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DEPRIVED OF THE
USE OF THEIR REASON.

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EXTRACT

From the Annual Report of the Managers of the Asylum.

The Managers in relinquishing to the Contributors the trust which has been reposed in them for the last year, have much satisfaction in reporting the continued prosperity of the Asylum.

The same system of treatment, which has heretofore been so successful, has been continued, and if it has not, during the past year, restored so great a number as in some former years, its benefits are not the less evident in the general tranquillity and comfort of the patients, and in the improvement of their health, both bodily and mental.

The House remains under the same general and medical superintendence, as at the last report. The number of patients admitted during the past year is 23. 20 patients have been discharged, and there have been 4 deaths within that time. Of the twenty patients who have been discharged, 10 were reported to be restored, 4 much improved, 2 improved, and in the remaining 4, no improvement had been observed. The average number of patients during the year has been nearly 38. There are now under treatment in the house 38 patients, of whom 3 are reported to be restored, 5 much improved, 5 improved, and 25 without apparent change since last report or their admission. Of this latter number, 17 are cases of long standing, having been patients in the house since 1824. The remarks made

in our last annual summary respecting the condition of those not improved, continue to be applicable, as the number of cases generally deemed incurable, will naturally increase with years in the Asylum.

The attention of the Managers has been turned towards increasing in a still greater degree the security and safety of the Patients; and some valuable additions to the former arrangements for this purpose have been made.

The warming apparatus, constructed last winter, having been found to be sufficient for the purpose, has, by a slight alteration in the flues, been made to warm four additional rooms; and that in the women's wing being out of order, has been repaired and altered, so as also to admit of the use of Anthracite coal.

The weekly visits of the Managers to the Asylum have been regularly performed, and although the minutes made by them on these occasions have been generally satisfactory, and exhibit a careful attention on the part of the family to the comfort and classification of the patients; we have to regret that there is no means for sufficiently separating the convalescent from the noisy and excited patients. Until the means of effecting this be provided, the buildings at the Asylum cannot be considered as completed. The Managers hope that the Contributors will not lose sight of this important object.

The report of the Committee of accounts, which is herewith submitted, exhibits a view of the finances of the Institution, from which it appears, that the amount receivable from the board of Patients during the year, will nearly, if not quite, defray the whole expenses, including improvements and interest.

A legacy of five hundred dollars, bequeathed by Sarah Dillwyn, late of Burlington, N. J. to the Asylum, has been paid by her executors to the Treasurer.

Information has been received by the Managers of a bequest of twenty dollars, by the late Jane Scotten, of Bristol, Pa. and also of one from the late Susannah Morris, of this city, of a rent charge of 44 dollars and 40 cents per annum.

RECAPITULATION.

There remained in the Asylum in the 3d Month, 1826,		39 patients.
Admissions since,		23
		62
Discharges; restored,	10	
Do. much improved,	4	
Do. improved,	2	
Do. stationary,	4	
Deceased,*	4	
	24	
Remaining in the house,		
Restored,	3	
Much improved,	5	
Improved,	5	
Without improvement,	25	
	38	62

The average number of patients through the year was nearly 38.



Life Subscribers for the year 1826.

Israel Howell,
George Robinson,
Howard Williams, all of Philadelphia.

* Of the 4 deaths this year—one was from mortification, ensuing upon a fracture of a limb, occasioned by a fall—one was from consumption; one from epilepsy, to which the patient had been subject for many years; and the other from intermittent fever, with which the patient, who had been in the house but a short time, was afflicted when admitted.

The Account of the Contributors to the Asylum for the relief of persons deprived of the use of their Reason, for the year ending 3d mo. 12th, 1827.

EXPENDITURES.

	Dolls. C.	Dolls. C.
ASYLUM FARM---for this sum, . . . . .	. .	175
ASYLUM BUILDING---various improvements, . . . . .	. .	241 15
FURNITURE---for this amount, . . . . .	. .	69 50
FARM AND FAMILY EXPENSES---viz.		
Salaries and wages paid this year,	1454 64	
Supplies and expenditures, of various kinds,	2803 04	4257 68
MEDICAL DEPARTMENT---		
Visiting Physician's salary,	200	
Sundry supplies, Medicine, &c.	48 57	248 57
INCIDENTAL EXPENSES---Taxes, printing, station- ary, &c. . . . .	. .	147 31
INTEREST AND ANNUITY---paid this year, (of which \$100 became due last year,) . . . . .	. .	255
BALANCE---viz. will remain in Treasurer's hands, after payment of orders drawn on him this year,	1671 43	
Owing by sureties of patients, for board, &c.	805 47	2476 90
		<u>7697 86</u>

RECEIPTS.

