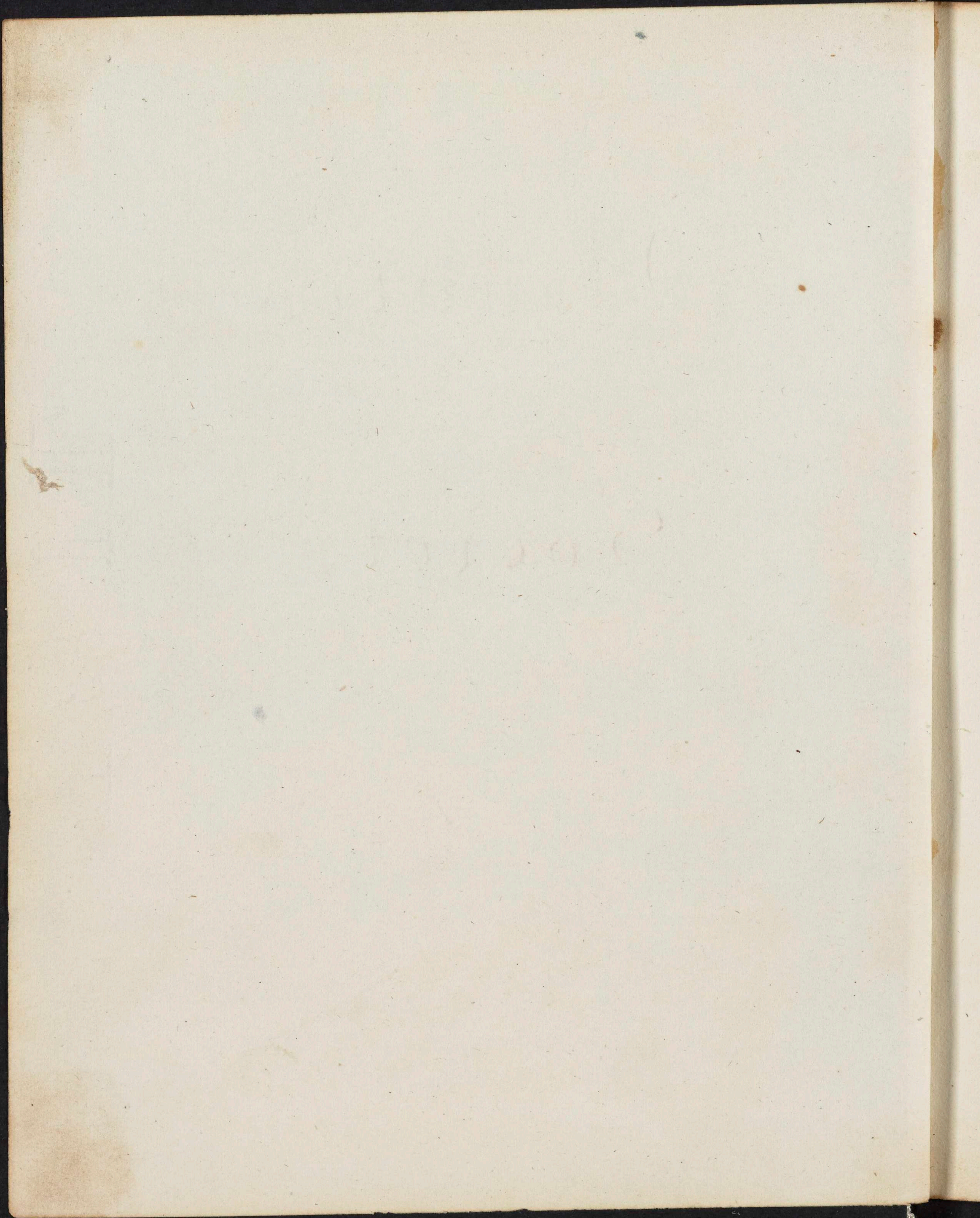
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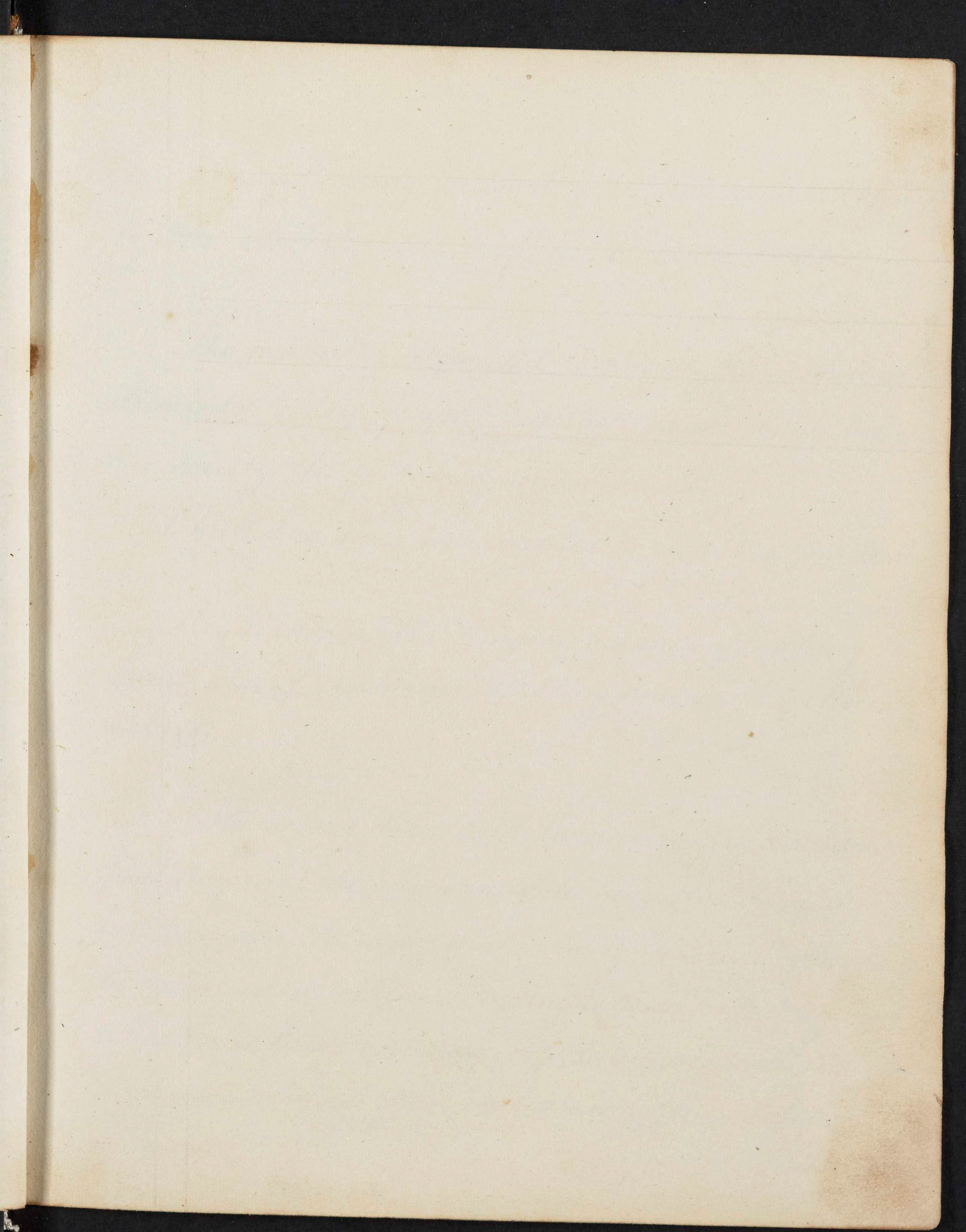
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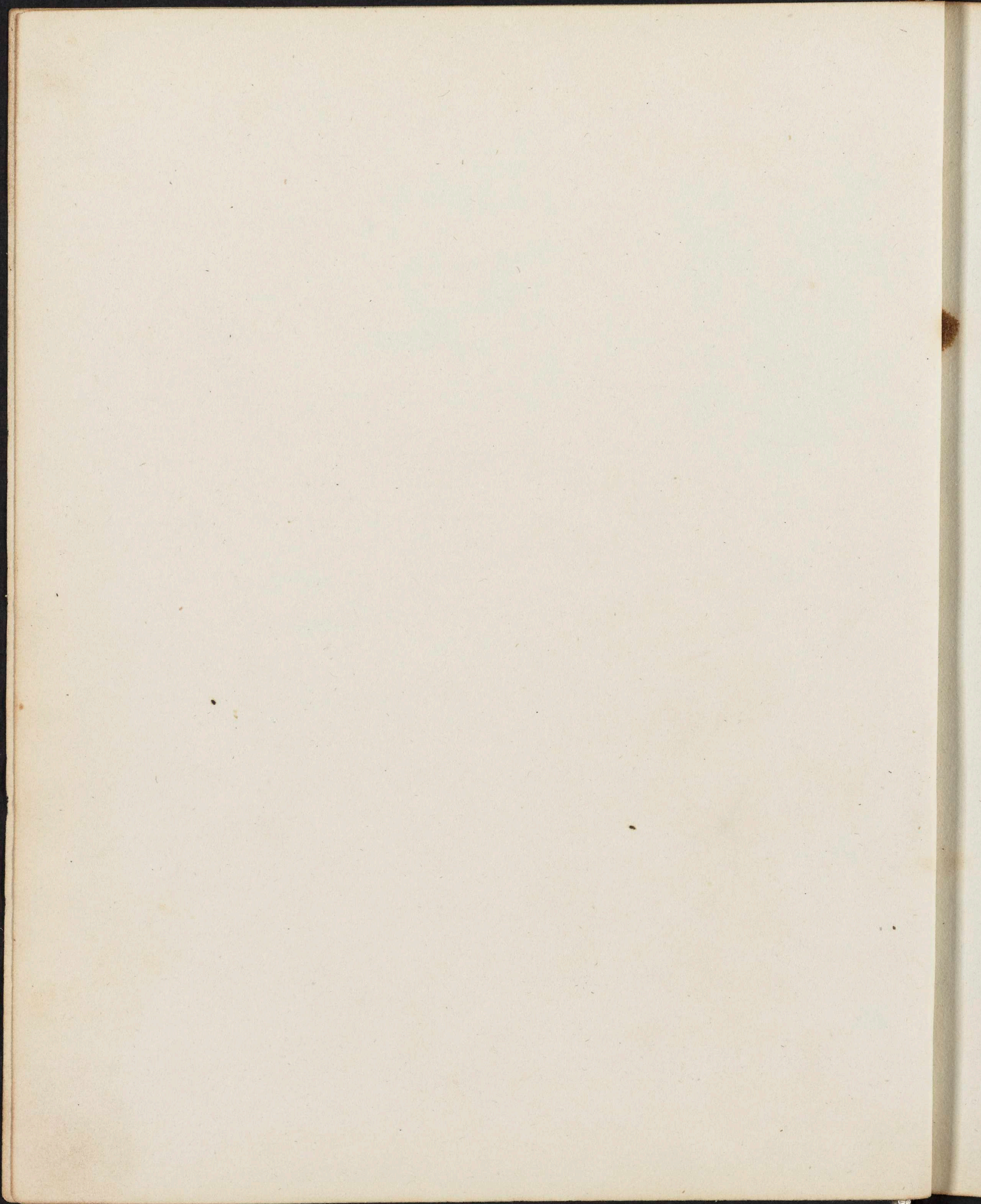
Society

For the free instruction of female children

Commenced 7th Month 1809.







The following method of tuition was adopted by the Society the 6 of the 8 Month 1808.

The committee appointed to consider the method of tuition adopted by Joseph Lancaster, agree to lay before the society the following arrangement;

Which has since been directed to be put in practice.

Regulation of the Classes, manner of teaching in sand, also of cyphering, spelling, and saying their tables.

The school to be held twice every day (excepting first day and the afternoon of the seventh). To be divided into two sets - Writing and Sewing scholars, who are to be arranged in classes according to their proficiency, and a Monitor to be set over each class, to superintend their conduct, and to assist them in learning their lessons.

The

The first class are to be those who are learning their letters: they are to have a copy placed before them as A or a, and the sand being smoothed by the monitor, they are to copy the letter. When that is handsomely made, another is to be placed before them, and so on until the whole alphabet is learned. Both capital and small letters are now to be printed from memory, which, after they can do readily, they are to pass into the second class. This class is to be further exercised in learning the alphabet, by occasionally calling them up, and pointing to the letters which are suspended before them; those who can inform what are the letters pointed to, are to take the place of those who cannot; and to retain the place in the class they have thus acquired. That the sand classes may not become tired with the sameness of their business, and also with a view of exercising their memory, short sentences, or a few lines, of verse, may be given out to them, by the teacher or monitor, a line at a time, each in the class repeating it.

The second class are to be taught to spell by printing in the sand: The monitor is to spell the word, as, a b, and &c. when all have finished, it is to be inspected by the monitor, who is to point out the faults, then to smooth the sand, and give out another, and so on, until they are able to spell and read any word of one syllable.

