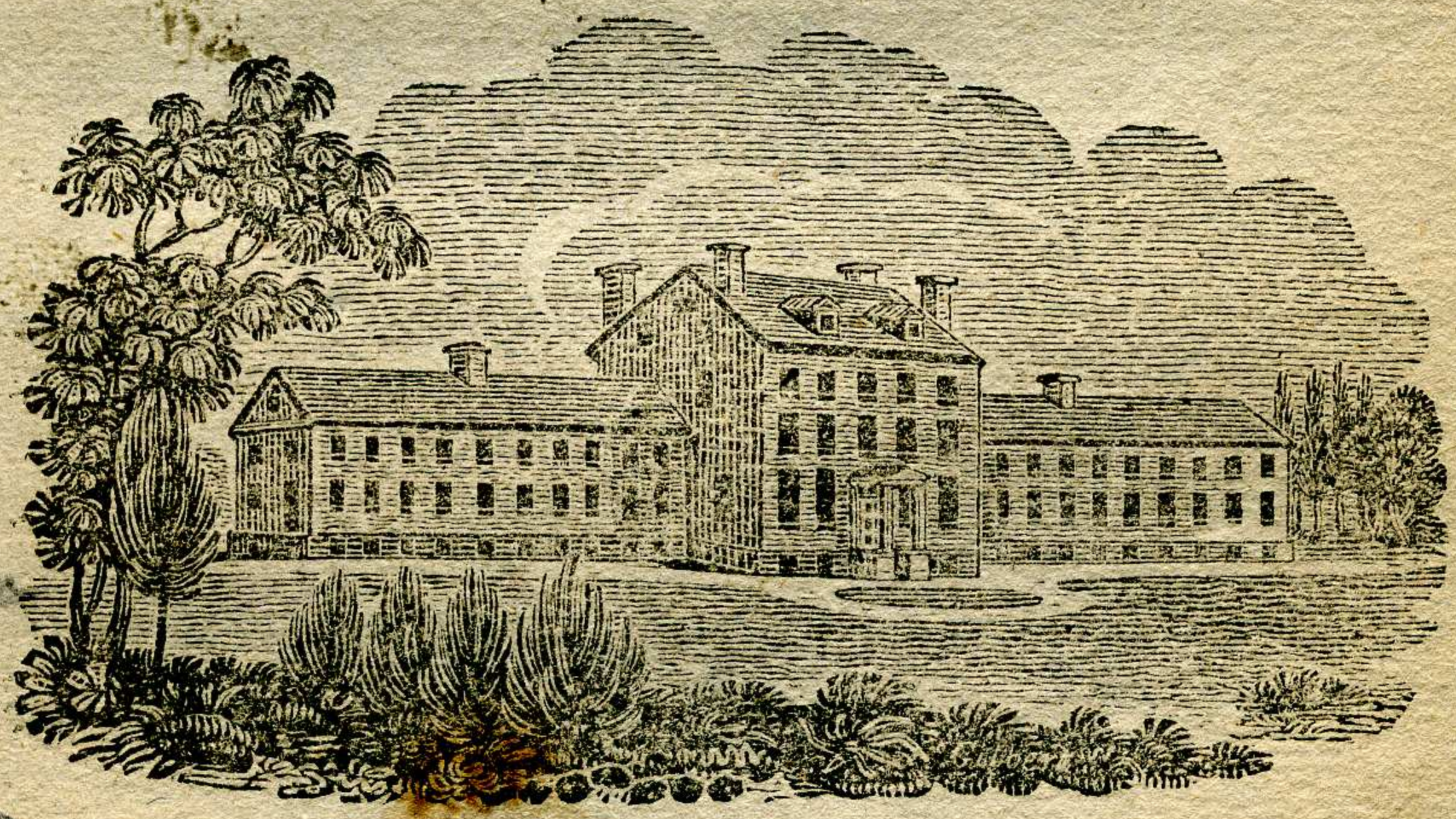


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**THE ASYLUM**  
FOR  
**THE RELIEF OF PERSONS**  
DEPRIVED OF THE  
**USE OF THEIR REASON.**

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The following account of the present state of the Asylum is published by the board of Managers, for the information of the Contributors, in compliance with directions given at their last annual meeting.