BALANCE as per account stated 3d mo. 13, 1826, viz. In the hands of the Treasurer,	254 47	
Due from sureties of patients,	932 19	1186 66
BOARD OF PATIENTS, for the year,		5140 47
RECEIVED BY SUPERINTENDENT---		
For produce of Farm sold,	39 66	
For patent buckles and stove pipe sold,	61 67	101 33
DAMAGES CHARGEABLE TO PATIENTS---		
For Glass broken,	2 65	
Furniture injured or destroyed,	6 75	9 40
CONTRIBUTIONS AND LEGACIES, viz.		
Life subscriptions, class 1st, within Northern District Monthly Meeting, 50		
Southern District, 120	170	
Annual subscriptions, class 2d---		
within Northern District Mo. Meeting, 10		
" Western do. 50	60	
LEGACIES---		
Ann Dawes of Philada. legacy of 10 shares of Turnpike stock, value 530		
Sarah Dillwyn, of Burlington, legacy 500	1030	1260
		<u>7697 86</u>

A debt of \$4000 is yet owing by the Contributors.

Article 6th of the Constitution.

Every Monthly Meeting which has contributed two hundred dollars, and every individual who has contributed twenty-five dollars in one payment, whilst continuing a member of the religious society of Friends, may recommend one poor patient at one time on the lowest terms of admission. Application for admission shall be made, first to one of the physicians for examination, and then to the Managers; or to such of them as they may appoint for that purpose, by whom all orders for admission shall be granted; and when they find it difficult to agree on the propriety of admitting the applicant, the case shall be referred to the decision of the Board of Managers.

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 shown 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.

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The following engagement is to be signed previous to the admission of Patients into the Asylum, by the applicant and 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.

(L. S.)

(L. S.)

* 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.

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.

ANNUITIES.

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.”

LIST OF MONTHLY MEETINGS,

Which have become Contributors to the Asylum, and the Names of their AGENTS, as reported to the Association, within the several Quarterly Meetings, viz.—

PHILADELPHIA QUARTERLY MEETING.

<i>Philadelphia Monthly Meeting,</i>	}	Samuel Bettle.
<i>Do. for Northern district,</i>		Joseph R. Jenks.
<i>Do. Southern do.</i>		William Evans.
<i>Do. Western do.</i>		Daniel B. Smith.
<i>Radnor, - -</i>		Joseph George.
<i>Exeter, - -</i>		John S. Pearson.

ABINGTON.

<i>Abington, - -</i>		John L. Williams.
<i>Byberry, - -</i>		Jonathan Thomas.
<i>Horsham, - -</i>		Gove Mitchell.
<i>Gwynned, - -</i>		Jonathan Shoemaker.
<i>Frankford, - -</i>		Jonathan Robeson.

BUCKS.

<i>Buckingham, -</i>		John Wilson.
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<i>Solebury,</i>	-	-	Watson Fell.
<i>Wrightstown,</i>	-	-	Isaac Chapman.
<i>Middletown,</i>	-	-	Joshua Knight.
<i>Falls,</i>	-	-	Moses Comfort.
CONCORD.			
<i>Chester,</i>	-	-	Francis Wisely.
<i>Darby,</i>	-	-	Edward Garrigues.
<i>Goshen,</i>	-	-	Walker Yarnall.
<i>Concord,</i>	-	-	William Trimble.
<i>Wilmington,</i>	-	-	Isaac Jackson.
<i>Birmingham,</i>	-	-	Benjamin Sharpless.
CALN.			
<i>Sadsbury,</i>	-	-	Joseph Paxson.
<i>Bradford,</i>	-	-	William Dowdall.
<i>Uwchlan,</i>	-	-	Isaiah Kirk.
WESTERN.			
<i>Center,</i>	-	-	Jesse Chandler.
<i>Kennet,</i>	-	-	Edward Temple.
<i>London Grove,</i>	-	-	William Bailey.
<i>New Garden,</i>	-	-	Ezra Michener.
<i>Fallowfield,</i>	-	-	Gideon Pierce.
<i>Little Britain,</i>	-	-	Jeremiah Brown.
SOUTHERN.			
<i>Duck Creek,</i>	-	-	Daniel Cowgill.
<i>Motherkilm,</i>	-	-	Warner Mifflin.
BURLINGTON.			
<i>Chesterfield,</i>	-	-	Samuel Middleton.
HADDONFIELD.			
<i>Evesham,</i>	-	-	John Borton.
<i>Upper Evesham,</i>	-	-	John Evans.
<i>Haddonfield,</i>	-	-	Joseph Kaighn.
<i>Chester, (N. J.)</i>	-	-	William Roberts.
SALEM.			
<i>Woodbury,</i>	-	-	Isaac Kay.
<i>Pilesgrove,</i>	-	-	Joseph Ogden.
<i>Salem,</i>	-	-	William F. Miller.
<i>Maurice River,</i>	-	-	Isaac Townsend.
SHREWSBURY AND RAHWAY.			
<i>Shrewsbury,</i>	-	-	Tylee Williams.
<i>Kingwood,</i>	-	-	Henry Clifton.