When they have printed a suitable number of words, they are to rise in a class, and the monitor is to give out the same words, they are then to spell them, taking place of each other as in the first class. When they have gone thro' the words of one syllable, they are to be taught to write letters in the sand, in the same manner they were first taught printing: And when they are able to make all the small letters and figures tolerably well, and are also taught the numerical letters, they are to pass into the third class.

The third class are to be furnished with slates and pencils, and to make fair straight strokes, next a turn at bottom, then at the top, and so on, until they are capable of

of forming their letters with neatness. Care is to be taken that their pencils are properly held, and twice in the week, they are to write in their copy books. Before they are capable of writing their spelling, they are to be furnished with books, the monitor to hear each one spell in book, as they sit at their seats. After a sufficient time is allowed to commit their lesson to memory, they are to rise in a class and spell, taking precedence of each other in the usual method. When they have become capable of writing their spelling, it is to be taught them by the monitor, who is to give out the word, each one is to write it on her slate; the monitor is then to examine each slate, and see that the spelling is correct: then give out another as before. They are afterwards to rise in a class, the monitor is to give out the words to them, which they have just written, and they are to take precedence of each other, in the usual method. They are to learn their tables in the same manner they get spelling, which they are to

to begin on entering the third class. When they have learned their tables, they are to be taught arithmetic.

They may begin to practice by being assembled round a board, on which their sum is written. The scholars stand in their respective order, the one at the head adds the first column aloud, and directs what to set down, and how much to carry, (which is performed by the monitor who stands by with a piece of chalk) if right, the next adds the second column, but if any error, she corrects it if capable, and takes place of the one who committed it. The method of cyphering on their slates is as follows, The monitor having a book in her hand, gives out a number, as 325, and inspects the slates to see that it is rightly set down; then another number, as 437, and again inspects the slates, till they have the whole sum correctly. The scholar at the head, then adds up the first column aloud, and says what to set down, and what to carry, (which is done by the whole class). The next adds the second column in like manner, and so on, till the sum is done. The monitor is enabled from her book, which

contains

contains the whole process, to discover immediately an error, and when any occurs, the next who can correct it takes her place: the same method will answer for all the simple rules of arithmetic.

Method of Reading.

Each scholar is to read twice a day. Care must be taken that their manner of standing be easy and becoming, and that their books be held in a proper manner. They are taught to read monosyllables by printing in the sand, and the first lessons of reading in a book, should be the words they have thus learned. This attained, they may be exercised in reading simple easy sentences, pronouncing every syllable distinctly; and never allow'd by any means to depart from this rule, till they become ready at reading syllables. The monitor is to call out the class, serve them with books, and point out the lesson. The teacher then reads a paragraph or portion, which the monitor reads over aloud, taking particular care to imitate the example set by the teacher, in correctness of

of pronunciation, emphasis, cadence, &c. the class then proceed in like manner with the same lesson. When they have finished, the teacher again reads, and the monitor, with the rest of the class, now read each a different lesson: but should an error be committed by any one, the next reads the same, and if the second does not read it properly, the third tries, and so on, till the lesson is correctly read.

Duty of the teachers.

The whole is to be under the care of the teachers; whose attentive eye must oversee every department in the school, and know that all is managed in good order, strict attention, and rigid discipline. They are to encourage the diffident, to repress the forward and presumptuous, and to bestow just and ample commendation upon the diligent, attentive, and orderly, however dull their capacity, or slow their progress. And in an especial manner, to endeavour to imbue the minds of the children with religious instruction, which will be of far greater
greater

importance to them in more advanced life, than any other part of their education. And as this was the primary object of the Institution, we earnestly desire it may continue to claim the first attention of those employed in the school.

The reading teacher is to inspect the classes separately, and be employed where there is most occasion for her services. She is to have the cyphering books dated weekly, that the visiting committee may judge of their industry and improvement, and communicate advice or approbation where necessary. She is also to keep a book, in which each scholar shall write a line on the same page four times a year; to be laid before the society at their Quarterly Examinations: And co-operate with them, in all their measures for promoting the welfare and benefit of the Establishment.

The teacher who attends to the sewing, is likewise to preserve a becoming department, and the same

degree of order among the scholars under her particular care. She is to have their work always prepared to hand to them, on entering the school, and is occasionally to pass round among the scholars, to see that each one is doing her work neatly. If any come an hour after school opens, they are to be sent home. And at the close of the school, the Roll is to be looked over.

Duty of the Monitors.

The monitors are to be responsible for the Cleanliness, as well as Good Behaviour, of every girl in their class. The reading of the classes, when on the sewing side, is to be confided to their several monitors, who are to serve the books, and hear their classes, in the manner before directed; endeavouring to observe the instructions given them, when under the care of the reading teacher. The sewing monitor is to be furnished with a thread-case &c; to serve out all the work; to supply them with thread; carry their work, when necessary, to the teacher, and be the bearer of her directions.

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There are some offices in a large school, which have no connexion with teaching, which may require the appointment of monitors.— As that of enquiring after Absentees, preserving order during their dismissal. &c

Business of the attending
and visiting committee.

The instruction of the scholars being now entirely confided to the teachers employed in the school, the society will be released from that care. But that each member may take an equal share in the charge of the school, it is proposed that three members have the superintendance of it during two weeks. They are to attend separately, or together, at least three times in a week:— they are to see that the rules are strictly observed, and report to the society the order and number of the school.

The classes are to be arranged, and promoted according to their improvement, by the visiting committee as heretofore, who are every month to inspect

into the progress of the scholars, in the several Branches of learning. They are authorised, in cases where they judge it expedient, to permit a few of the scholars to write both morning and afternoon, and omit sewing.

Arrangement of Business.

The business of the writing side, to be arranged as follows. On entering school, first to write a copy on their slates, afterward to spell on slates, then from memory, as before directed. Those in Arithmetic are then to cypher, and lastly to read. The reading on the sewing side of the school, to be attended to, before it commences on the writing side. On second day, their pieces are to be repeated on the sewing side; one rising at a time, and repeating her piece in an audible manner. Third and sixth days, they are to write a copy in their books, and on fourth day exercises on slates. Fifth day morning, to read separately before going to meeting.

In some particular cases, it may be proper to

to admit of half-day scholars; when application is made for such, the committee of admission is to lay it before the society, to be considered and resolved by them at their stated meetings.

It is also directed, that on fourth and sixth day afternoons, during the silence of the school, a portion of the Sacred Writings be read aloud, by one of the teachers, selected from those parts, best suited to the capacities of the children, and most likely to make an impression on their minds.

Minutes

of the Society for the free instruction
of Female Children.

At a meeting of the Society for the free instruction of female children, held 7th Mo. 8th 1809.

The number of scholars for the last month, appears to have been from 18 to 46.

Two of the children having been absent from school longer than the time allow'd of by the society, it is concluded to discharge them, and admit others in their place.

Some of our members having heard of a person desirous of engaging in a school, Catharine

Morris

Morris and Elizabeth Cresson are desired to confer with her, and inform the society of their conclusion respecting her.

At a meeting of the society for the free instruction of female children held 8th Mo. 5 1809.

The number of scholars during the last month was from 22 to 48.

We are informed by Catharine Morris and Elizabeth Cresson, they have made some enquiry respecting the person wishing to engage in a school, but have understood she is not at present qualified, in the branches we require her to teach.

Being the usual time of the vacation, the scholars were this morning informed the school would be discontinued for the ensuing four weeks; at the end of which time it is intended to be again opened.

Having had information of another person desirous of opening a school, Catharine Morris, Hannah Elliott and Sarah Parrish, are desired to confer with her, and if necessary, to call the Society together.

At a Special meeting of the Society for the free instruction of female children held [#] 8 [#] No. 24 1809.

The members who were appointed to make enquiry respecting the person proposed as a teacher at our last meeting, inform, they have not had a personal interview with her, but from the information received, they believe her qualifications are not at present sufficient to engage the attention of the Society: and the members have concluded from the report of the committee, that a conference with her is not necessary.

At a Meeting of the Society for the
free instruction of female children held
9th Mo. 2nd 1809.

The Society having been for some years, accom-
modated with a room in fourth street near chestnut,
granted by the School Corporation, who wishing
to make some considerable alterations in the
building, we removed, in the 2nd month last, to
one of the chambers of our meeting house, at the
south west corner of market and 2nd street; which
from its very noisy situation, had become incon-
venient to hold our meetings, and the ground being
disposed of, render'd it necessary for us again to
remove the 27th of the 4th month, to the house occu-
pied in the winter season, by the Female

Society for the relief of the distressed, which measure proving some inconvenience to the person employ'd by them as house-keeper, we have, as a small compensation presented her with five dollars. And on the 8th of the 8th month we return'd to an apartment in the south end of the house we had at first occupied.

The usual time for opening the school being on 2nd. day next, Hannah Elliott and Rebecca Wistar are desired to attend.

At a Meeting of the Society for the free instruction of female children held 10th Mo. 7th 1809

We are inform'd the school was opened agreeably to appointment, and the number of scholars during the month, was from 19 to 51.

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The business of the writing side of the school at present devolving upon the Society, and but five of the members being present, who have all attended during the last month, it is concluded to appoint a special meeting of the Society, to meet on the 12th instant, at 4 O'clock in the afternoon.

At a Special Meeting of the Society
for the free instruction of female children, held
10th Month 12th 1809.

A proposal having been made to the Society for engaging Lydia Williams as a writing teacher, Catharine Morris and Hannah Lewis are appointed to confer with her, and if they believe her suitable, are at liberty to act as they may think proper.

Rachel Skinner having applied to be admitted as an half day scholar, the Society have agreed to grant her request.

At a Meeting of the Society for the free instruction of female children, held 11th Mo. 4th 1809.

The number of scholars for the last month was from 26 to 51.

The committee who were appointed to confer with Lydia Williams, inform, they had an interview with her, and have at present engaged her upon trial.

At a Meeting of the Society for the
free instruction of female children held
12th Mo. 2nd 1809.

The number of scholars for the last month
was from 27 to 50.

Catharine Morris, Elizabeth Howell, Han-
nah Elliott, & Hannah Lewis, are appointed to
engage Lydia Williams for 3 months, and also
to present her with 20 dollars for the time she has
been upon trial.

As it is usual for the sewing teacher to have
the charge of dismissing the scholars on account
of absence, it is concluded, with a view of faci-
litating her task, to furnish her with printed
forms, in the following words,

_____ is no longer considered as a
scholar at Amwell school, on account of

having been absent a longer time than is allow'd of,
by the Society for the free instruction of female chil-
dren.

which forms she is to hand to the children, as
occasion may require.

Hannah Lewis requesting to be released from
the Visiting committee, Mary Elliott was proposed
to succeed her, which, being agreeable to the society, she
is accordingly appointed.

Jane Humphreys, Hannah Lewis, Elizabeth
Cresson, and Mary Clark, are appointed to collect
the annual subscriptions.

Our Annual account is as follows

1809 D^r Society for the free instruction of female

1 st No 5	Cash paid by the former treasurer to Sarah Roche	\$ 53 33
6	also William Harrison's acct. for engraving a set of Plates	10
25	Paid Catharine Douglass for her services at Amwell	8
18	1 doz. Copy books \$1 $\frac{6}{100}$ 1 hundred slate pencils $\frac{40}{100}$ ---	1 46
27	Paid the amount of John C Evans' bill for making sand desks and seats, including materials ---	9 75
25	$\frac{1}{4}$ cord of wood \$1 $\frac{50}{100}$, carting, wharfage, and sawing, $\frac{51}{100}$	2 1
	Paid William Haydock for glazing in 4 th street school	31 $\frac{1}{2}$
	$\frac{1}{2}$ Lure of paper $\frac{12\frac{1}{2}}{100}$. A sweeping brush $\frac{31}{100}$ 100 Quills $\frac{25}{100}$	68 $\frac{1}{2}$
2 nd No 3	Paid Catharine Douglass ---	1
15	$\frac{1}{2}$ Cord of wood Carting &c. ---	5 12 $\frac{1}{2}$
28	Paid Mary Webb for one quarters attendance at Amwell	53 33
3 rd No 1	$\frac{1}{2}$ Cord of wood, Carting sawing &c. ---	4 79
3	1 dozen Copy books ---	1 6 $\frac{1}{2}$
	2 doz. Arithmetical tables \$1 three house cloths $\frac{62\frac{1}{2}}{100}$ ---	1 62 $\frac{1}{2}$
	1 hundred slate pencils $\frac{37\frac{1}{2}}{100}$ 2 files for sharpening do. $\frac{15\frac{1}{2}}{100}$	53
	One sett of large hand copperplate copies ---	22
	$\frac{1}{4}$ pound sponge $\frac{67}{100}$ 1000 Quills ---	2 67
	Paid John C Evans' bill for making sand desks and seats including materials ---	10 87
4 th No 5	Paid Sarah Roch ---	53 33
	Carried Forward	\$ 220 10 $\frac{1}{2}$

1809. Children in account with Mary Elliott Treas.^r C^o

1 st No 1	By Balance on hand at the close of last year -	\$ 119 49
4 th No 1	Received of Thomas Wistar treasurer of the school Corporation one year's interest on a bond of \$1000	60
9 th No 21	Of John and Daniel Elliott one year's interest on two notes one of \$466 ⁶⁷ and one of \$300 - - -	46

Annual Subscribers.

