

EIGHTEENTH
ANNUAL REPORT

ON THE STATE OF

THE ASYLUM

FOR

THE RELIEF OF PERSONS

DEPRIVED OF THE

USE OF THEIR REASON.

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FRIENDS' ASYLUM,
EIGHTEENTH
ANNUAL REPORT, &c.

In conformity with the directions of the contributors at their late annual meeting, the Managers of the Asylum, submit the following account of the state of the Institution and of their proceedings since their last report.

There remained in the house on the first of the third month, 57 patients; the number under care at the last annual report was 43. Since that time 45 have been admitted, and 31 have been discharged, or died. Of those who have been discharged, 10 were restored, 4 much improved, 5 improved, and 5 without improvement. Of the number remaining in the house, 8 are restored, 4 much improved, 7 improved, and 38 without any apparent change. Of the latter number, a large proportion were cases of long standing previous to admission.

By the Treasurer's report, a balance was due to him on the 1st of 3d Mo. of \$46 72. The sum which has accrued for board of patients, is \$8,727 74, from contributions and donations, \$503, including a legacy of \$100, received from the Executors of Elliston Perot, deceased, the whole amount of expenditures for all purposes, is \$8,311 32.

The produce of the farm is reported by the Superintendent to be as follows, 27 wagon loads of hay, 175 bushels of oats, 140 bushels of corn, 150 do. of potatoes, 39 do. of wheat, and 9 hogs weighing 1901 pounds.

By the annual report of the attending Physicians, a statement is exhibited of every case under care. The average number of patients for the past year, has been 51 1-6, showing a very considerable increase in the number of admissions over any preceding year; it continues to be a matter of regret to the Managers, that in many instances the afflicted subjects of insanity should not have

been placed under their care at an earlier period of the disease, it frequently happens that applications for admission into our Asylum, are not made until the most promising period for recovery has elapsed. The practice of prematurely removing patients by their friends whilst under a course of treatment which afforded reasonable hopes of their restoration, is also cause of much concern to the board. The necessity of devising some more efficient means for the recreation and employment of convalescent patients has long claimed the attention of the Managers, and from much valuable and interesting information recently obtained by a committee appointed by the Board; the Managers trust it will shortly be in their power to extend the benefits of interesting and useful occupation to most of the afflicted objects of their care.

The authority given by the contributors at their annual meeting in 1834, for the Managers to receive as patients into the Asylum, those who were not members or professors with the Society of Friends, has been acted upon, and while no inconvenience has been felt by the other inmates, the usefulness of the Institution has been extended and its funds improved.

The permission to receive such persons as patients was continued, by the contributors at their late annual meeting, which we trust will enable the Managers more widely to extend its general utility.

The Asylum continues under the care of John C. Redmond and wife, whose attention to the arduous duties devolving upon them is satisfactory, the general health of the family has been good, and the success which under the blessings of an overruling Providence has attended our efforts to restore this afflicted class of our fellow creatures to the use of their reason, has fully equalled that of any former period.

Annual Report of the attending Physicians.

“ Since the date of our last annual Report to the Managers, forty-five patients have been admitted into the Asylum, which, with forty-three remaining in the institution at the close of the preceding year, amount to eighty-eight patients who have been the subjects of our care during the twelve months; showing an increase of twenty-two over the last year; the average for the same time

being 51 1-6. This considerably exceeds the number of those who during any former year have participated in the benefits of the institution.

But notwithstanding the number of patients admitted during the last year, is more than double that of the year ending 3rd month, 1834; yet it will be observed that the proportion of cases considered as *recent* is much less. This arises partly from a change in the classification of the cases, from that observed in our two last reports. The present being made in conformity with that adopted by other institutions, in order to facilitate a more accurate comparison as to the result of the treatment pursued in each; and partly from a more strict examination of those cases, stated by the friends of the patient to be of recent origin: for it is of no unfrequent occurrence, that certificates granted by physicians, and representations made by the friends of the patient relative to the commencement of the malady, have been found on examination to be erroneous.

