

SIXTEENTH
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, submit to the Contributors the following detailed account of the state of the Institution, and of their proceedings since their last report.

During the past year 32 patients have been admitted into the Asylum; and the number under care at the commencement of the year was 46. Twenty-six patients have been discharged during the year; ten have died; and there remain in the house 42 patients. Of those who have been discharged 15 were restored; 3 much improved; 3 improved; and 5 without improvement. Of those who remain in the house, 7 are restored; 5 are much improved; 5 are improved; and of the remaining 25, in whom there is little or no improvement, 21 are old and apparently incurable cases. Of the ten cases of death which occurred, 2 were of extreme old age, and one was that of a patient brought to the Asylum in a state of extreme exhaustion.

From the Treasurer's report, it appears that the balance in his hands on the 1st instant, was 389 dollars 6 cents. The sum which has accrued for the board of patients is 6394 dollars 62 cents; the sum of 1433 dollars has been received in contributions and donations. The whole amount expended for all purposes, has been 10650 dollars 96 cents, exclusive of 1030 dollars due and unpaid.

The Managers have erected a substantial stone wall ten feet high, around the patients' yards, in pursuance of the authority granted to them by the Contributors. The cost of this improvement has been 3262 dollars 30 cents. It has also been found necessary to erect additional furnaces for warming the wings by heated air, to remove the old furnaces, the construction of which rendered them dangerous and nearly useless—and to replace them by others differently constructed. The new warming apparatus has been found fully to answer its intention, and to keep the day rooms, and the chambers and passages of the wings and end buildings entirely comfortable in the coldest weather of the past season. About one thousand dollars has been expended in these alterations.

The Managers have been obliged to borrow two thousand six hundred dollars, to enable them to meet these and other

expenses; thereby increasing the debt of the Contributors to 12,100 dollars.

In our last report, it was stated that Dr. Edward Taylor and his wife had given notice to the Managers of their intention to leave the Asylum, and that John C. and Lætitia Redmond, had been chosen to succeed them. Dr. Taylor resigned his charge to his successor early in the third month last, and remained a few days at the Asylum, in order to introduce the new Superintendent. On the 15th of that month his valuable wife was seized with paralysis in getting out of the carriage, after having attended the meeting at Frankford, and died on the 23rd of the same month. Her duties as Matron of the Asylum, had been arduous, and she had fulfilled them in a manner highly acceptable to the Managers. Her death, at the time when she was preparing to enjoy the leisure of a private home, is an affecting and instructive example of the uncertainty of earthly expectations.

The change in the Medical department alluded to in our last report, was soon afterwards completed, by the appointment of Dr. Thomas S. Kirkbride, as House Physician. The manner in which this part of the Institution has been conducted, is satisfactory to the Managers; and we subjoin from the Annual Report of the Physicians, the following paragraphs, as containing interesting and useful information.

“During the last year, thirty-two patients have been received into the Asylum; these, with the forty-six remaining at the last annual report, make seventy-eight patients, resident in the Institution during the year ending 3rd Mo. 9, 1833. In noticing the results of the treatment of these patients, our statement will be rendered more clear, by classifying them according to the duration of the disease; a point on which its curability mainly depends.

“The first class includes those who have been affected six months or under; the second, those whose disease has lasted more than six months, and less than one year; the third class comprehends those, whose disorder has existed more than one year, and less than five; and the fourth class includes affections of more than five years standing. We think it will be obvious from the statement, that in the treatment of insanity, as in every other disease, success is correspondent to the promptness with which the means of cure are administered: when promptly attended to, and the patient placed in a

situation where he is under a proper system of management, a favourable result may generally be anticipated; but if this is neglected, and the malady becomes chronic, few are more difficult of cure. It is of the greatest importance then, that those interested for persons suffering under this disease, who are entitled to admission into the Asylum, should place them there at as early a period of the attack as practicable, in order that they may reap the full benefit of those advantages, which an institution exclusively devoted to the relief of such cases, must necessarily possess over every domestic arrangement. Of the forty-six patients remaining at the last annual report, there were

1st class.	2nd class.	3rd class.	4th class.	
6	1	5	34	—46
Of the thirty-two patients received during the present year, there were,				
16	4	10	2	—32
22	5	15	36	—78

OF THE FIRST CLASS,
Under six months,

There have been restored, . . .	14
Much improved,	3
Improved,	1
Without Improvement,	1
Died,	3
	—22

OF THE SECOND CLASS,
Over 6 months & under 1 year,

There have been restored, . . .	2
Much Improved,	1
Improved,	1
Died,	1
	—5

OF THE THIRD CLASS,
Over 1 and under 5 years,

There have been restored, . . .	2
Much Improved,	3
Improved,	1
Without Improvement,	5
Died,	4
	—15

OF THE FOURTH CLASS,
Over 5 years,

There have been restored, . . .	4
Much Improved,	2
Improved,	4
Without Improvement,	24
Died,	2
	—36
	Total,—78

“In this statement are included several cases of relapse, the subjects of which have been for a long time liable to periodical attacks of mania; they are here considered as “recent,” as they have been promptly relieved by treatment.

“Two of the cases of the first class, marked as “much improved,” are convalescent, but sufficient time has not elapsed for their entire restoration.

“Of the six cases reported last year, as restored and remaining in the house, four were subject to periodical attacks of mania; three of whom have received medical treatment during the present year, rendered necessary by the recurrence of their disease.

“In concluding this report, we will observe, that where a judicious system of medical treatment is steadily pursued, in such an institution as the Asylum, it exerts a strong influence on other departments, which would not at first sight be obvious. The main object being the welfare and comfort of the patients: all other considerations are made to give place to this. A course of moral treatment, is almost a necessary consequence of a proper sense of the value of medical remedies. They in fact, are parts of the same system. After what are called medical means have been successfully resorted to, to remove obvious physical disease, moral treatment will then be found very efficient in restoring and strengthening the functions of the diseased organ.—And we believe it is only by thus uniting them, that full benefit can be derived from either.”