Elizabeth Roberts - - - - -	2
Susannah Longstreth - - - - -	1
Susannah Haydock for 1808 - - - - -	2
Catharine Howell - - - - -	3
Ruth Ely - - - - -	5
Ann Webb - - - - -	2
Ann Yarnall - - - - -	1 50
Sarah J Morris - - - - -	5
Hannah Lewis sen. - - - - -	2
Abigail Warder - - - - -	2
Elizabeth Dawson - - - - -	2
Ann Emben - - - - -	1
Anne Mifflin - - - - -	1
Carried Forward	\$ 254 99

1809 D^r Society for the free instruction of female

	Brought Forward	\$ 220 10 $\frac{1}{2}$
4 No. 11	One doz. Copy books	1 20
5 No. 26	Placed on Interest into the hands of Joseph Richardson	100
6 No. 15	Paid Mary Reeve for her attendance at school	53 33
	One paper of small pins	20
	1 dozen Copy books	1 20
	$\frac{1}{4}$ ounce of sponge 25 cents. One mug $\frac{9}{100}$	3 $\frac{1}{4}$
21	2 sweeping and 1 hand scrubbing brush	9 3
30	One hundred slate pencils	37 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Paid Stackhouse and Evans for a pine book case	14
7 No. 7	Paid Sarah Rock	53 33
8 No. 7	Paid Lydia Low as a compensation for the use of her room	5
	Paid for cleaning school room	7 5
	Paid Daniel Humphreys' bill for 42 Arithmetical tables	9 2
10 No. 6	Paid Sarah Rock	53 33
	One doz. Copy books	1 6
	$\frac{1}{2}$ doz. Ink powders	3 4
	One sweeping, 1 scrubbing, 1 rubbing, and 1 stairs brush	1 4 1
10	2 Cord of wood \$9, Wharfage Carting & sawing \$3 $\frac{15}{100}$	12 15
	Carried Forward	\$ 519 97

1809. Children in acc.^t with Mary Elliott Treas.^r

C^r

Brought Forward	\$	254 99
Hannah L Fisher		2
Esther Fisher		2
Elizabeth Ann Fisher		2
Mary Griffitts		2
Elizabeth Guest		2
Anna Guest		2
Caspar Wistar jun ^r		5
Lydia Hart		2
Hannah Speakman		2
Catharine Wistar		3
Sarah Waln		5
Reuben Haines		5
Mary Beck		4
Tabitha Fisher		5
Rebecca Fisher		5
Sarah West Fisher		5
Esther Garrigues		1
Sarah S Johnson		3
Sarah Lloyd		1
Sarah Moore		5
Carried Forward	\$	317 99

1809 D^r Society for the free instruction of female

	Brought Forward	\$ 519 97
11 No 2	One hundred slate pencils	50
13	Paid James Widdifield for making closet, repairing desks, and putting up forms including materials	9 50
	Presented to Lydia Williams for her services at Amwell	20
12 No	Paid Benjamin Collins in full for glazing at school	18 ½
	One hundred slate pencils	50
12 No 31	Balance in the hands of the Treasurer	213 51

Carried Forward

\$ 764 16 ½

1809 Children in account with Mary Elliott Treas^r C^o

Brought Forward	\$ 317 99
Phebe Marshall	1
Sarah Norton	2
Jesse Oat	2
Ruth Paxson	1
Susanna Sansom	3
Anna Stewardson	2
Mary Wistar	3
Elizabeth Waln Wistar	3
Elizabeth White	3
Mary Yarnall	3
Beulah Sansom	2
Susannah Haydock	2
Jane Bettle	2
Rachel Crukshank	2
Elizabeth Wistar	5
Sarah Johnson	5
Mary Wheeler	1
Caleb Cresson jun ^r	5
John Cook	5
Mary Dorsey	1
Sarah Haydock	1
Mary Horner	2
Carried Forward	\$ 373 99

1809 D^r Society for the free instruction of female

12 No 31

Amount brought forward

\$ 764 16½

Carried Forward

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1809

Children in account with Mary Elliott Treas. C^r

Brought Forward	\$ 373 99
Rachel Richards	3
Letitia Willis	2
Elizabeth Pittfield	3
Hannah Cresson	1
George Ashbridge	5
By the Society	37 50

Presents.

Susanna Longstreth	5
James Smith	50
Josiah Hews	20
Susanna Morris at twice	8
Mary Wilson	4
Mary Betton	5
A Friend	10
Stephen Girard	20
Sarah Faulkner	5
John Maybin	10
Martha Powell	10
Elizabeth G Morris	10
Carried Forward	\$ 582 49

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12 Mo 31

Brought Forward

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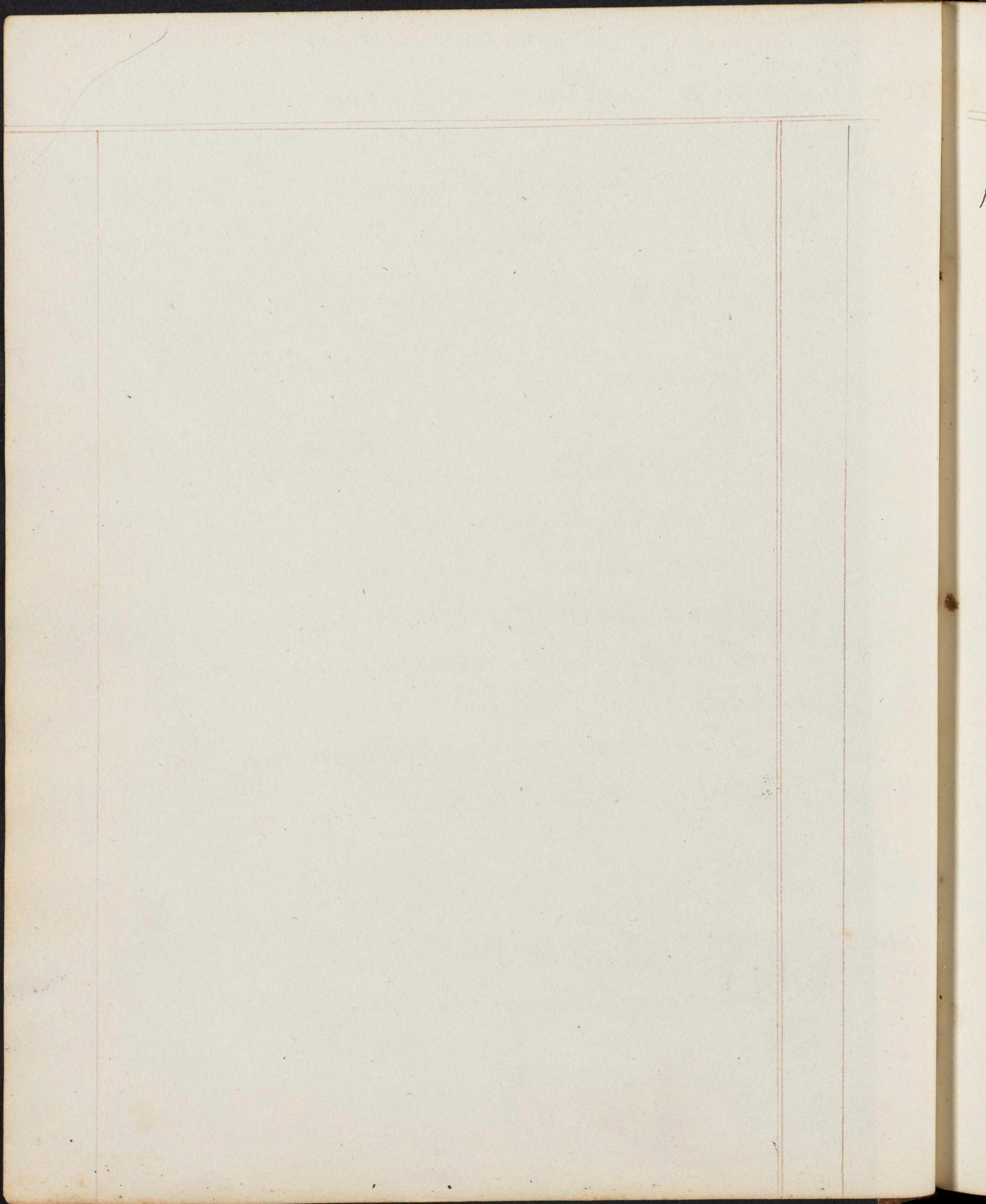
1809 Children in account with Mary Elliott Treas^r C^r

Brought forward	\$ 582 49
John Mc Kim	100
Mary Wistar	26 67
A Friend	30
Sarah Wistar	8
Mary Potts	5
Mercy Ellis	1
Clement Biddle jun ^r	5
Sarah Stiles	6
From Mary Wistar 1100 Quills	
12 pages of monosyllables on boards by Alexander Shaw	
Printing of 500 notices to parents by Joseph Cruikshank.	
	\$ 764 16

1810

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No. 1

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1809

Presented for Amwell Library.

By Joseph Cruikshank 27 Vols. & 5 pamphlets at \$	11	33
also the printing of 550 labels for the books		
By Johnson & Warner 48 Vols. 30 pamphlets at	9	33
By Benjamin & Thomas Hite 8 Vols. valued at	4	25
By Kimber & Conrad 28 small books	2	25
By Benjamin Johnson 7 Vols. & 4 pamphlets	4	62½
By Bennet and Walton 8 Vols.	3	47
By James P. Parke 10 Vols. at	4	87
By Sarah Wistar 5 Vols. at	1	87
By Catharine Morris 2 vol. early christian instruc- tion &c.		
By Ann Mifflin Pilgrims Progress.		

Subscriptions for the Library.

Elizabeth G. Morris	2
Anna G. Morris	1
Elizabeth Wistar	10
Hannah Wistar	2
Elizabeth Smith	10
Catharine W. Morris	10

At a Meeting of the Society for the free instruction of female children held 1st Mo. 6th 1810.

As it does not appear necessary to report the number of the school during the month, it is agreed to omit it in future; and the Members are desired to be more particular in representing to the Society the general order and state of the school.

We are informed by Catharine Morris, on behalf of the committee, that they have engaged Lydia Williams for a writing teacher for three months, commencing 4th of the 12th month, at the rate of \$213⁰⁰ 33⁰⁰ annually: and the committee having performed their appointment are now released.

Mary Elliott is re-appointed treasurer for the present year: and the clerk desiring to be released, it is left under consideration until our next meeting.

Being about the usual time of the quarterly examination, it is concluded to defer it at present on account of the writing teacher being indisposed.

The annual subscriptions have been collected agreeably to appointment.

Owing to the inclemency of the weather at the usual time of our Meeting, which was on the 3rd instant, all of our members, except two, were prevented from attending; it was therefore agreed to meet this afternoon.

At a Meeting of the Society for the free instruction of female children, held 2nd Mo. 5th 1810.

The reports of the Members who attended last month, are generally satisfactory.

Lydia Williams' quarter expiring the 4th of next month, Hannah Elliott and Ann Kiffin are appointed

pointed to engage her for 9 months commencing
5th of the 3rd month; which will make up the term
of one year from the time she was at first engaged.

Believing there would be an advantage
in an addition to the number of our members,
the names of Anne Biddle and Frances
Potts were proposed, who, being entirely agreeable
to the Society, Hannah Elliott and Elizabeth How-
ell are desired to call on them, and invite them
to join the Association.

The writing teacher having recovered so as to
give her attendance at school, the Quarterly
examination was held on the 19th of July.

Elizabeth Cresson having been proposed as
clerk, and meeting the approbation of the
Society, she is accordingly appointed, in the
place of Mary Clark who is now released.

At a meeting of the Society for the free instruction of female children held 3rd mo: 3rd 1810,

Lydia Williams has been engaged as teacher in Aimwell School, for the term of 9 months as directed.

Anne Biddle and Frances Potts have accepted the invitation given them to become members of this society; they are present with us, and have inserted their names on our list of members.

The school has been attended as usual during the last month — nothing particular remarked either with respect to the conduct of the scholars or their progress in learning.

The committee of admission report, that one of the children has left school, two have been dismissed on account of non-attendance and three

admitted to supply the vacancies.

Apprehending that a larger number of scholars may be accommodated than we at present admit the society concludes to increase the number to 65.

The monitors meetings instituted in the 9th mo: 1809 not appearing productive of the benefit expected, and the Society believing that their use has been in part superseded by the introduction of the library, agrees to discontinue them.

At a meeting of the society for the free instruction of female children held 4th mo: 9th 1810

By the reports of the committees who attended school last month, it appears that there is an improvement in the conduct of the scholars: also some progress in the different

branches of learning: particularly in the reading
of the lower classes.

Since our last meeting two children have
left school, and six have been admitted.

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executors of Robert C. Montgomery deceased, with
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At a meeting of the Society for the free instruction
of female children held 5th mo: 5th 1840

The report of the committee of admission
states, that three vacancies have occurred during
the last month, which have been supplied by
an equal number of new scholars.

