

THIRTEENTH
ANNUAL REPORT
ON THE STATE
OF
THE ASYLUM
FOR
THE RELIEF OF PERSONS
DEPRIVED OF THE
USE OF THEIR REASON.

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ANNUAL REPORT, &c.

The following Statement of the present condition of the Asylum is published, in compliance with the request of the Contributors at their late annual meeting.

Since the last report, 18 patients have been admitted into the house. The number under our care, at that period, was 37. Since then, 22 have been discharged, and 5 have died. There are, at present, in the house, 28 patients. Of those who have left the house, 8 were recovered—7 much improved—3 improved, and 4 were without apparent change. Of the deaths which have occurred, one was a patient who died within two days after her reception, of a fever, under which she was labouring at the time she was admitted; and the others were lingering cases, accompanied with hectic fever or pulmonary disease. Of the patients now in the house, one is restored—two are much improved—one is improved—and, in the remaining 24 no change for the better is apparent.

The new wings have been completed in a very satisfactory manner; nearly according to the plan detailed in our last annual summary; and are found to realize our most sanguine expectations, in stopping the transmission of sound, and effectually preventing the convalescent and tractable patients from being injured by the noises of the more violent. Various important and necessary repairs and improvements have also been made to the old buildings and premises. The expense of the new buildings has exceeded the estimate originally made; although, we believe, the whole of the money which has thus been expended has been very economically and judiciously applied. The cost of the new wings has been 10,927 dollars 11 cents; of the permanent improvements to the old buildings and premises, 533 dollars 89 cents; and of the repairs, 713 dollars 89 cents.

An opportunity having offered of purchasing about ten acres of land adjoining the Asylum farm on the south-eastern

side, next the road in front of the buildings, and the property being a very desirable acquisition to the Asylum estate, it was agreed to make the purchase; which was effected for the sum of 1500 dollars.

In order to meet these expenditures, it has been necessary to borrow the sum of 3,500 dollars—which has been obtained at an interest of $5\frac{1}{2}$ per cent, per annum. This additional sum increases the debt of the Contributors to 8,500 dollars, being an annual charge of 442 dollars 50 cents.

A legacy of 300 dollars, from our late esteemed friend Joseph M. Paul, bequeathed for the purpose of finishing the bathing apparatus, &c. has been received by the treasurer.

The sum which has accrued for the board of patients, is 4,184 dollars 18 cents; and the expenses, exclusive of the improvements, and interest on money borrowed, have been 5,164 dollars 90 cents.

Philadelphia, 3d mo. 24th, 1830.

Extracts from the Attending Physician's annual Report.

Out of 28 patients, at present in the house, 24 are reported as stationary—that is, as having undergone no sensible improvement, or the contrary, during the last year, or since their admission, in case that took place since my last annual report. The far greater part of them might, with equal propriety, have been denominated incurable. So great a proportion of *incurables* may, at first view, excite surprise; but it ought to be remembered, that, in an establishment like this, there will of necessity be a continued accumulation of such cases; inasmuch as it is at the option of the patients' friends to make it an asylum not only for the temporary, but also for the permanent residence of such incurables as are placed therein.

Another reason of their being *so many* incurables, is, I apprehend, that of the friends of the insane being too apt to consider an Asylum, or public receptacle, as a dernier resort—as a place to which they ought to be consigned, only, in case they cannot be kept at home. Now I conceive this to be the most effective way, ultimately to make them permanent residents of such establishments; for I am con-

vinced that one of the very best remedies for the cure of either mania or melancholia, is to sever, as much as possible, former mental and personal associations, by a removal from those places and persons, which, if not the direct cause of the complaint, tend at least indirectly to keep it up. Medicine may in these, as well as in many other diseases, do much; but there is, in my opinion, no complaint so terrible as insanity, in which it does so little, except aided by change of residence, scenery, attendants, diet, air and exercise.

I allude to this, from observing in the above and former lists, the very great length of time that has too often been suffered to elapse before the patient has been entrusted to the care of strangers and a public establishment of this kind. Nevertheless I would not be understood to discourage the friends of those who have been long the subjects of insanity, from placing them in an establishment appropriated especially for their reception; for it cannot be proved, *a priori*, that such a removal would be of no benefit to the patient; while on the contrary, instances of very considerable improvement, and even cure, under the most discouraging circumstances, are not unfrequent. In this Asylum, the great majority of even those whose diseases have been of considerable standing, have evidently improved; and some, contrary to all expectation, have been restored to sanity and their friends.