ROBERT MORTON,
CHARLES EVANS.

Philadelphia, 3rd Mo. 9, 1833.

An unavoidable consequence of this change in the medical department, has been a considerable increase of expenditure. And although we believe the Asylum, as a Hospital for the in-

sane, has never been in a more satisfactory and encouraging condition, we view the state of its finances with much solicitude.

The receipts from the Board of Patients are insufficient to defray the current expenses; which cannot be materially curtailed, without essentially injuring the efficiency of the Institution.

This deficiency, there is ground to fear, will increase; and we earnestly solicit the friends of the Institution, to make a strenuous effort to obtain subscriptions for the relief of its funds.

The Contributors, at their last meeting, appointed a committee to obtain donations and contributions; and it was agreed, that all the Agents of the Monthly Meetings should be members of that Committee. They are therefore earnestly requested to exert themselves on behalf of the Asylum. We hope, that an Institution which has long been a favourite object with Friends, which has so well answered the purpose in view, and which is yet so heavily burdened, will not be allowed to sink beneath a weight of debt; but that by timely exertion throughout the Yearly Meeting, a sum may be raised, which shall place the Institution on a safe and prosperous basis.

RECAPITULATION.

Patients in the House 3rd month, 1832,	46
Received since,	32
	—
Making,	78
Of whom there have been discharged or died,	36
	—
Leaving at present in the Asylum,	42

OF THOSE DISCHARGED—THERE WERE,

Restored,	15
Much improved,	3
Improved,	3
Died,	10
As admitted,	5
	—36

OF THOSE AT PRESENT IN THE HOUSE—THERE ARE,

Restored,	.	.	.	7
Much improved,	.	.	.	5
Improved,	.	.	.	5
Stationary,	.	.	.	25
				—42

Clerk of the Contributors,

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

Treasurer,

George Vaux, No. 145, Mulberry Street.

Superintendents,

John and Lætitia Redmond.

Attending Physicians,

Dr. Robert Morton, No. 116, South Front Street.

Dr. Charles Evans, No. 102, Union Street.

Resident Physician,

Vacant.

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

EXPENDITURES.

	Dolls. cts.	Dolls.	cts.
Asylum Buildings and Yards, } Order for 410 dollars unpaid, }		4082	17
Salaries and Wages,		1965	18
Farm and Family Expenses,		3563	96
Medical Department—			
Physicians' Salary,	200 00		
Supplies,	154 05		
		354	05
Furniture,		119	25
Incidental Expenses, } Order for \$10 unpaid, }		94	10
Interest, } 100 dollars unpaid, }		472	25
Balance, viz.—			
Due from sureties of patients,	590 65		
In hands of the Treasurer,	389 06		
do, Superintendent,	500 00	2479	71
		13130	67

Average number of patients in the Asylum, since last report, 45 2-3 as per monthly enumeration.

NEW CONTRIBUTORS.

Samuel Morris. } Sons of
E. Perot Morris, } Samuel B.
Ann Mifflin.
Isaac Collins.
Thomas Winn.
Catharine Sheppard.
Lydia Starr.
Mary Bacon.
Samuel W. Bacon. } Children of
Edward Bacon, } Thomas.
Thomas E. Bacon, }
Isaac Cooper.
Elizabeth Cleaver.
Jonas Heacock.

George D. Smith.
Francis C. Yarnall—Son of Edward.
Ellis Yarnall, jr. } Sons of
Thomas C. Yarnall, } B. H. Yarnall.
William Yarnall, }
Caleb Cresson—Son of S. E. Cresson.
Thomas W. Browne—Son of Moses.
B. Wyatt Wistar, son of Bartholomew.
George Pennock, Son of Abraham L.
Halliday Jenkins.
Juliana F. Randolph, Daughter of
George F. Randolph.
Samuel R. Nicholson, Son of Lindsey
Nicholson.

from 3d month 1, 1832, to 3d month 1st, 1833, inclusive.

RECEIPTS.

	Dolls.	Cts.	Dolls.	Cts.
Balance last year—				
Due from sureties of patients,	1520	47		
In the hands of the Treasurer,	593	78		
do. Superintendent,	500	00		
			2614	25
Board of Patients—			6355	59
Chargeable this year,			39	03
<i>Damages</i> done by patients				
Ground Rent—			88	80
Two years' due 1st Mo. 1st, 1833,				
Loans this year,			2600	00
At five and a half per cent. per annum.				
Contributions, Life Subscriptions—				
Members of Philadelphia Mo. Meeting,	100	00		
do. Northern District,	275	00		
do. Southern, do.	75	00		
do. Western, do.	175	00		
do. Abington, do.	25	00		
			650	00
Donations—				
From Members of Philadelphia Mo. Meeting,	135	00		
do. Northern District,	361	00		
do. Southern, do.	45	00		
do. Western, do.	197	00		
do. Abington Monthly Meeting,	30	00		
From a friend of Baltimore,	15	00	783	00
			13130	67

Amount of debt on which interest is payable is 12,100 dollars.

Edward Yarnall, No. 39, High Street, is authorised 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 cause 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 propriety 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 _____ cents, per week, for _____ board; (not less than four weeks board to be paid for, notwithstanding _____ may not remain so long in the Asylum;) 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.)

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 1833.

Classed to visit the Asylum weekly on Seventh-day.

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

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

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Contributors, for 1834, will be held on Fourth-day, the 19th of the Third month, at Three o'Clock in the Afternoon, in *Mulberry Street Meeting-house.*