MANAGERS OF THE ASYLUM FOR 1827.

Classed to visit the Asylum weekly on seventh day.

<i>From</i>	{	Joseph Warner, No. 171 High street.
<i>3d mo. 12th to</i>		Bartholomew Wistar, No. 133 High St.
<i>4th mo. 9th.</i>	{	John H. Warder, No. 85, N. Seventh St.
<i>4th mo. 9th to</i>	{	Bartholomew Wistar,
<i>5th mo. 14th.</i>		Abraham L. Pennock, No. 4. S. 12th St.
	{	Jacob Justice, 149, High street.
<i>5th mo. 14th to</i>	{	Abraham L. Pennock,
<i>6th mo. 11th.</i>		Jacob Justice,
	{	Ellis Yarnall, 357, High street.
<i>6th mo. 11th to</i>	{	Jonathan Thomas, above Holmesburg.
<i>7th mo. 9th.</i>		Ellis Yarnall,
	{	John Cooke, 147, Arch street.
<i>7th mo. 9th to</i>	{	Jonathan Thomas,
<i>8th mo. 13th.</i>		Charles Townsend, S. E. corner Chesnut
	{	John Cooke, [& 10th street.
<i>8th mo. 13th to</i>	{	Charles Townsend,
<i>9th mo. 10th.</i>		Jonas Preston, 250, Mulberry street.
	{	Joseph M. Paul, 60, N. Fourth street.
<i>9th mo. 10th to</i>	{	Jonas Preston,
<i>10th mo. 8th.</i>		Joseph M. Paul,
	{	Israel Maule, 14, John street.
<i>10th mo. 8th to</i>	{	Israel Maule,
<i>11th mo. 12th.</i>		Isaiah Hacker, 190 Mulberry street.
	{	Abel Satterthwaite, Abington.
<i>11th mo. 12th to</i>	{	Isaiah Hacker,
<i>12th mo. 10th.</i>		Abel Satterthwaite,
	{	Charles Allen, 180, S. Second street.
<i>12th mo. 10th to</i>	{	Charles Allen,
<i>1st mo. 14th.</i>		Joel Woolman, Northern Liberties.
	{	William Kinsey, Frankford.
<i>1st mo. 14th to</i>	{	Joel Woolman,
<i>2d mo. 11th.</i>		William Kinsey,
	{	Josiah Dawson, N. 101, N. Second St.
<i>2d mo. 11th to</i>	{	Josiah Dawson,
<i>3d mo. 19th.</i>		Daniel Fletcher, Cheltenham.
	{	Joseph Warner,

Daniel B. Smith, *Clerk of the Board of Managers*,
North-East corner of Sixth and Mulberry streets.

Clerk of the Contributors.
Clement Biddle, No. 27, Church Alley.

Treasurer.
George Vaux, No. 145, Mulberry Street.

Superintendents.
Edward and Sarah Taylor.

Attending Physician.
Samuel W. Pickering.

Consulting Physicians.
Joseph Parrish, No. 109, Mulberry street,
Nathan Shoemaker, No. 210, Chesnut street.
Samuel Emlen, Jr. corner of Seventh and Mulberry
streets.

☞ *THE ANNUAL MEETING* of the Contributors
for 1828, will be held on *Fourth-day*, the 19th of the *Third*
month, at *Three o'clock* in the *Afternoon*, in *Mulberry*
Street Meeting-House.