There is another circumstance which it would be well for those who place their friends in institutions of this kind, to keep in mind; and that is, not to expect any *very sudden* and decisive evidence of their future restoration. Too many show a feverish restlessness at the slowness with which their wishes are realized. It ought to be constantly borne in mind, that insanity is but seldom—very seldom, suddenly cured. All experience proves that the most favourable cases of either mania or melancholia require months for their restoration, and not unfrequently years.

RECAPITULATION.

Patients in the House 3d month, 7th, 1829,	37
Admissions since,	18
	—
Making	55
Discharges ; restored,	8
Do. much improved,	7
Do. improved,	3
Do. { without apparent im- } { provement, }	4
Died,	5
	— 27
Remaining in the house,	
Restored,	1
Much improved,	2
Improved,	1
Stationary,	24
	— 28 — 55

The average number of patients for the year was 30 and one-twelfth.

Clerk of the Contributors.

Thomas Kimber, No. 216, Mulberry Street.

Treasurer.

George Vaux, No. 145, Mulberry Street.

Superintendents.

Edward and Sarah Taylor.

Attending Physician.

Samuel W. Pickering, Frankford.

Consulting Physicians.

Thomas C. James, No. 7, York Buildings,
 Charles Lukens, N. W. corner of Mulberry & Seventh Sts.
 Charles F. Matlack, No. 85, Mulberry Street,
 Benjamin Ellis, No. 30, North Ninth Street,
 Robert M. Huston, No. 107, Mulberry Street.
 Caspar Wistar, No. 184, Mulberry Street.

The Account of the Contributors to the Asylum, &c.

PAYMENTS.

	Dolls. C.	Dolls. C.
ASYLUM BUILDING and YARDS----		
Amount expended this year to finish new buildings	1927 11	
Ditto in additional fixtures and improvements to the other buildings and yards	533 89	2461
ASYLUM FARM----		
Amount paid for ground purchased this year . . . . .	. . .	1502
SALARIES and WAGES—		
Amount paid this year, . . . . .	. . .	1739 97
FARM AND FAMILY EXPENSES----		
Supplies of various kinds,	2324 42	
Repairs,	713 89	3038 31
MEDICAL DEPARTMENT----		
Visiting Physician's salary \$200, supplies 61 61 . . . . .	. . .	261 61
LIBRARY----		
Amount paid for books and binding, . . . . .	. . .	30
INCIDENTAL EXPENSES----		
Printing, Stationary, Taxes, &c. . . . .	. . .	95 01
INTEREST----		
Paid this year, . . . . .	. . .	202 25
BALANCE due, viz.----		
From sureties of patients,	834 11	
Will remain in Treasurer's hands, after payment of orders drawn on him to this date inclusive,	119 77	953 88
	\$	10284 03

for the year ending Third Month 8th, 1830.

RECEIPTS.

	Dolls. C.	Dolls. C.
BALANCE remaining last year per account, viz.---		
Due from sureties of patients,	1095 58	
In hands of the Treasurer,	950 80	2046 38
BOARD OF PATIENTS ----		
Amount chargeable for the year, . . . . .	. . .	4184 18
PRODUCE OF FARM ----		
Sold by Superintendent,	79 60	
Received for rent of cottage, by ditto,	9 37	88 97
DAMAGES done by Patients, charged to sureties for glass broken during the year,	1 70	
Furniture, &c. destroyed or injured,	25 90	27 60
GROUND RENT ----		
Received one year's arrearages due 1 mo. 1st. 1829, . . . . .	. . .	44 40
LOANS this year----		
On interest at five and an half per cent per annum, . . . . .	. . .	3500
LEGACY of Joseph M. Paul, deceased,	300 00	
Deduct amount of collateral inheritance tax,	7 50	292 50
CONTRIBUTIONS , received since last report, viz. From a member of Philada. Monthly Meet- ing, life subscription,	25 00	
Ditto, Northern district, ditto,	25 00	
Ditto, Upper Springfield, ditto,	25 00	
Ditto, Uwchlan, ditto,	25 00	100
		\$ 10284 03

Amount of debt, on which interest is payable, is \$8,500.

EDWARD B. GARRIGUES, North-west corner of High and Sixth Streets, is authorized to receive the money for the board of patients, from those persons to whom it is inconvenient to call on the Superintendent.

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

OF THE ADMISSION OF PATIENTS.