Application is made on behalf of two of
the children, that they be admitted as half-day
scholars; Sarah Parrish and Deborah Howell
are appointed to enquire into their motive
for such application, and report to our next
meeting.

Reports respecting the state of the
school generally satisfactory.

At a meeting of the Society for the free instruction
of female children held at No: 2nd 1810.

Sarah Parrish and Deborah Howell, report that
they have attended to the subject entrusted to their
care, but believe it better to decline granting the
request: the society write in the conclusion of
the committee.

A note has been received from our friend
Jane Humphreys, requesting our acceptance of her
resignation as a member of this society: in consider-
ation of her having been an interested member
the society regret parting with her: yet as she appears
to have fully concluded, we consider ourselves
obliged to comply with her request.

Ten vacancies have occurred since last meeting;
eight of which have been filled up.

Rebecca Wistar requesting to be released from the committee of admission; Elizabeth Cresson is appointed to succeed her.

At a meeting of the Society for the free instruction of female children held by appointment
Jan: 6th 1840

The school has been regularly attended since our last meeting; the remarkable deficiency of the scholars in attendance on the morning of the 5th day of the week claiming the attention of the society it is believed, that more punctuality in ourselves in that respect, would act as an incitement to greater diligence in them.

Since last report four children have left school, which vacancies the committee have supplied.

Our vacation commencing the 4th of next month, we
conclude to continue it until the 27th of the same.

At a meeting of the Society for the free instruction
of female children held 8th Mo: 4th 1810.

The attending committees of last month inform
that they have remarked greater regularity in the
attendance of our scholars on meeting days.

Mary Clark and Elizabeth Cresson are appoin-
-ted to attend school on its recommencement the 27th
of the present month.

At a meeting of the Society for the free instruction of female children held 9th mo: 8th 1810.

Agreeably to the direction of the society our school was opened on the 27th ult. at which time Mary Clark and Elizabeth Cresson attended as appointed.

The committee of admission have supplied all vacancies which have occurred since their last report.

At a meeting of the Society for the free instruction of female children held 10th mo: 5th 1810.

The members who attended school last month inform there is some improvement in the order thereof.

At a meeting of the Society for the free instruction of female children held 11th Mo: 3rd 1810

Since last report from the committee of admission two children have left school, whose places the committee have filled.

Deborah Howell, Mary Elliott and Anne Mifflin are appointed to collect the annual subscriptions.

At a special meeting of the Society for the free instruction of female children held 8th of 11th Mo: 1810

The present state of our school claiming the serious attention of the Society it is apprehended that an advantage may arise from a change in the writing teacher, Ellen Atkinson being proposed and approved to supply her place, Catharine Morris and Anne Biddli are appointed to write to her on the subject and if necessary call a meeting of the Society to inform of her conclusion.

The School Corporation desiring the removal of our school from the place we now occupy will grant us the use of a room in seventh between Mulberry and Sassafras streets, which however appearing inconvenient in several respects we appoint Catharine Morris, Anne Biddle, and Mary Elliott to confer with some of their members, inform them of our objections, and report their answer to a future meeting.

At a Special meeting of the Society for the free instruction of female children held 24th of 11th mo: 1810.

The committee named to write to Ellen Atkinson report, they attended to their appointment and after considering the subject she informed them, that she was willing to undertake the charge of the school, the 1st of 1st mo: next. the society now believing it will

be best to engage her, desire Catharine Morris and Anne Biddle to inform her thereof.

Catharine Morris and Mary Elliott are appointed to communicate to Lydia Williams our present teacher, the above information, and also to request that she would continue her services until the end of the present year.

At a meeting of the Society for the free instruction of female children held 12th mo: 8th 1840.

The committee deputed to wait on the School Corporation inform they have had a conference with some members of that body but have not yet received an answer.

The committee of admission report that the places of five scholars have been vacated since our last stated meeting to fill three of which they have admitted an equal

number of children.

The annual subscriptions have been collected by the persons appointed.

The committee appointed to communicate to Lydia Williams, the result of the Society respecting her, and also to request the continuance of her services until the close of the year, report, that they attended thereto, and that Lydia has consented to comply with our request.

At a Special meeting of the Society for the free instruction of female children held 12th mo: 15th 1810.

The School Corporation after considering the objections made to the house offered us have agreed, to erect an additional room for the accommodation of our sewing scholars — but an immediate division

of the school appearing advantageous, the propriety of hiring a room for that purpose until the other is prepared to receive us, is suggested, and left under consideration.

Adjourn'd to meet at 12 O'clock on 5th day next.

12th Mo: 20th Pursuant to adjournment the Society collected.

Information being received that Ellen Atkinson in consequence of the delicate state of her health is necessitated to decline the charge of our school & Mary Elliott and Hannah Lewis are desired to call on Lydia Williams and request her continuance therein; in consequence whereof the Society resolve to remain in the house we now occupy.

At a meeting of the Society for the free instruction
of female children held 1st mo: 5th 1844.

The committee appointed to request L. Williams
to continue in the station of teacher in Cimwell
school report they have had a conference with her
on the subject, wherein she informed them, she
was willing to accede to our request, until we
can procure a person to supply her place.

The committee of admission report that one scho-
lar has been dismissed from school on account of
non-attendance, the vacancy occasioned thereby,
together with those that remained from last month,
the committee are directed to fill.

Catharine Morris is continued to the charge
of purchasing for the school.

Mary Elliott is re-appointed treasurer and
Elizabeth Cresson clerk.

The following account was produced by our
treasurer and read.

1810 Dr Society for the free instruction of female

1 st mo 5 th	To Cash paid Sarah Rock	53	33
16 th	Scrubbing brushes	1	18
2 nd mo 6 th	To Cash paid for stationary	1	73
	Paid James Carver for 1 doz. analytical wood impressed copy books	1	50
	Sweeping brushes	1	35
19 th	Stationary	2	75
27 th	Cash paid for $\frac{1}{4}$ cord of wood, hauling &c	2	26
3 rd mo 3	do do for housecloths		33
6 th	To Cash paid Lydia Williams	53	33
19 th	$\frac{1}{2}$ Cord of wood, hauling, sawing, &c	3	9
	Cash for window glass		18
	1 doz. Copy books	1	6
20 th	Cash paid for repairing Familiar Dialogues, and books belonging to Library		3 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Carried forward	122	46 $\frac{1}{2}$

1810 Children in account with Mary Elliott treas^r Cr

1st mo: 1 By balance on hand from last year - - - 213 51

6th mo: 29 Received of Joseph Richardson interest on 100 \$ 6

9th mo: 5 do - of John and Daniel Elliott 1 year's interest on two notes, one \$466.67 and one 300 46

10th mo: 29 Received of Thomas Wistar treasurer of the School Corporation one year's interest on 1000 60

also reimbursed by him the cost of making the closet in school room - - - - - 5

Amount of annual subscriptions - - - 190 50

By the Society - - - - - 42 50

Donations - - - - - 136 50

Presented by Mary Wistar of Salem 1000 quilts 700 1

by Rebecca Abbott 8 oz. sewing cotton

Balance remaining in the hands of the treasurer 193 55

1810 D^r Society for the free instruction of female

	Amount brought forward	122	46 $\frac{1}{2}$
3 rd mo 27 th	Cash paid for 9 vol. Sequel to the Reader	6	56
	6 Comly's spelling books	1	50
4 th mo 5 th	Paid Sarah Rock	53	33
	To Cash for 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ cords of wood, hauling &c	19	41
	2000 needles	3	33
9 th	One hundred slate pencils	3	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
21 st	Paid for half binding four English Reader	6	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
6 th mo 20 th	Cash paid for 6 cyphering books	6	9
	do - do - Lydia Williams	53	33
	do - do - for sundries	1	68
7 th mo: 6	do - do - Sarah Rock	53	33
9 th	do - do for lime, &c		27
17	1 doz. Copy books	1	6
8 th mo: 9 th	Sundries	2	12 $\frac{1}{2}$
27 th	Cash paid for stationery		75
	Carried forward	320	81

Children in account with Mary Elliott treasurer C^o

Amount brought forward

900

1

Carried forward

900

1

1810 D^r Society for the free instruction of female

	Amount brought forward	320	81
8 th mo 29	Cash paid for addition to wood shed	8	29
9 mo 5	Paid Lydia Williams	53	33
10 th mo 4	Sundries		75
5 th	Paid Sarah Rock	53	33
30 th	1 doz. spelling books, 1 doz. Comly's grammar	7	
	Carpenter's bill	1	62 $\frac{1}{2}$
11 th mo 28	1 doz. Copy books	1	6
	1 hundred slate pencils two brushes	1	85
12 th mo 26	Paid Lydia Williams	53	33
	Stationary &c &c	5	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
		506	46
	Balance remaining in the hands of treasurer	193	55
		700	1

Children in account with Mary Elliott treasurer C^r

Amount brought forward	900	1
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At a meeting of the Society for the free instruction
of female children held 2nd mo: 2nd 1811

Anne Biddle is appointed a member of the
visiting committee in the place of Sarah Parrish
who requests to be excused from further service
therein.

The committee of admission report that two
children have left school one of whom was dismissed
on account of non-attendance - they likewise inform
they have filled the vacancies as directed at our
last meeting; also one which has occurred during
the month.

Extract from the will of John Elliott deceased.
"Item I give the sum of three hundred dollars
to my daughter Hannah Elliott in trust -

immediately to pay the same over to the treasurer
for the time being of the "Society for the free instruc-
tion of female children" the interest whereof to be
applied to the use of Annwell School so long as the
said society continues — and in case the said society
should be dissolved then the said sum of three
hundred dollars I give unto my friends Ellis Yarnall
and Caleb Pierce and the survivor of them his
Executors or Administrators in trust immediately
to pay the same over to the treasurer for the time
being of the Institution established under the care
of the Religious Society of Friends commonly called
Quakers for Pennsylvania New Jersey &c. for the
school education and religious instruction of youth
in one or more boarding schools — the interest thereof
to be applied to the education of young women

unable to attain the benefits of that institution unless aided by the assistance of others."

The abovementioned sum being received by our treasurer, the society gratefully accepts the same.

John and Daniel Elliott proposing to repay 700 dollars of money belonging to us now in their possession, and an opportunity offering to place 1000 dollars in hands of George Ruhl coach maker, who will give security on his house in Mulberry near Sixth street, which he states to be worth 11,000 Anne Biddle and Hannah Lewis are appointed to have necessary search of records &c. made, and if free from incumbrance, place it in his hands, together with the bequest of our friend John Elliott.

At a meeting of the Society for the free instruction of
female children held 3rd mo: 2nd 1841

The committee of admission report, that two vacancies
have occurred since last month, one of which they
have filled also one that remained at our last
meeting.

Hannah Lewis and Anne Biddle inform
that after the necessary inspection of records &c. finding
that a mortgage of £666, 6⁷/₁₀₀ is the only judgment
against the house in question, they have placed the
money in the hands of George Ruhl secured by bond
and mortgage to Hannah Lewis the interest payable
half yearly.

At a meeting of the Society for the free instruction
of female children held 4 mo: 6th 1811.

A note is received from our friend Elizabeth
Howell, whereby she informs that believing her
service as a member of this Society is concluded
she resigns her place herein — the above consider-
ation induces us though with regret she being a
useful and interested member, to accept her
resignation.

At a meeting of the Society for the free instruction
of female children held 5 mo: 4th 1811

The committee of admission inform that the
school is now full, the vacancy which remained
at a former meeting being supplied.

At a special meeting of the Society for the free instruction
of female children held 5th Mo: 30th 1811

Information is received that a sum of money is
placed in the hands of the Guardians of the poor, to be
distributed by them amongst charitable institutions.
the following persons are therefore desired to obtain
more particular information respecting the same
and if they judge proper present an application to
the board of guardians for a part thereof, signing it
on behalf of the Society. Hannah Lewis, Ann Mifflin,
Catharine Morris and Elizabeth Cresson.

At a meeting of the Society for the free instruction
of female children held 6th Mo: 8th 1811

The committee appointed to apply to the
Guardians of the poor for part of the money placed
with them for distribution report, that they
prepared an application and presented it to
the president of the board, but have not yet
received an answer

The committee of admission report that they have
filled eight vacancies which have occurred in
school since last month, whereof three were occa-
sioned by the dismissal of scholars. Said committee
requesting an addition to their number, Mary
Clark is accordingly appointed.

A member who attended school last month,

informs that one of our scholars has several times been detected in acts of dishonesty; much labour having been bestowed without producing the effect designed and the society fearing the influence of her example in the school, agree to discharge her: Hannah Lewis and Ann Mifflin are desired to inform her mother thereof, and Catharine Morris in company with the attending committee for next week, is requested to take an opportunity with the scholars, to acquaint them with our reasons for dismissing her, endeavour to impress on their minds the tendency of such conduct, and offer such advice as the subject naturally suggests.

At a meeting of the Society for the free instruction of
female children held 7th mo: 6th 1811

The committee appointed last month in the case of
a disorderly scholar, report, that they have perform-
ed their appointment, and a child has been admit-
ted to fill the vacancy.

The vacation of Aimwell school commencing the 5th
of next month, we resolve to continue it three weeks.

