

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

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The Managers of the Asylum, in pursuance of directions given at the late annual meeting of the Contributors, submit the following brief summary of the present condition of that institution.

There are now in the house, 35 patients. The number which were under care at the date of the last annual report, was 28. Since that time, 19 patients have been admitted, 10 have been discharged, and two have died. Of those who have been discharged, 6 were restored, 1 was much improved, and 28 are without apparent change. Of those who remain, five are restored, 1 is much improved, 1 is improved, and 28 are without much apparent change. Of this latter number, the greater part are old and apparently confirmed cases. Of the two deaths which have occurred, one was from a lingering pulmonary consumption, and the other was the case of a patient who was very ill when admitted, and died in four days thereafter.

From the statement of the accounts, herewith published, it will be seen, that the managers have been under the necessity of borrowing one thousand dollars, in order to meet the expenses unavoidably incurred during the past year. The whole debt of the Institution, is now 9500 dollars.

In order to spread among Friends at a distance, a more general knowledge of the advantages and accommodations at the Asylum, the managers prepared and published a short sketch thereof, which is hereto subjoined, and which they design to circulate among Friends of our own and other Yearly Meetings.

*Philada. 3d mo. 1831.*

The managers of the Asylum near Frankford for the relief of persons deprived of the use of their reason, apprehend, from the circumstance, that out of two hundred and twenty-two patients, who have been admitted into that institution, since it was opened in the year 1817, only fifteen, or about one-fifteenth of the whole number, have resided without the

limits of the yearly meeting of Pennsylvania, that there is much want of correct information respecting it among Friends at a distance. They are, for this reason, induced to publish the following notice of the Asylum, hoping that it may attract the attention of Friends interested in the subject, and induce the relatives of those afflicted with insanity to avail themselves of the great advantages presented by the Asylum at Frankford.

The institution is located in a healthy and retired neighbourhood, about six miles north-east of Philadelphia. The farm contains about sixty-two acres of land, nearly one third of which is woodland. The house is a spacious and substantial stone building, three hundred and twenty-two feet in length, roofed with slate, and provided with all the accommodations for the comfort and safe keeping of the patients that the managers have been able to suggest. The patients' rooms are commodious and well ventilated, and are warmed by means of heated air. The extreme ends of the wings are used for the separate confinement of the violent and noisy maniacs, and are so constructed as effectually to prevent the other patients from hearing or being disturbed by the noise. The male and female patients have each a spacious yard enclosed by a high fence. A part of the grounds is laid out in shady, serpentine walks more than a mile in length, and a part in handsome gardens for the recreation of the convalescent.

Provision is made for the reception and accommodation of eighty patients, although there are not usually more than thirty-five in the house, so that there is ample room for more than forty additional inmates. The persons to whom the benefits of the institution are limited by the constitution are members and professors with Friends. The management is exclusively in the hands of the former.

The terms of board, it is believed, are lower than in any similar institution in this country, varying, according to the nature of the case, and the circumstances of the patient.

The great ease and rapidity of travelling throughout the United States, remove the principal objection which formerly existed to sending insane patients to a considerable distance from home. The managers would urge this consideration upon the attention of Friends in other yearly

meetings, as it is a subject for regret, that while the spacious accommodations which have been provided at this institution are accessible, members or professors with us should remain, often to their great injury, a burden upon their friends at home. The course of treatment pursued with the patients is one of mild and gentle, yet firm restraint. The earliest gleams of returning reason are watched and cherished. A visiting physician is in daily attendance at the house, yet, except in case of bodily disease, our dependence is principally placed upon moral rather than medical treatment. The Asylum is under the superintendence of Dr. Edward Taylor and his wife. Every department of the institution is inspected weekly by a committee of the managers. Our experience proves it to be of the greatest importance that patients should be placed under care in the early stages of the disease, as by far the larger number of the recent cases are restored or very much improved.

Those who are desirous of further information are requested to apply by letter or in person to Dr. Edward Taylor, superintendent of the Asylum near Frankford, or to any of the managers.

## RECAPITULATION.

Patients in the House 3d month, 7th, 1830.	28
Admissions since, . . . . .	19
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Making . . . . .	47
Discharges ; restored, . . . . .	6
Do. much improved, . . . . .	1
Do. improved, . . . . .	1
Do. { without apparent im- } . . . . .	2
{ provement, } . . . . .	
Died, . . . . .	2
	—12
Remaining in the house,	
Restored, . . . . .	5
Much improved, . . . . .	1
Improved, . . . . .	1
Stationary, . . . . .	28
	—35—47

The average number of patients for the year was 31 and one fourth.