The institution continues under the care of Edward and Sarah Taylor, as Superintendent and matron, and the Medical department is under the care of Dr. Samuel W. Pickering.

There were in the Asylum, at the date of the last annual statement, thirty-two patients; since which time eighteen have been admitted, two have died,\* and thirteen have been discharged. Of the latter, four were considered as recovered, eight as much improved, and one as improved. There remain in the house, sixteen male and nineteen female patients; of whom, four are thought to be recovered, five much improved, three improved, and twenty-three remain as at the last report, or as when admitted. Of those who are reported without improvement, more than one half have been in the Asylum since the year 1821, and may be considered as belonging to a class whose disease, confirmed by time, will yield but slowly to the most judicious treatment. It is encouraging to recollect, that up to the period of the last annual report, one

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\* Both deaths were occasioned by mortification, arising, in one instance, from a hurt received before admission.



hundred and forty-one patients had been admitted into the Asylum, and that of these only eighteen remain in the house without much sensible improvement. It is evident that the number of cases almost incurable, whose suffering can be scarcely more than palliated, will continue to increase, and affect the future reports of the managers, without indicating any unfavourable change in the management or success of the institution. We hope this afflicting consideration will occasion fresh inducements to the friends of the patients to send them to the Asylum at an early stage of their disease, and also to allow them to continue there until their restoration to reason shall be confirmed.

One thousand dollars of the debt of the Contributors, being the amount stated in the last report, of which the payment had then been authorized, was paid soon after the annual meeting in 1824; since which time, having experienced difficulties in collecting some of the monies, owing for the board of Patients, the Managers have been obliged to use the authority granted at that meeting and to borrow the sum of eight hundred dollars, which they have obtained at an interest of five per cent.

Advantage has been taken of the present low rate of interest on money, to change the debt of the Contributors from a six per cent to a five per cent loan. The annual saving to the Institution by this change is upwards of eighty dollars on the present amount of debt.

The Managers are encouraged to believe that through the goodness of a kind and Superintending Providence and his blessings on their labours, the Institution will continue to be useful in its operations, and realize the expectations of its friends and patrons.

*3d Month, 1825.*



*Accounts of the Contributors to the Asylum for the relief  
of Persons deprived of the use of their Reason, for the  
Year, ending 3d month 14th, 1825.*

**DEBITS.**

	Dolls.	C.	Dolls.	C.
ASYLUM BUILDING---sundries, . . . . .	. . . . .		68	32
FURNITURE ---sundry articles, . . . . .	. . . . .		8	45
MEDICAL DEPARTMENT---medicine, and salary of Visiting Physician, . . . . .	. . . . .		242	53
FARM AND FAMILY EXPENSES----				
Supplies generally, . . . . .	1786	76		
Wages and salaries paid, . . . . .	1324	77	3111	53
INCIDENTAL EXPENSES---various charges, . . . . .	. . . . .		172	32
AMOUNT OF DEBT of the Contributors---reduced since last report, . . . . .	. . . . .		200	00
INTEREST---paid this year, . . . . .	. . . . .		545	38
BALANCE FOR THE USE OF THE INSTITUTION---- viz.---will be in the hands of the Treasurer after paying the orders already drawn, . . . . .	375	47		
Owing by sureties of patients, . . . . .	977	06	1352	53
			5701	06

**CREDITS.**

Balance of account last year, viz.				
In Treasurer's hands per report, . . . . .	1076	12		
Balances owing by sureties of Patients, . . . . .	241	72	1317	84
Board of Patients, this year, . . . . .	. . . . .		4252	81
Sundries sold by Superintendent, Produce of farm, &c. . . . .	. . . . .		43	21
Damages done by the Patients, To the glass, . . . . .	1	60		
To the furniture, . . . . .	10	60	12	20
Contributions received this year---being Life Subscriptions,				
Within Philadelphia Monthly Meeting, . . . . .	25	00		
Chester ditto, . . . . .	25	00		
ditto, ditto, . . . . .	25	00	75	00
			5701	06



There have been admitted into the Asylum since it was opened in the Fifth-month, 1817, 158 patients.