When application for the admission of a patient is made, a certificate, obtained, when practicable, from a physician in the neighbourhood, ought to be submitted to the visiting managers, giving a statement of the case according to the form, and in reply to the queries subjoined.

I do hereby certify, from my own knowledge that
of aged years, is in a state
of insanity, and proper to be received into a 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.

1. How long has the patient been afflicted with insanity?
Answer.

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

3. Has the patient shown any disposition to injure him or herself, or any other person?
Answer.

4. Does any other complaint exist?
Answer.

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

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M. D.

Previous to the admission of such patient, an examination shall be made of the case, by the attending or one of the consulting physicians, and his certificate obtained that such person 'has been examined by him, is found to be deprived of the use of his or her reason, and may with propri-

ety be admitted as a patient into the Asylum:’ and the following bond shall be signed by two persons; as sureties, (one of whom must reside in or near Philadelphia,) for the regular payment of such board as may be agreed upon by the visiting managers.

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.

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If persons becoming sureties shall so prefer, the visiting managers may accept, in lieu of compensation for damages done by patients to the glass, bedding, or furniture, a small additional charge to the board agreed upon.

In case persons at a distance are desirous of having any information respecting the admission of a patient, their letters may be addressed to any of the managers, or to the Superintendent.

OF VISITERS TO THE ASYLUM.

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

As the general admission of visiters 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.”

MANAGERS OF THE ASYLUM FOR 1830.

Classed to visit the Asylum weekly on seventh day.

<i>From</i>	{	Jacob Justice,	149, High street.
<i>3d mo. 17th to</i>		Thomas Evans, Corner of 3d & Spruce Sts.	
<i>4th mo. 12th.</i>	{	Thomas Wistar, Jr.	Abington.
<i>4th mo. 12th to</i>		Jacob Justice,	
<i>5th mo. 10th.</i>	{	Thomas Evans,	
<i>5th mo. 10th.</i>		Charles Allen,	180, S. Second street.
<i>5th mo. 10th to</i>	{	Charles Allen,	
<i>6th mo. 7th.</i>		Ellis Yarnall,	357, High street.
<i>6th mo. 7th to</i>	{	Timothy Paxson,	158, North Front street,
<i>7th mo. 12th.</i>		Ellis Yarnall,	
<i>7th mo. 12th to</i>	{	Timothy Paxson,	
<i>8th mo. 9th.</i>		Isaiah Hacker,	112, S. Third street.
<i>8th mo. 9th to</i>	{	Isaiah Hacker.	
<i>9th mo. 13th.</i>		Joseph R. Jenks,	No 5. Vine Street.
<i>9th mo. 13th to</i>	{	Bartholomew Wistar,	255, Mulberry St.
<i>10th mo. 11th.</i>		Joseph R. Jenks.	
<i>10th mo. 11th to</i>	{	Bartholomew Wistar,	
<i>11th mo. 8th.</i>		Edwd. B. Garrigues,	N. W. corner High [and Sixth Sts.
<i>11th mo. 8th to</i>	{	Edward B. Garrigues,	
<i>12th mo. 13th.</i>		Samuel Bettle,	14, South Third Street.
<i>12th mo. 13th to</i>	{	John G. Hoskins,	No. 180, Mulberry St.
<i>1st mo. 10th.</i>		Samuel Bettle,	
<i>1st mo. 10th to</i>	{	John G. Hoskins,	
<i>2d mo. 14th.</i>		Joel Woolman,	near Frankford.
<i>2d mo. 14th to</i>	{	Joel Woolman,	
<i>3d mo. 16th.</i>		William Kinsey,	Frankford.
<i>3d mo. 16th to</i>	{	Thomas Bacon,	190, North Front street.
<i>3d mo. 16th.</i>		William Kinsey,	
<i>3d mo. 16th to</i>	{	Thomas Bacon,	
<i>3d mo. 16th.</i>		Charles Paxson,	opposite the Asylum.
<i>3d mo. 16th to</i>	{	Charles Paxson,	[Township.
<i>3d mo. 16th.</i>		Stacy Cooke,	2d St. continued, Bristol
<i>3d mo. 16th to</i>	{	William Burrough,	No 11, Vine street.
<i>3d mo. 16th.</i>		Stacy Cooke,	
<i>3d mo. 16th to</i>	{	William Burrough,	
<i>3d mo. 16th.</i>		Thomas Wistar, Jr.	

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

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Contri-
butors, for 1831, will be held on Fourth-day, the
16th of the Third month, at Three o'clock in the
Afternoon, in Mulberry Street Meeting-house.