At a meeting of the Society for the free instruc-
tion of female children held 8th Mo: 3rd. 1811

Ann Mifflin, Hannah Lewis and Deborah Howell
are appointed to attend at the opening of the school
the 26th of the present month.

At a meeting of the Society for the free instruction
of female children held 9th Mo: 7th 1811

The committee of admission inform that 6 places
have been vacated in school since their last report.

The general examination of Aimwell School is
deferred until the last sixth day in the 11th Mo:

The business of the school re-commenced at
the time appointed.

A note is received from Lydia Williams
whereby she informs that it will be inconvenient
for her to continue her services as teacher in Aim-
well school, longer than until the 4th of 12th mo: next.
her resignation is accordingly accepted, and Catharine
Morris and Sarah Parrish are desired to acquaint
her therewith. And the society being informed

that Elizabeth Clendenon is willing to supply
her place, after consideration being approved she is
appointed: Hannah Elliott and Anne Biddle
are desired to write to her on the subject, and
propose her attendance a few weeks at school in
this city (at the expense of the Society) for her further
improvement in some branches taught in our
school.

At a meeting of the Society for the free instruc-
tion of female children held 6th. of 10th. mo: 1811.
Catharine Morris, Hannah Elliott and
Ann Mifflin are requested to pay the neces-
sary attention to the admission of E. Clendenon
into suitable schools, and to accommodate her with boarding

At a meeting of the Society for the free instruction
of female children held 2nd. of 11th. Mo: 1811

The committee appointed in the case of E. C. report
that they have attended thereto.

Mary Clark and Rebecca Wistar are appointed
to collect the annual subscriptions.

The subject of separating our sewing and
writing schools, being revived and again considered
it is believed that the measure may now with pro-
priety be adopted: the following persons are therefore
desired to make enquiry for a room suitable for the
reception of our sewing scholars: and are empowered
to call a meeting of the Society when prepared.
namely, Ann Mifflin, Hannah Elliott and
Catherine Morris.

At a special meeting of the Society for the free instruction of female children held 27th of 11th mo: 1811,

The committee appointed at our last meeting, to make enquiry for a room for the accommodation of our sewing school report, that they have attended thereto, and propose as an eligible situation a room at the corner of 3rd. and Cherry streets at \$60 per annum. the society according with the proposal of the committee, they are therefore directed to engage it.

Hannah Elliott, Rebecca Wistar Catharine Morris, Mary Elliott and Anne Biddle are desired to consider of and propose a plan for the better regulation of the business of the school, likewise to attend to such alterations in the room we now occupy, as may be necessary for the future accommodation of our writing scholars.

At a meeting of the Society for the free instruction of female children held 12th Mo: 7th. 1811

The committee appointed to collect the annual subscriptions report, that they have attended thereto.

The committee of admission inform that they have filled the vacancies which remained when they last reported, likewise four which have occurred subsequent to that period.

The following plan for the regulation of the business of the school, being submitted to the consideration of the society by the committee appointed at our last meeting is adopted.

The school to be held twice every day, except on the afternoon of the seventh.

Writing school to consist in the morning of the 1st. 5th. 6th. and 8th. classes; and in the

afternoon, of the 2nd. 3rd. 4th. and 5th. classes,
to be arranged according to their proficiency
by the teacher, and a monitor is to be placed
over each class to serve them with books and
assist the teacher when she may have occa-
sion for their services.

The 1st. class to be composed of those
who are learning the letters, they are to
have a copy placed before them as A. or
a. and the sand being smoothed by the
monitor they are to copy the letters; when
that is handsomely made another is to be
placed before them; and so on until the
whole alphabet is learned; both capital
and small letters are now to be printed

from memory, which after they can do readily they are to pass into the 2nd class.

This class is to be further exercised in learning the alphabet, by occasionally calling them up and pointing to the letters which are suspended before them; those who can inform what are the letters pointed to, are to take the place of those who cannot, and to retain the place in the class which they have thus acquired.

The 2nd. class is to be taught to spell by printing in the sand: the monitor is to spell the word as ab, and, &c. when all have finished it is to be inspected by the monitor, who is to point out the faults,

then to smooth the sand and give out another, and so on until they can spell and read any word of one syllable; when they have printed a suitable number of words they are to use in a class, and the monitor is to give out the same words, which they are to spell, taking place of each other as in the 1st. class; when they have gone through the words of one syllable, they are to make figures; when they can do these tolerably well, and are also taught the numerical letters, they are to pass into the 3rd class.

That the sand classes may not become tired with the sameness of their business,

and also with the view of exercising their memory, short sentences or a few lines in verse may be given out to them by the teacher, a line at a time, to be repeated either separately or in concert.

On entering the 3rd. class the scholars are to write, which is to be taught them in the manner pursued by James Carver.

Before they can write their spelling they are to be furnished with books, but as soon as they are capable of writing it the monitor is to give out the word, and each girl is to write it on her slate, the monitor is then to examine each slate and see that the spelling is correct, then give out another

as before, they are afterwards to rise in a class the teacher to give out the words to them which they have just written, they taking precedence of each other.

When they have learned the tables they are to be taught arithmetic.

Each scholar is to read once a day care must be taken that their manner of standing be easy and becoming, and that their books be held properly.

Arrangement of business.

At the opening of the school the girls are to be furnished with their copy books, and one hour may be allotted to writing; then to spell as before directed, those in

arithmetic are afterwards to cypher, and each class to read. Grammar and arithmetical tables to be repeated as frequently as the teacher may judge expedient.

The cyphering books are to be dated weekly that the visiting committee may judge of the improvement, and communicate advice or approbation where necessary.

The teacher is to select a piece of prose or poetry for each girl who is capable of learning it, once in four weeks, which is to be repeated at a suitable time with distinctness and propriety.

On 5th. day morning the scholars are to read separately before going to meeting,

and when school begins at 8 O'clock, they are to write as usual.

At the close of the school the roll is to be looked over, that the teacher may be able to render an account to the committee of admission of those who have been absent more than the amount of 5 days in a month. if any come an hour after school opens, they are to be sent immediately home and information given to their parents.

On 3rd. day afternoon and 6th day morning during silence a portion from the scriptures is to be read by the teacher.

Business of the Sewing Teacher.

The sewing teacher is to have the scholars work ready to hand to them on their first entering school: she may appoint a monitor whose business it shall be to serve out all the work, supply them with thread, carry their work when necessary to the teacher, and be the bearer of her directions.

She is to attend to the spelling of all the classes, both in and out of book, and to hear the lower classes read. The arithmetical tables are also to be taught in her school, and when she considers a scholar qualified to begin cyphering, she is to send a note to the writing teacher with the information.

The roll is to be looked over at the close of the school, and once a month the list is to be sent to the writing teacher, to enable her to ascertain the number of absentees.

On third day afternoon and sixth day morning, when business is finished a portion from Scripture is to be read to the children.

We recommend to the teachers, that they endeavour to encourage the diffident, repress the forward and presumptuous, and bestow just and ample commendation on the diligent, attentive, and orderly, however dull their capacity or slow their progress.

And in an especial manner to

endeavour to imbue the minds of the children with religious instruction, which will be of far greater importance to them in more advanced life, than any other part of their education: and as this the primary object of the institution, we earnestly desire it may continue to claim the first attention of those employed in the school.

Business of the Attending and
Visiting Committees.

That each member may take an equal share in the charge of the school, it is agreed that three of the society have the superintendance of it during two weeks, they are to attend separately or together, at least three times in

a week: they are to see that the rules are strictly observed, and report to the society the order of the school.

The visiting committees are every month, to inspect into the progress of the scholars in the several branches of learning: and they are authorised in cases where they judge it expedient, to permit a few of the scholars to write morning and afternoon, and omit sewing.

In some particular cases it may be proper to admit half-day scholars; when application is made for such the committee of admission is to lay it before the society; to be considered and resolved by them at a stated meeting.

At a meeting of the society for the free instruction of female children held 1st. Mo: 4th. 1812.

The members who have attended school since our last meeting inform, that Elizabeth Clendenon entered on the duties of her office the 9th. of the month.

Anne Biddle is appointed clerk for the present year in the place of Elizabeth Cresson, who requests to be released.

Mary Elliott is re-appointed treasurer, and the care of purchasing for the school is continued with Catharine Morris.

Hannah Lewis is appointed a member of the committee, who are charged with the nomination of new members. The treasurer's account was read, and is as follows,

Dr. Society for the free instruction of female

1811			
1 st mo: 5 th	Paid Sarah Rock	53	33
2 nd mo: 13 th	Lent to George Ruhl on mortgage	1000	
3 rd mo: 13 th	Paid for framing 12 slates	1	75
5 th	Paid Lydia Williams	53	33
4 th mo: 5	Paid Sarah Rock	53	33
1 st mo: 8	100 Slate pencils		50
2 nd	2 doz. Copy books &c.	2	33
3 rd mo: 8	9 vol. English Reader	5	62½
4 th 25	Sundries		27½
6 th mo: 5	Paid Lydia Williams	53	33
	2 doz. Copy books	2	13
5 th mo: 14	Sweeping brushes and Slate pencils	1	62½
6 th mo: 26	Cyphering books &c.		35
7 th mo: 3	Copy books, slate pencils	1	69
	Carried forward	1230	69½

Children in Account with Mary Elliott, Cr.

1811			
1 st mo: 26	Received of Hannah Elliott, a legacy left the Society by John Elliott dec.	300	
2 nd mo: 13	Paid by John and Daniel Elliott the amount of one note, \$300 and \$400 on a note of \$466.67.	300	400
16 th	Received interest of J. and D. Elliott, on their notes of \$766.67 up to the 13 th ins.	24	22
5 th mo: 31	Received of the treasurer of the school Corporation, one year's interest on \$1000	60	
	Received of Joseph Richardson one year's interest on \$100	6	
9 ^{mo} : 6 th	Received 6 months interest of G. Ruhl	30	
	Do. Annual Subscriptions	212	50
	Carried forward	1332	72

Dr. Society for the free instruction of female

	Brought forward	1230	69½
7 th mo: 3	Scrubbing brushes and house-cloths		91
6 th	A jug and mug		25
13 th	Paid Sarah Rock	53	33
2 th mo: 27	200 Slate pencils		62½
9 th mo: 6 th	Paid Lydia Williams	53	33
27 th	1 doz. Copy books	1	6
10 th mo: 3 rd	Paid Sarah Rock	53	33
10 th	2¾ Cords of wood, hauling, sawing &c.	22	4
	Black lead and lead pencil		18½
25 th	1 doz. Copy books, 200 Slate pencils	1	68½
2 th mo: 17 th	Paid for clearing school room	2	50
	Lime, soap &c.	1	20
11 th mo: 18	1 ream of writing paper	3	50
	Carried forward	1424	64

Children in Account with Mary Elliott Co.

12. No 31	<p style="text-align: right;">Brought forward</p> <p>Received subscriptions from the society</p>	<p>1332</p> <p>31</p>	<p>72</p>
	<p>Do. donations</p>	<p>77</p>	<p>50</p>
	<p>do \$ 200 from the Guardians of the poor, being part of a sum placed with them for distribution</p>	<p>200</p>	
		<p>1641</p>	<p>22</p>
	<p>Balance on hand from last year</p>	<p>193</p>	<p>55</p>
		<p>1834</p>	<p>77</p>

Dr. Society for the free instruction of female

	Brought forward	1424	64
11 th mo: 2 ^d	18 quires of paper	3	15
12 th mo: 4 th	Paid Lydia Williams	53	33
5 th	Paid James Carver for C. C.'s tuition	10	
	Sundries	1	41
	Expended for the use of sewing room	6	52
7 th	Scrubbing brushes		31
9 th	Paid Kimber and Conrad	7	8
	Two copies Walker's Dictionary	1	66
10 th	1 doz. Arithmetical tables		25
13 th	House cloths and Matt		62½
19 th	Sundries	2	22½
		1517	20
	Balance on hand	317	57
		1634	77

Children in Account with Mary Elliott Co.

Brought forward

1834

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1834

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Presented by Hannah England 8 vol.
Lessons for youth.

By Joseph Cruckshank 6 vol. of the
Whole duty of Woman, 9 Familiar
dialogues, 12 Introduction to the bible

At a meeting of the "Society for the free instruction of female children," held 2nd mo: 8th. 1812.

The attending committees report they have visited the schools as usual.

The committee charged with the nomination of new members inform us, they are united in proposing to the consideration of the society, the name of Anna Potts; which meeting with their approbation, Hannah Lewis and Mary Elliott are desired to invite her to join us.

The committee of admission report 3 children have left the school, one of whose places have been filled.

We are informed that it is necessary for us to leave the place in which our sewing school is now held, Deborah Howell and Beulah Coates are therefore requested to endeavour to procure another in its place.

At a special meeting of the Society for the
free instruction of female children held 2 mo.

13th. 1852

The committee appointed to seek a room
for the accommodation of our sewing school, report
they have attended to the business, and have found
one in 2th street near Race st. which they think may
answer for the present. The society uniting with
their report, they are directed to engage the room
at 50 dollars per annum, for one quarter, to com-
mence the 15th inst.