*Clerk of the Contributors.*

Newberry Smith, S. E. corner of Callowhill & Sixth Sts

*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.***EXPENDITURES.**

	Dolls.	C.	Dolls.	C.
<b>ASYLUM BUILDING and YARDS----</b>				
Amount expended this year for Air heater &c.	.	.	38	88
<b>SALARIES and WAGES—</b>				
Paid this year, . . . . .	.	.	1944	54
<b>FARM and FAMILY EXPENSES----</b>				
Supplies of various kinds, Repairs &c. . . . .	.	.	2360	77
<b>MEDICAL DEPARTMENT----</b>				
Visiting Physician's salary, \$200; and supplies	.	.	244	59
<b>FURNITURE----</b>				
Two large chairs, &c. . . . .	.	.	19	62
<b>INCIDENTAL EXPENSES----</b>				
Printing, Stationary, Taxes, &c. . . . .	.	.	107	18
<b>INTEREST ACCOUNT----</b>				
Paid this year, . . . . .	.	.	436	80
<b>BALANCE, viz.-----</b>				
Amount due from sureties of patients, . . . . .	698	51		
Will remain in the Treasurer's hands, after payment of orders drawn on him to this date inclusive, . . . . .	398	48	1096	99
			<u>6249</u>	<u>37</u>

In addition to the above balance, there is, and has been from the origin of the Institution, a permanent deposit in the hands of the Superintendent, of 500 dollars; making with the above a total of 1596 dollars, 99 cents.

Average number of Patients in the Asylum for the year ending Third-month 12th, 1831, 31 and 4 twelfths, as per monthly census.

for the year ending Third Month 14th, 1831.

## RECEIPTS.

	Dolls. C.	Dolls. C.
<b>BALANCE</b> remaining last year per account, viz.---		
Due from sureties of patients, . . . . .	834 11	
In hands of the Treasurer, . . . . .	119 77	953 88
<b>BOARD OF PATIENTS</b> ----		
Chargeable for the year, . . . . .	. .	4034 27
<b>PRODUCE OF FARM</b> ----		
Sold by Superintendent, . . . . .	. .	138 72
<b>DAMAGES</b> done by Patients, charged to sureties for glass broken during the year, . . . . .	90	
Furniture, destroyed, . . . . .	2 20	
<b>GROUND RENT</b> ----		
One year's arrearages due 1st. mo. 1st. 1830.	. .	3 10
	. .	44 40
<b>LOANS</b> this year----		
On interest at five per cent per annum, .	. .	1000 00
<b>CONTRIBUTIONS</b> , received since last report, viz. From a member of Philada. Monthly Meet- ing, for the Northern District, life subscrip- tion, . . . . .	25	
Western District annaul subscriptions, .	50	75 00
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Amount of debt, on which interest is payable, is \$ 9500.

**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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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 \_\_\_\_\_*

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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 patient; 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 1831.

Classed to visit the Asylum weekly on seventh day.

<i>From</i>	{	Thomas Wistar, Jr.	Abington.
<i>3d mo. 17th to</i>	{	Jacob Justice,	149, High street.
<i>4th mo. 11th.</i>	{	Isaiah Hacker,	112, S. Third street.
<i>4th mo. 11th to</i>	{	Jacob Justice,	
<i>5th mo. 9th.</i>	{	Isaiah Hacker.	
	{	George R. Smith,	13, N. Eleventh street.
<i>5th mo. 9th to</i>	{	George R. Smith,	
<i>6th mo. 13th.</i>	{	Timothy Paxson,	158, N. Front street.
	{	Edward Yarnall,	39, High street.
<i>6th mo. 13th to</i>	{	Timothy Paxson,	
<i>7th mo. 11th.</i>	{	Edward Yarnall,	39, High street.
	{	Bartholomew Wistar,	255, Arch street.
<i>7th mo. 11th to</i>	{	Bartholomew Wistar,	
<i>8th mo. 8th.</i>	{	Joseph R. Jenks,	No 5. Vine Street.
	{	William Burrough,	11, Vine street.
<i>8th mo. 8th to</i>	{	Joseph R. Jenks.	
<i>9th mo. 12th.</i>	{	William Burrough,	
	{	Edwd. B. Garrigues,	N. W. corner High
<i>9th mo. 12th to</i>	{	Edward B. Garrigues,	[and Sixth Sts.
<i>10th mo. 10th.</i>	{	Samuel Bettle,	14, South Third Street.
	{	John G. Hoskins,	No. 180, Mulberry St.
<i>10th mo. 10th to</i>	{	Samuel Bettle,	
<i>11th mo. 14th.</i>	{	John G. Hoskins,	
	{	Joel Woolman,	near Frankford.
<i>11th mo. 14th to</i>	{	Joel Woolman,	
<i>12th mo. 12th.</i>	{	Thomas Bacon,	190, North Front street.
	{	Thomas Evans,	Corner of 3d & Spruce St.
<i>12th mo. 12th to</i>	{	Thomas Bacon,	
<i>1st mo. 9th.</i>	{	Thomas Evans,	
	{	William Hilles,	Frankford.
<i>1st mo. 9th to</i>	{	William Hilles,	
<i>2d mo. 13th.</i>	{	Charles Allen,	180, S. Second street.
	{	Stacy Cooke,	2d St. continued, Bristol
<i>2d mo. 13th to</i>	{	Charles Allen,	[township.
<i>3d mo. 15th.</i>	{	Stacy Cooke,	
	{	Thomas Wistar, Jr.	Abington.

Daniel B. Smith, *Clerk of the Board of Managers.*

*THE ANNUAL MEETING* of the Contributors, for 1832, will be held on Fourth-day, the 15th of the Third month, at Three o'clock in the Afternoon, in Mulberry Street Meeting-house.