Of these have been discharged,

Recovered, . . . . .	53
Much improved, . . . . .	23
Improved, . . . . .	17
Without apparent change,	9
Died, . . . . .	21
Remain in the house, . . . . .	35
	— 158

Average number of Patients in the Asylum, during the year, nearly 33.

*Life Contributors for the year 1824.*

James Wills of Philadelphia.

Francis Wisely, Chester.

Abraham Pennel, jr. do.

A subscription, at one payment, of Twenty-five Dollars, constitutes the subscriber a member for life. An annual subscription of Six Dollars entitles to membership while the payment is continued.



*Extract from the "Rules instituted for the Management of the Asylum."*

Previous to a patient being brought to the Asylum, application shall be made and the case stated to the visiting managers, to ascertain whether it will be proper to send him or her. If such application is by letter, it may be addressed to the care of the clerk of the managers, or the superintendent, at the Asylum.

The subjoined form of certificate, is to be signed by a Physician in the neighbourhood of the patient, if



practicable, which, with a certificate of examination from the visiting or a consulting physician, shall be submitted to the visiting managers, previous to such patient being admitted by them into the Asylum.

**I DO HEREBY CERTIFY**, from my own knowledge, that \_\_\_\_\_ of aged \_\_\_\_\_ years, is in a state of insanity, and proper to be received into an house provided for the relief of persons of that description.

I further certify, that the answers annexed to the following Queries are correct, as far as I can judge.

**PHYSICIAN.**

day of

18

### QUERIES.

1. Has the patient had any other complaint, and how long has he or she been afflicted with insanity?

Answer.

2. What medical, or other means have been used?

Answer.

3. Has he or she shewn any disposition to injure him or herself or any other person?

Answer.

4. What other circumstances have occurred tending to throw light on the case?

Answer.



*The following engagement is to be signed previous to the admission of Patients into the Asylum, by the applicant and the surety, one of whom must reside in or near Philadelphia.*

Application is hereby made for the admission of \_\_\_\_\_ as a patient into the Asylum for the relief of persons deprived of the use of



their reason; upon whose admission, we severally engage to provide a sufficiency of suitable clothing for use whilst there; to pay to Superintendent of said institution, or to his assigns or successor in office                      dollars per week, for board; to make compensation for all damages done by                      to the glass, bedding or furniture, and to cause                      to be removed when discharged; and in the event of                      death whilst there, to pay the expenses of burial.\*

*Witness our hands and seals, this                      day of                      A. D. 18*

**WITNESS**



*Of Visitors to the Asylum.*

**RULE 1.** When near relations or particular friends of patients, desire to be admitted to see their connections, application must be made to the superintendent; or, in his absence, to the attending physician, who may allow such visits when circumstances will admit.

**2.** As the general admission of visitors would be improper and injurious to the patients; no persons, except as above, shall be admitted to the apartments occupied by patients, unless introduced by a manager; but, on application to the superintendent, they may be shown such parts of the building and appendages as are not so occupied.

\* Objections having been made to that part of the bond which engages to make compensation for damages done by patients to the glass, bedding and furniture, it was agreed, at a late meeting of the Board, that where persons becoming sureties shall so prefer, the visiting managers have authority to accept in lieu thereof a small additional charge to the board agreed on.



## ANNUITES.

A mode of obtaining contributions by annuities, not much known amongst us, but familiar to Friends in England, has been agreed on by the Contributors. On paying any sum of money to the treasurer, for the use of the Institution, interest of six per cent. thereon, is annually to be paid to the annuitant; at whose decease, the interest money ceases, and the principal remains the property of the Asylum. This mode will probably be convenient to many, who are desirous of promoting the designs of the Institution, and yet do not prefer making any considerable donation during their life time.