Believing that some advantage will arise from
changing the time of our general examinations, it is
concluded for the future to hold them in our writing
school, on the 3rd 6th days, in the 3rd, 7th, and 11th months

and on the afternoon of these days to discontinue school.

Some uneasiness having arisen in the minds of the society, on account of the conduct of a Jewish child now in our school, in expressing disrespect for the Christian religion, it is concluded that hereafter we take none into our school who profess to disbelieve in the Gospel: and those scholars now in that situation are to be dismissed the school. Catharine W. Morris and Hannah Elliott are appointed to inform their parents of our reasons for this conclusion.

At a meeting of the Society for the
free instruction of female children, held

Bro: mo: 7th. 1812.

The committee appointed to invite
Anna Potts to join us, report they have at-
tended to the business; she is now acceptably
with us, and has added her name to the
list of members.

The committee of admission inform
2 children have left the school, 1 have been
dismissed, and 8 new scholars admitted.

The friends requested to inform the
parents of the Jewish children of our conclu-
sion respecting them, inform they have atten-
ded to the business.

At a meeting of the Society for the
free instruction of female children, held
4 mo: 4th 1812.

The committee of admission report,
six scholars have left the school, and six
have been admitted.

The room in which our sewing school
is now held proving inconveniently small
Elizabeth Creason & Hannah Lewis jun^{rs} are
requested to make enquiry respecting a room
and report to our next meeting.

This meeting adjourns to the 7th
inst: at 1/2 past 6 P.M.

At an adjourned meeting of the Society for
the free instruction of Female children, held by the mo:
7th 1812.

The committee appointed to enquire res-
pecting a room to accommodate our sewing school,
report, they have met with one in Apple-tree Alley
at 90 \$ per ann: And, as after considerable enqui-
ry, they have not been able to procure one at a
lower rent, Elizabeth Crefson and Frances Potts are
authorized to engage it for one quarter to commence

Sarah Rock having for a number of
years served this society as a sewing teacher, in a very
satisfactory manner, and being now obliged by domestic
concerns to give up this employment, our attention has

been turned towards Elizabeth Jones, who we understand wishes to engage in a school. H. Ellis^H C. W. Morris, and Anne Biddle are desired to confer with her on the subject, and report their judgement of her qualifications to our next meeting.

This meeting adjourns to the 9th inst. at 12 o'clock.

Agreeably to adjournment the society assembled

We are informed by E. Carlson & J. Potts that some circumstances have prevented their getting possession of the school room, as soon as was expected; they are therefore continued to the appointment.

The committee appointed to confer with E. Jones, making a favorable report concerning her

and the Society appearing to unite with their judgment

H. Elliott & A. Biddle are desired to engage from

the time S. Rock leaves the school.

In order to prevent future uneasiness, we agree to give her 2 months notice, if we should think proper to make a change, and expect the same notice from her, if on her part the change is proposed.

At a stated meeting of the Society for the free instruction of female children held 5 mo. 2. 1812

The committee appointed to engage the school room, report, they have attended to the business, and obtained possession the 20th of the 4th month.

Elizabeth Jones has been engaged to take the place of Sarah Rock on the 10th of this month.

As we have now sufficient accommodation
for 70 scholars, the committee of admission are
directed for the future to admit that number

At a meeting of the Society for the
Free instruction of female children, held
Nov 6mo 6th. 1812

No business appears necessary to be minuted.

At a meeting of the Society for the free
instruction of female children, held
7mo 4. 1812

The committee of admission report they have
admitted five scholars, and five vacancies still
remain to be filled up; no applicants at present.

It is concluded, in order to accommodate such
of our members as are now residing out of the city
that our next meeting be held on the third of
next month; on the afternoon of our 2: meeting.

Beulah Coates and Elizabeth Cuffman are
requested to call on J. Snyder and engage the
school room in Apple-tree Alley for another quarter.

At a small meeting of the Society for the
Free instruction of Female Children held

8th mo: 3rd: 1812.

By the reports of the committees, who have
attended school since our last meeting, it appears
there is some improvement in the general order of
the schools.

The committee appointed to engage the school room for another quarter, report they have attended to the business and engaged it at the rate of 50 dollars per annum.

The usual time of vacation occurring this mo: it is concluded that it continue 3 weeks.

At a meeting of the Society for the free Instruction of female children, held
9 mo 5th 1812

The attending committees for last month report the school was opened the 24 ult. agreeably to direction.

Ely: Clendonon having requested the

use of our writing room for the purpose of teach-
ing an evening school, and the present meeting
being small, the subject is deferred for considera-^{tion}
till the 24th inst: at 3 o'clock P.M.

At a meeting of the society for the
free instruction of female children held
agreeably to adjournment - 9th mo: 4th: 1812.

E. Clendenon's request being again brought
before the society and claiming their deliberate
attention, it is concluded she may be left at
liberty to apply to the School Corporation for
their consent.

May Clark and A Biddle are appoint^{ed}

to inform her of this conclusion, and to request
her to be particularly careful, that no inconve:
nience shall arise to our school, from this
indulgence.

At a meeting of the Society for the free
instruction of female children, held 10 mo: 3: 1812.

The attending committees report they have
observed some improvement in the order of the
school.

The Committee of admission report, eleven
girls have left the school; one has been dismissed
for nonattendance, and fifteen new scholars have been
admitted.

C. Clendenon has been informed
of the conclusion of the society respecting her request.

At a special meeting of the society for the free instruction of female children, held 10 mo: 15: 1812.

Much inconvenience having been experienced in the room we now occupy for our sewing school, and the time for which it was rented being nearly expired, it is concluded best to endeavour to procure another: to make the necessary enquiry for one, and prepare it for the reception of the school, H. Lewis & D. Howell are appointed.

7th of 11th-month, Being the stated time for the Society to meet, four of them attended; but not feeling equal to the business, agreed to postpone it until the 12th inst: at 1/2 past 11 o'clock.

11 mo: 12th; Agreeably to adjournment the
Society assembled.

From the report of the committee of
admission it appears, four girls have left the school
and two have been admitted.

One of the committee appointed to enquire
respecting a room to accommodate our sewing
school, report, they have attended to the business,
and removed the school to a house in Chestnut
St: next to the Philadelphia Bank, belonging
to Pennel Beale; for which they have enga-
ged to pay ^{the rate of} 60 dols: per ann: ^{for one quarter,} to commence the
the 5th inst.

We are informed by C. W. Morris that she has
received from her brother Caspar W. Morris the
sum of fifty dollars, for the use of Annwell School

Being a legacy from our friend Anna Giles deceased; which she is directed to pay to the treasurer.

It being the usual time for collecting our annual subscriptions, Anna Hopkins and Frances Potts are appointed to that service.

At a meeting of the Society for the free instruction of Female Children, held 12mo: 5. 1812.

The attending committee report having visited the schools as usual; and expressed great satisfaction in observing the order and improvement of the children at the sewing school.

The committee who have had the care of collecting our annual subscriptions, report, having nearly accomplished that business.

From the report of the committee of admission it appears, there are two more vacancies in the school.

This being the stated time for choosing officers for the ensuing year, Sarah Parrish, Anne Potts, Elizabeth Bufson & Mary Clark are named for a committee, to propose persons for treasurer clerk, visiting committee, and purchaser for the school.

The state of our school having for some time past occupied the attention of some of our members, and being now brought before the society, and the many difficulties we labour under, for want of sufficient funds, and a suitable room for our sewing school, claiming our deliberation, it was proposed,

that the number of our scholars be considerably lessened
and all placed under the care of one teacher qualified
to instruct in the different branches: Under

the consideration that there is now public provision
for educating the children of the poor, and fewer
applicants than heretofore at our school, the society
unite with the proposal. To give the necessary
attention to the subject C. W. Morris, H. Elliott and
H. Lewis are appointed.

At a meeting of the Society for the free
instruction of female children, held 1 mo: 2. 1813.

Owing to the inclement state of the weather, but
few of the society collected; and as the business before us
is important, we agree to adjourn until the 7th mo: 1/2 past 2
P. M. at our Friend Arthur Howells.

Agreeably to adjournment the society convened.

We are informed by the com^{ee} to whom was left the care of the proposed change in our school, that they have considered the subject, and conferred with both teachers, and agree in proposing; that Elizabeth Jones be employed to teach both schools in the room we now occupy in 4th st., and that the number of scholars be limited to 35; but as they considerably exceed it at present a number of our members offer their assistance untill the school is sufficiently small to be attended by her alone, the society uniting with the report, conclude to make this change the 1st of the 2nd month, but to continue E. Clendennons salary untill the time for which she was engaged.

The same com^{ee} are continued to inform our

teachers of this conclusion, and assist in making the necessary arrangements.

Sarah Parrish informs that the committee agree in proposing the reappointment of C. W. Morris to purchase the necessary articles for the school; Mary Elliott treasurer and A. Biddle clerk. and to appoint C. W. Morris and H. Elliott a visiting committee. with which the society unite.

Within a few weeks past our society has sustained an affecting loss in the removal of our beloved friend Rebecca Wistar; who has been for several years a useful member of our little community: she possessed uncommon sweetness and purity, and evidenced by a humble deportment, that her affections were not placed on this transitory scene, and we have no doubt but she now reaps the reward of her early dedication.

The treasurers annual account was rendered, but the reading of it postponed for a future meeting.

At a stated meeting of the Society for the free instruction of Female children, held 2 mo. 6th.

1813.

The committee to whom was referred the direction of the proposed change in our school, inform us, they have removed our sewing school to the 4th st. house. E. Clendennon having given up her charge of the writing, &c. to E. Jones who commences the care of the whole number on the 8th inst. And the room rented from P. Peale was given up at the expiration of the quarter, and the rent discharged.

Another affecting instance of the uncertainty

of life has occurred since our last meeting in the
decease of our beloved friend and companion
Beniah Coates; who was a useful, interested,
and amiable member of this society for many
years past.

The treasurers account was read, and is as
follows.

Society for the free instruction of Female Children

1812

1 mo 6	Cash paid Sarah Rock for attendance	\$ 53	33
2 mo 15	Placed with Nathaniel Richardson on interest	100	
18	Paid Abel Knight for 2 1/2 months rent of room	12	50
19	Paid George Widdifield for carpenters work	11	25
	Hinges, Screws, Nails, Boards and Pins	3	94
3 mo 13	Paid E. Clendennon 1 quarter Salary	53	33
4 mo 6	Paid S. Rock do do	53	33
	For moving stove, hauling wood, & two panes glass		75
5 mo 26	Paid Susannah Allen for 3 mo: rent of sewing room	12	50
6 mo 1	Paid S. Rock for 6 weeks attendance at school	26	66
	Paid E. Clendennon	53	33
7 mo 31	Paid M. A. Snyder for 3 mo. rent of room	22	50
9 mo 12	Paid Elizabeth Jones junr for attendance at school	53	33
10 mo	Paid Cato Collins for whiti-washing & cleaning writing room	2	75
11 mo 7	Paid M. A. Snyder 1 quarter rent	20	
10	Paid E. Clendennon	53	33
28	For cleaning sewing school, lime &c.	1	44
12 mo 8	Portrage of stove		25
12	Paid E. Jones junr	53	33
	do E. Clendennon	53	33
	Expended by C. W. Morris. viz:		
	For 1/2 dozen Ink powders		62
	Removing 1/2 load wood to sewing school		62
		\$ 642	42 1/2

in account with c Mary Elliott, Treasurer.

1812

1 mo 1	Balance on hand from last year	317	56
2 mo: 19	Received of George Ruhl 6 months interest on \$1000.	30	
4 mo: 6	Rec ^d of John & Daniel Elliott 1 year interest on their note of 66 \$ 67 cts.	4	
9 mo:	Rec ^d of George Ruhl 6 mo: interest	30	
11 mo 6	Rec ^d of Thomas Wistar, Treasurer of School corp ^m	60	
13	Rec ^d of Joseph Richardson 1 year interest on \$100	6	
12 mo: 0	Received of Catharine W. Morris a legacy from our friend Anna Giles	50	
	Amount of Annual Subscriptions	170	
	From the Society	40	50
	Donations for this year	10	
	Received from a Friend 2 packs of blank Cards, which were printed by C. Harrison gratis		
		\$ 742	6

Dr. Society for the Free instruction of Female children
 1812 D. cli:

	Amount bro't over	642	42 1/2
3 mo: 10.	A Tub for writing room		50
5 mo:	A Sweeping & scrubbing brush	1	7
	Canvass		37 1/2
	A Pitcher for sewing room		31 1/2
12 mo 31	Paid Benjamin Collins's bill for 5 panes glass		91
9 mo: 2	100 Quills and Ink Powder		95 1/2
	100 Slate Pencils	1	
	600 Needles		75
11 mo: 30	1/2 Cord Wood	3	25
	Hauling, wharfage, and sawing		03
		652	30
12 mo: 31	To Balance on hand	09	60
		\$ 742	6

In acc^t with Mary Elliott Treasurer.

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1812 Brought Forward

742 6

742 6

Remaining on hand 1. mo 1. 1813 \$ 89. 68 /100.