## FORMS OF LEGACY.

### *I. Form of a bequest of personal Estate.*

“I give and bequeath to A. B. and C. D. and the survivor of them, and the executors and administrators of such survivor, the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ in trust for the use of an Institution near Philadelphia, known by the name of “The Contributors to the Asylum for the relief of persons deprived of the use of their reason,” and to be paid by the said trustees to the treasurer for the time being, of the said Institution.”

### *II. Form of a Devise of real Estate.*

“I give and devise to A. B. and C. D. and their heirs, all that \_\_\_\_\_ (here describe the property) together with the appurtenances, to hold to them, the said A. B. and C. D. and the survivor of them, and the heirs of such survivor forever; in trust nevertheless, for the sole use and benefit of an institution near Philadelphia, known by the name of “The Contributors to the Asylum for the relief of persons deprived of the use of their reason,” and upon this further trust, absolutely to dispose of, and convey the same, either in fee, or for such other estate, and in such way and manner, as the Contributors to the said Asylum shall, at any meeting or meetings, order, direct, and appoint.”



## MANAGERS OF THE ASYLUM

FOR THE YEAR 1825.

*Classed to visit the Asylum weekly on Seventh day—  
Officers, &c.*

<i>From</i>	{	Joseph Warner, No. 171, High street.
<i>3d to 4th mo.</i>		Jesse Walton, Frankford.
	{	Isaac Bonsall, corner of Dock St. & Bank
		Isaac Bonsall, [alley.
<i>4th to 5th mo.</i>	{	Samuel P. Griffitts, 62, S. Front street.
		Jacob Justice, 149, High street.
<i>5th to 6th mo.</i>	{	Samuel P. Griffitts,
		Jacob Justice,
	{	Jonathan Thomas, above Holmesburg.
<i>6th to 7th mo.</i>		Jonathan Thomas,
	{	Ellis Yarnall, 357, High street.
		Charles Townsend, 105, Chesnut st.
<i>7th to 8th mo.</i>	{	Ellis Yarnall,
		Charles Townsend,
	{	Charles Allen, 180, S. Second street.
<i>8th to 9th mo.</i>		Charles Ailen,
	{	Jonas Preston, 250, Mulberry street.
		Joseph M. Paul, 60, N. Fourth street.
<i>9th to 10th mo.</i>	{	Jonas Preston,
		Joseph M. Paul,
	{	Israel Maule, 14, John street.
<i>10th to 11th mo.</i>		Israel Maule,
	{	Abraham L. Pennock, 122, N. Fifth st.
		Abel Satterthwaite, Abington.
<i>11th to 12th mo.</i>	{	Abraham L. Pennock,
		Abel Satterthwaite,
	{	John Cooke, 147, Mulberry st.
<i>12th to 1st mo.</i>		John Cooke,
	{	Joel Woolman, Northern, Liberties.
		William Kinsey, Frankford.
<i>1st to 2d mo.</i>	{	Joel Woolman,
		William Kinsey,
	{	William Morrison, 79, Chesnut street.
<i>2d to 3d mo.</i>		William Morrison.
	{	Jesse Walton, Frankford.
		Bartholomew Wistar, 133 High Street.



*Clerk of the Contributors.***Clement Biddle, No. 27, Church Alley.***Treasurer.***George Vaux, No. 145, Mulberry street.***Clerk of the Board of Managers.***Daniel B. Smith, N. E. corner of Sixth and Mulberry Streets.***Superintendents.***Edward and Sarah Taylor.***Attending Physician.***Samuel W. Pickering.***Consulting Physicians.*

**Joseph Parrish, No. 109, Mulberry street,  
 Nathan Shoemaker, No. 210, Chesnut street,  
 Edwin A. Atlee, No. 101, N. Seventh street,  
 Samuel Emlen, Corner of Seventh and Mulberry st.**

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**THE ANNUAL MEETING** of the Contributors for 1826, will be held on Fourth-day, the 15th of the Third month, at Three o'clock in the Afternoon, in Mulberry-street Meeting-house.

**THE END.**