At a meeting of the Society for the Free
Instruction of Female children, held Bro: 6th

1813

As Elizabeth Jones's care and business are
considerably increased by the late change in our
school, the Society unite in thinking an addition to
her salary will be proper; it is therefore raised ^{to} \$ 270
per ann. to commence on the 18th inst. H. Elliott

is desired to inform her of this conclusion.

It appears from the report of the com.^{ee} who
had the charge of the alteration in our school that
upon enquiring into the circumstances of the scholars
they find a number of them may be provided for
either by their parents or in other schools. They
have therefore dismissed girls leaving 36 to be the
present number.

The Society believe it necessary for the scholars
to learn the following Tables correctly before they com=
mence cyphering, viz: Numeration, Addition,
Subtraction, Multiplication Pence and Shillings;
And as they advance in the different rules, to learn
the other tables successively.

At a meeting of the Society for the free
instruction of Female children, held 4 mo: 3. 1813.

From the report of the attending committee's
it appears, there is a pleasing improvement in the
order of the school, and some advancement in
the different branches of learning.

No further business.

At a meeting of the Society for the free
instruction of Female Children, held 5mo. 8th.

1813.

The number of our little band having
been lessened within a few months past, by
the death of two of our members, the committee
of nomination have proposed to the consideration
of the Society, the name of Susanna Longstreth
as a suitable addition; which being intirely
agreeable to the members present, H. Elliott
and C. W. Morris are requested to invite her to
become a member of our association, and if
agreeable, attend at our next meeting.

No further business at present.

At a Meeting of the Society for the free instruction of Female Children, held 6mo: 5. 1813.

One of the friends named to invite Susan^h Longstreth to join our Association, informed, that they had mentioned the subject to her, but, after considering it, she had concluded, although she felt considerable interest in our concern, yet she did not believe herself qualified to be a useful member; she therefore declined the invitation.

We are informed by the Committee of Admission, that two vacancies have occurred in the School, and two new scholars been admitted.

At a Meeting of the Society for the free in-
struction of Female Children, held 7mo 3. 1813.

The committee of Admission report, three
scholars have left school since last report, and one
child has been admitted.

Our vacation commencing the 2nd of next
mo: we conclude to continue it three weeks.

At a small meeting of the Society
for the free instruction of Female Children held
7 of the 8th mo: 1813.

Mary Grandon and Anne Potts are appointed
to attend at the opening of our school the 23rd of
the present month.

From the report of the com^{tee} of Admission, it ap-
pears, 3 girls have left school since our last meeting.

At a meeting of the Society for the Free instruction of female children, held 9 mo: 4. 1813.

The Committee of Admission inform us, that four new scholars have been admitted since last report.

No further business.

At a meeting of the Society for the Free instruction of female children, held 10 mo: 2. 1813

The com^{ee} who visited school during the last month, report that it continues in a satisfactory state; the children progressing in their learning.

At a meeting &c. held 11 mo: 6th 1813.

Anna Hopkins and Frances Potts are appointed to collect the annual subscriptions for the present year, and render the same to our treasurer.

At a meeting of the Society for the free
instruction of female children, held

12 mo: 4th 1813.

The committee appointed to collect
subscriptions for the present year, inform us
they have nearly accomplished the business.

The present month, being the
usual time for appointing a com^{ee} to consider
of, and bring forward the names of some of our
members to fill the stations of treasurer, clerk
& purchaser, for the ensuing year, Hannah
Lewis jun^r, Ann Mifflin and Anna Potts are
appointed to attend to it.

The com^{ee} of admission report that 3
children have left school, and 2 have been admit-
ted since their last statement.

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At a meeting of the Society for the free
Instruction of Female children, held 1 mo. D. 1814.

The committee appointed to consider of, and
bring forward some suitable names to fill the of-
fices of clerk, treasurer, and purchaser to the
society, report they united in proposing the re-
appointment of Anne Biddle for clerk, Mary
Elliott, treasurer, and Catharine W. Morris, purcha-
ser for the school; all of which being fully ap-
proved by the society, they are appointed to
their several stations for the present year.

Catharine W. Morris and Hannah Elliott
wishing to be released from acting as visiting com.^{ee}
Elizabeth Crepson & Anne Potts are named to that
service.

The treasurers report was received and read, and
is as follows.

Dr. The Society for the Free Instruction of Females

		\$
1813		
2mo 5.	To Cash paid Pennel Beale rent for room.	15
22	To do Elizabeth Clendenon in full	53 33
26 th	To do Kimber & Conrad for 1 doz arithmetic and 1 doz spelling books	3 40
3mo: 2nd	To Cash paid Eliza ^m Jones 3mo: salary	53 33
8 th	Paid G. Widdifield for Carpenter work	4 34
5mo 11	To sundries purchased by C. W. Morris	0 3
2mo 8.	2 doz pencil cases	31
	9 Introductions to English Reader	3 75
	9 New York Readers	1 07 1/2
	Spelling books 1 doz: & 1 doz ink powder	3 75
	1/2 cord wood and incidental expences	4 15 1/2
	A basket, 50cts 3 1/2 doz ink stands, covers &c.	6 31 1/2
	Paid for repairing desks \$1.37 1/2 tape 10cts	1 55 1/2
	To Cash paid E. Jones 3 months salary	67 50
	Carried over	\$ 219 50

Children in ac^t with Mary Elliott Treasurer. C^r

1813.			
1mo 1813	Balance on hand from last year		89 68
2mo: 16	Received of N. Richardson 1 years interest on 1008		6
3mo: 12	ditto of George Ruhl C ^{mo} : interest on \$1000.		30
29	do of Thomas Wistar, treasurer of School corporation		60
	Also from T. Wistar the cost of addition to wood shed		0 29
5mo 29	Rec ^d from Joseph Richardson 1 years interest on \$100		6
	do do George Ruhl C ^{mo} : interest on \$1000.		30

Subscriptions

7mo 14	From Reuben Glains	5	Brot over	47
	Hannah Johnson	5	Hannah Lewis sen ^r	2
	Catherine Wistar	3	Rebecca Abbott	2
	Josiah Flew	20	Mary Beck	4
	Sarah Wistar jun ^r	3	Jane Bettle	2
	Hannah Crefson dec ^d paid by her husband	1	Rachel Cruks Hank	2
	Eliza ^m Howell	3	Caleb Crefson	5
	Abigail H. Warder	2	John Cook	5
	Susannah Haydock	2	Sarah Crefson jun ^r	2
	Jane Humphreys	3		
		47	Carried over	\$300 97

1813	Amount brot over	\$ 219 50
5 ^{mo} 17.	Purchased by C. W. Morris 2 papers pins	59
	do 2 cords wood, and expenses thereon . . .	15 90
9 ^{mo} :10	Cash pd Elizabeth Jones 4 quarters salary . .	67 50
11 ^{mo} 9	do do do do	67 50
12 ^{mo}	Paid C. W. Morris for sundries	2 50
	do do do do	0 10 ¹ / ₂
		<u>\$ 381 67 ¹/₂</u>

Subscriptions

Continued

Brought over	300.97	Amot brot over ..	367	97
Elizabeth Dawson	2	Sarah Lloyd	1	50
Ruth Ely	5	Susanna Longstreth	5	
Ann Emlyn	1	Sarah M. Longstreth	2	
Ann Eliza Fisher	2	Sarah Morris	5	
Tabitha Fisher	5	Sarah Moore	5	
Rebecca Fisher	5	Anne Mifflin	1	
Sarah West Fisher	5	Sarah Norton	2	
Esther Fisher	2	Ruth Payson	2	
Samuel Rhoads Fisher	5	Mary Potts	2	
Rebecca Folwell	5	Eliza ^m Payson	1	
Elizabeth Guest	4	Elizabeth Roberts	2	
Anne Guest	4	Rachel Richards	3	
Mary Griffitts	2	Hannah Speakman	2	
Rebecca Garrett	2	Susanna Sansona	3	
Lydia Hart	2	Anna Stewardson	2	
Sarah Haysdock	1	Beulah Sanson	2	
Mary Horner	1	Hannah L. Smith	2	
Reuben Haines	5	Mary Wistar	4	
Sarah Johnson, German	5	Letitia Willis	2	
Sarah S. Johnson	3	Mary Wheeler	1	
Elizabeth Koningmacher	1	Eliz ^m White	3	
		Sarah Wain for 1812	5	

\$ 367.97

Carried over \$ 25 1/4

Amount brought forward	381	67
Balance on hand	280	55

\$ 662.22

Subscriptions continued.

Donations

Amo ^t bro ^t over \$	25.47
Rachel Wilson ..	2
Catharine Wistar ..	6
Casper Wistar ..	5
Elizabeth W. Wistar	2
Mary Yarnall ..	3
Ann Yarnall ..	2
Susanna Parrish	1
Mary Cope ..	2
Hannah Jones ..	3
Margaret Cope ..	1
Mary Biddle ..	2
Ann Payson ..	2
Martha Newbold	5
Lydia P. Thompson	2
Sarah Lane ..	5
From the Society	40
Ann Humphreys ..	2
\$	510.47

Richard Wistar bro ^t over	510	47
James P. Parke ..	10	5
Reeve Lewis ..	20	
Mary Lewis ..	10	
Hannah Johnson ..	5	
Mary Potts ..	10	
Sarah Wistar jun ^r ..	3	
Elizabeth Cresson ..	3	
Cash ..	1	75
Joseph M. Paul ..	10	
Sarah R. Longstreth	2	
John Paul ..	20	
Edward Wilson ..	5	
Thomas Wistar of Penns borough by C. W. Morris	35	
Hannah Lewis jun ^r ..		
10 Plates - cost 7.50		
Mary Davis 1500 quills		
Sarah Wistar ..	10	
	662	22

One scholar has been dismissed for non-attendance, two have left school, and an equal number admitted since last report.

At a Special meeting of the Society for the free instruction of female children, held

1 mo: 24. 1812.

George Ruhl having repaid the sum of \$1000 which was lent him on interest about 2 years back, and our treasurer informing us she has in her hands \$200 above what appears necessary for the expences of the present year; Hannah Lewis jun^r and Frances Potts are appointed to seek sufficient security for the above sums, in order to have them placed out on interest to be secured by mortgage to Anne Biddle and Frances Potts as trustees for the aforesaid sum, of 1200. dols.

At a stated Meeting of the Society
for the free instruction of Female Children
held 2 mo. 5. 1874

One of the Committees appointed to
take charge of placing out the money
at interest, report, they have agreed with
William Dunlap, grocer, for the sum of
\$1200, he having secured them by bond
and mortgage, with interest, payable half
yearly.

The Committee of admission in-
form us, two vacancies have been filled since
last report.

At a meeting of the Society for the Free
Instruction of Female Children, held,

3 month, 5th. 1814.

No business occurs at this meeting
usual to be minuted.

At a Meeting of the society for
the Free Instruction of Female Children,
held, 2nd of 4 month, 1814.

From the report of the Com^{ee}
of Admission it appears, one scholar has
left school, and two been dismissed for
non-attendance, since our last meeting.

At a Meeting Ge., held 5 mo: 7th: 1814.

The Committee of Admission report,
2 girls have left school, and the vacancy
been filled, during the last month.

At a Meeting of the Society for the
Free instruction of Female Children, held
6 month 1st 1814.

As our teacher expects to be unavoid-
ably prevented from attending school for
several days, it is agreed to suspend the
business, untill she is able to attend.

We are informed by one of the
attending committee that the conduct of one
of our scholars has for a considerable time
been very
unbecoming; upon considering the subject

it is agreed to dismiss her from the
School. Hannah Lewis jun: & Debo-
rah Howell are appointed to inform
her mother of this conclusion respecting
her.

At a meeting of the Society for
the free instruction of Female Children
held 7 mo. 2. 1814.

We are informed by the
attending com^{ee}, that the school was
opened after one weeks suspension

The committee appointed
to inform the scholar of her dismissal from
school, report their attention to the business.

The society believing an advantage
might arise from an addition to their num-
ber, the nominating committee now propose
the names of Elizabeth Richardson, Eliza^h.
Wistar, and Jane Clark for their consider-
ation; who appearing to be intirely appro-
ved by them, Hannah Elliott, Mary Elliott,
Anne Potts and Anne Biddle are desired
to invite them to join us, and request their
attendance at our next meeting.

From the report of the Com^{ee}
of Admission, we are informed two new
scholars have been admitted during the
last month.

At a Meeting of the Society
for the Free Instruction of Female
Children, held 8th mo: 6th. 1814.

Elizabeth Richardson, Jane
Clark, & Elizth Wistar having accepted
our invitation to become members of this
society, the two former are acceptably with
us: E. Wistar is at present absent from
the city.

The Committee of admission
report that two vacancies ^{occurred} have, during
the last month. H. Elliott, Frances Potts
& A. Biddle are appointed to attend at the
opening of school after vacation.

At a Meeting of the Society &c.

held 9 mo: 3. 1814.

We are informed the school was attended at the commencement after vacation,

by one of the com:^{ee} on that appointment;

the others having been absent from the city.

From the report of the com:^{ee} of Admission it appears, the school is now full.

At a Meeting of the Society &c.

held 10 mo: 8th 1814.

No business occurs at this meeting

usual to place on minute.

At a meeting of the Society
for the Free instruction of Female
Children, held 11 mo: 5. 1814

C. W. Morris, H. Elliott, J. Clark
and A. Biddle, are named to collect the
annual subscriptions for the present year.

At a meeting of the Society, &c. held
12 mo: 3rd: 1814.

The committee named to collect the
annual subscriptions, report having at-
tended to their appointment.

Anne Potts, Sarah Parrish, Anne
Stopkins and Mary Clark, are appointed

to bring forward for the consideration of
this society, the names of such of our mem-
bers as they may believe suitable to fill the
offices of Treasurer, Visiting Com^{ee}, Purcha-
ser, & Clerk for the ensuing year.

At a meeting of the Society for the free
instruction of female children, held 1 mo: 7. 1815.

The com^{ee} named at our last-
meeting to bring forward for the consideration
of the society some names to fill the offices of
Treasurer, Visiting com^{ee}, Purchaser, & Clerk
for the ensuing year, propose the reappointment
of Mary Elliott for treasurer, Elizabeth Creason &
Anne Potts, visiting com^{ee}, C. W. Morris Purchaser, &

& Anne Biddle clerk; which being united with
they are accordingly appointed.

Elizabeth W. Wistar who was invited to
join us some months back, is now acceptably
with us, and has added her name to the list
of members.

We are informed that our friend
Rebecca Dawson, who has been many years
a member of this society, having been latterly
prevented through indisposition in her family
from giving the usual attention to the concerns
of this institution, now resigns her right of
membership amongst us; which is accepted,
with a hope that at some future time, she

may be at liberty again to become a useful member

The following extract from the will
of Thomas Wistar, late of Pennsbury, Chester co.
deceased, was handed us and read.

"Item. I give and bequeath to my cousin
"Catharine W. Morris and Hannah Elliott
"five Hundred Dollars in trust to be by
"them placed out to interest as a fund, the
"Interest whereof to be applied to the schooling
"of poor children at the School called Aim-
"well School in Philadelphia."

The treasurers account being
read, is as follows.

Dⁿ Society for the free Instruction of female
1814

2 mo 1.	Lent to William Dunlap on Mortgage	1200	
22 nd	Paid Elizabeth Jones jun ^r : 1 quarter salary	67	50
6 mo: 22	Paid C. W. Morris the amount of sundries purchased by her. viz.	23	2
6 mo: 26	Paid Eliz th Jones her salary	67	50
8 mo 30	do do do	67	50
11 mo 19	do do do	67	50
	Paid for cleaning school room	2	25
12 mo 31	Cash paid C. W. Morris for sundries	12	11 ³ / ₄
		<u>1507</u>	<u>38³/₄</u>

1815

1 mo 1.	Balance on hand	223	61 ¹ / ₄
		<u>1731</u>	

Children in account with Mary Elliott Treasurer. Cr
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1 mo 1	Balance on hand from last year	200	50
12	Paid in by George Puhl	1000	
	ditto interest thereon for 6 months	30	
3 mo 14	received of J. & D. Elliott 2 years interest on their note of \$66.67	8	
	Received of Nathaniel Richardson 1 year interest on \$100	6	
5 mo 6	Received of Thomas Wistar Treasurer of School corporation	60	
10 mo	Received interest of W. Dunlap for 6 months	36	
	do do J. Richardson	6	
12 mo	Annual Subscriptions	212	50
	Subscription of the society	20	50
	Donations	52	
		1731	

At a Meeting of the Society for the
free instruction of Female Children,

held 2 mo: 4. 1815.

In consequence of inclement weather
but few of the Society collected; no business to
minute at this time.

At a Meeting of the Society for the free
instruction &c. held 3 mo: 4. 1815.

The Committee of Admission report
three scholars having left school, and one admitted
since last month.

At a Meeting of the Society for the Free
Instruction of Female Children, held 4 mo: 8th 1815.

The time of our present stated meetings
sometimes interfering with the Quarterly Meeting; it
is concluded in order to avoid that inconvenience in
future, to meet on the 2nd 7th day of each month
at 3 o'clock P.M.

It appears one scholar has left school, and
three been admitted, since last report from the com.^{ee}
of admission.

At a Meeting of the Society for the free
instruction of female Children, held 5 mo: 13: 1845.

The committee of Admission report,
that one vacancy has occurred in school since
our last meeting.

The following extract from
the Will of John A. Cresson was read.

Item. I give and bequeath to the Treasurer
for the time being of Ainswell School in Philad:
one hundred dollars.

dated 2 mo: 22. 1814.

Thomas Redman jun:
one of the Executors.

The sum has been paid into the hands
of our treasurer, who in conjunction with Mary Clark
is appointed to place it out on interest, together, with
such other money now in her possession as may be

spared; the whole to be secured by bond and mort-
gage to Mary Clark & Deborah Howell as trustees

At a Meeting of the Society &c. held 6 mo 10:

1815.

One of the Com^{ee} appointed at our last
meeting to place out on interest the legacy lately
received together with such monies as might be
spared from our treasury, report they have attended
to the business, and taken measures to place the sum
of \$500 in the hands of Henry M. Collickoffer
secured by a mortgage on his house at the N.E.
corner of Pine and sixth St. interest payable half
yearly.

Upon considering the present state of our
funds, the society believe there would be a propriety
in raising the salary of our teacher, E. Jones, from

270 to 300 dollars; to commence the of mo
being the of the present quarter.

At a Meeting of the Society for the
free instruction of female children, held
7 mo 0 th. 1815.

Vacation will commence the fifth of the
8th month, to continue three weeks.

At a small meeting of the Society
for the free instruction of female children
held 8 month 12 th. 1815.

Being the usual time of
vacation, and most of our members absent
from the city, we have received no report respec-
ting the school for the last month.

The committee of admission inform,
two vacancies have occurred in the school,
which have since been filled with an equal
number of scholars.

At a meeting of the Society &c
held 9mo: 9th. 1815.

The attending committee inform
the school was opened on the 21st. of last mo:

At a Meeting of the Society for the free
instruction of female children held 10 mo: 14. 1815.

No business occurs at this meeting
usual to place on minutes.

At a meeting of the Society
for the Free Instruction of Female Children

held 15 mo: 11th. 1815.

The present being the usual time
for collecting our Annual Subscriptions,

Anna Potts, Elizabeth Cresson, Elizabeth
Wistar, & Elizabeth Richardson are appoin-
ted to that service.

It appears from the re-
port of the committee of Admission, that
two scholars have left school, and the vacancy
been filled by an equal number of children.

At a meeting of the Society for the free
Instruction of female children, held 12 mo: 9th: 1815.

The Com.^{ee} named to collect subscriptions
for the present year, report having nearly completed
that business.

The following communication from
Joseph Parrish, one of the Executors of the last will
of Charles Wharton deceased, is directed to be placed
on our minutes. Hannah Elliott, C. W. Morris, S. Parrish
& A. Biddle, are appointed to act for the Society, and
report thereon at our next meeting.

Respected Friends

Philad:^a 12 mo: 8th: 1815

I now send you an extract from the
will of Charles Wharton deceased, by which it will
appear that your benevolent Institution is to receive one
third part

third part of the half of the residue of the estate — and as
a valuable real estate is about to be disposed of, conformably
to the directions of the will — the Executors request a
conference with the residuary legatees or their representa-
tives — my friend Alexander Wilson would have
joined me in this note — but the indisposition of his
wife will be likely to prevent his being in the city
for a short time.

your friend

Jos. Parrish

After the payment of the specific legacies
he directs his Executors to divide the residue of his es-
tate into two equal half parts and to dispose of them as
follows. viz. — One half part is directed to be divided
into three equal parts and to be paid over in the following
manner — viz. "One equal third part thereof to
the overseers of the Public School — founded by charter

in the town and county of Philad: in Pennsylvania for the
use of that Institution.

One other equal third part thereof to the treasurer
for the time being of the ^{*}Aforesaid female Society established
in Philad: for the relief of the distressed - for the use
of that Institution.

And one other equal third part thereof to the treasurer
for the time being of the ^{*}aforesaid Society, of young women
established in Philadelphia, for the free instruction of poor
female children for the use of that Institution"

* Note - The word Aforesaid is used because the two
Institutions received each a specific legacy - and were
consequently named in the will more at large

The three monthly meetings of Philad:
are legates for the other half of the residue.

The following friends are appointed to consider of, and bring forward for the consideration of this society, some names suitable for clerk, treasurer, visiting committee, and purchaser, for the ensuing year. H. Elliott, D. Howell, A. Potts, E. Wistar and A. Biddle.

A message from our friend Anne Hopkins informs us, that she wishes to resign her situation as a member of this society: which is acceded to with regret.

At a meeting of the Society for the free instruction of female children, held 1 mo: 6th: 1816.

The Com^{ee} named at our last meeting to have a general charge of the business relative to the bequest of Charles Wharton deceased, report, they are united in proposing the appointment of Peter Thomson and John Elliott to represent this society at the approaching conference with the executors of that estate, which being approved, they are authorised by the following minutes

to act on our behalf.

A communication from one of the executors of the last Will of C. Wharton deceased, having been received, requesting a conference with the residuary legatees of his estate, or their representatives, after due consideration, we appoint P. Thomson and John Elliott to represent this society with full power to act on our behalf at such conference.

The com^{ee} named at our last meeting to consider of, and bring forward for the approbation of the society, the names of such characters as they believed suitable to fill the different offices of this society, report they were united in proposing the reappointment of M. Elliott for treasurer, C. W. Morris Purchaser, Anna Potts & E. Crupon visiting committee, and appointing E. Richardson clerk. They were severally considered and approved, but the last named member being absent, her appointment is deferred until a future meeting.

The nominating com^{ee} having proposed the addition of Margaret St. Smith, to our number, after considering the subject, and she appearing to be intirely united with by the society, St. Lewis jun^r & A. Mufflin are desired to inform her thereof, and invite her to join us at our next meeting.

The com^{ee} of Admission inform, one scholar has left school. The treasurers report was read, and is as follows.

D^r Society for Free Instruction of Female Children

10 15 2 mo: 20.	Paid Elizabeth Jones Jun ^r 1 quarter salary - - -	\$ 67	50
3 rd mo 13	Paid C. W. Morris the amount of his bill for sundries	6	6
4 mo:	To Cash paid J. & D. Elliott for Fox sponge . . .		8 1/2
5 mo 20	P ^d E. Jones jun ^r for 3 months attendance	67	50
22	Paid C. W. Morris for sundries as per bill	21	15
6 mo 12	Placed on mortgage with Henry M. Kollickoffer	500	
8 mo: 26	Paid E. Jones jun ^r , 1 quarter salary - - -	75	
10 mo 12	for cleaning school room - - -	2	01
12 mo 4	Paid E. Jones - - -	75	
	Paid C. W. Morris - the amount of his bill - -	3	9
11 mo 8	Paid for mending lock to wood shed - - -		12 1/2
	1 doz copywriting books - - -	2	
12 mo:	for glazing done at school - - -		31
	Blacking for the stove, sweeping chimney &c.		50
	2 doz Spelling books, 1 doz ink powder	5	50
	Paid S. Mendenhall for hanging a map, putting up venetian blinds, and hanging a window	4	86
		\$ 832	20

in account with Mary Elliott, treasurer.

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0	10 15	Balance on hand	\$	223	6 1/2
6	1 mo 1- 2 mo 16	Received of Nathaniel Richardson 1 year interest on \$1000		6	
7 1/2	23	Rec ^d of A. Biddle 6 mo: interest from W. ^m Dunlap		36	
5	5 mo 19	Paid by N. Richardson Principal and interest		102	
	22	Received of S. W. Fisher, treasurer of school corp ^m		60	
01	6 mo 12	Rec ^d : 6 months interest on \$500 being a legacy left by Thomas Wistar of Pennsborough to C. W. Morris & Hannah Elliott in trust for the benefit of A. School		15	
9	13	Paid in by J. & D. Elliott principal 1 year and 4 months interest thereon		66	67
12 1/2				5	33
0 mo 0		Received 6 mo: interest from W. ^m Dunlap		36	
31	28	of Joseph Richardson 1 year interest on his note for \$100		6	
50		Rec ^d : of Mary Clark 6 mo: interest on H. M. Lollickoffer's bond for \$500		15	
50	11 mo	Received from Annual Subscriptions from the Society		222	39 50
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20			\$	833	11 1/2

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Amount brought over

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1 mo: 1

Balance on hand

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		Amount brot over \$	
1815	Donations		033 11 1/2
1 mo 7	From Mary Coates		6
2 mo: 16	Nathaniel Richardson		4
3 mo: 6	Hannah Johnson		5
	Joseph M. Paul		10
5 mo: 12	Received of Thomas Redman a bequest of John A. Cresson, deceased.		100
	Presented by Joseph Clark		
	6 Vols Collections "Religious Tracts"		
	10 "Thoughts on the importance of Religion"		
	25 Sheets "Time and Eternity"		
	Presented by Francis Potts for the library		
	"Christian Morals" by Hannah More		
	by Emma Kimbee a map of		
	United States of America.		
		\$	9 50 11 1/2

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