The classification now adopted is nearly that of the York Retreat: we have introduced an additional class, including patients whose disease is of more than twelve months standing and less than two years.

FIRST CLASS.

Patients whose disease is under three months duration and the first attack,	-	-	-	-	-	6
Restored,	-	-	-	-	-	4
Much Improved,	-	-	-	-	-	1
Improved, (since recovered)	-	-	-	-	-	1—6

SECOND CLASS.

Patients whose disease has been of longer duration than three months and within twelve,	-	-	-	-	-	16
Restored,	-	-	-	-	-	4
Much Improved,	-	-	-	-	-	4
Improved,	-	-	-	-	-	2
Died,	-	-	-	-	-	3
Stationary,	-	-	-	-	-	3—16

THIRD CLASS.

Patients whose disease is of more than twelve months standing and within two years,	-	-	-	-	8
Restored,	-	-	-	-	1
Much Improved,	-	-	-	-	3
Improved,	-	-	-	-	2
Stationary,	-	-	-	-	2—8

FOURTH CLASS.

Patients whose disease is of more than two years standing,	-	-	-	-	58
Restored,	-	-	-	-	9
Much Improved,	-	-	-	-	2
Improved,	-	-	-	-	5
Died,	-	-	-	-	4
Stationary,	-	-	-	-	38—58

RECAPITULATION.

Patients in the Asylum, 3d month, 1834,	43
Received since,	45—88
Of whom there have been discharged or died,	31
Leaving at present in the Asylum,	57—88

Of those patients *discharged* there were

Restored,	-	-	-	-	10
Much Improved,	-	-	-	-	4
Improved,	-	-	-	-	5
Died,	-	-	-	-	7
Stationary,	-	-	-	-	5—31

Of those at *present* in the *house*, there are

Restored,	-	-	-	-	8
Much Improved,	-	-	-	-	4
Improved,	-	-	-	-	7
Stationary,	-	-	-	-	38—57—88

Last year there were fourteen cases under six months admitted; eight of which resulted in restoration. This year the same number of the same class have been received, with ten restorations. The cause of the disparity in the proportion of recent and chronic cases received

during these two years, is the admission into the institution of those not in membership or profession with the religious Society of Friends, to which class the privilege of entering the Asylum had heretofore been restricted.— As soon as this change became known, a considerable number of cases were placed under our care, which were of long standing, and had been under treatment in other places, but whose friends were anxious to avail themselves of the Asylum, as soon as its doors were thrown open for the reception of such patients. It is not probable that this disproportion will exist in future, but a considerable number of the chronic cases received during the past year being aged and infirm, it will be a necessary consequence, should they remain in the institution, that the proportion of deaths among them yearly, will be greater than if the number of our patients was made up in the usual proportion of young and old.

Of the fifty-seven patients now in the institution, there are six, over seventy years of age; seven, between sixty and seventy; eleven between fifty and sixty; twelve between forty and fifty, and but four below thirty.

Seven deaths have occurred among the patients during the past year, being nearly eight per cent. Four of these were patients who had been inmates of the Asylum from six to eighteen years. Of these four, one (No. 3,) died of Pleurisy at the age of 74. One (No. 149) of Cancer of the Stomach. One (No. 218) of Consumption of the Lungs; and one (No. 274) of Pneumonia. The other three deaths occurred among patients received since the last annual report. One (No. 376) died of consumption of the Lungs, under which she was labouring when admitted. One (No. 390) of inflammation of the brain accompanied with Epilepsy, aggravated by a journey of several hundred miles in a state of great mental excitement; and one (No. 406) of Scrofula.

During the past year the general health of most of those patients who are old residents in the Asylum, has been good. Many of them have been afflicted with mental derangement during a long course of years; but excepting that affection of the brain, which prevents the right exercise of reason, the majority of them enjoy a large share of health and strength. Four of them are in a

state of idiocy. There are still several remaining in the Asylum who are subject to periodical attacks of insanity, all of whom, however, are now well and generally usefully occupied.

It cannot be too repeatedly or too urgently presented to the attention of all who may have friends or relations afflicted with mental derangement, that while it is now universally admitted by those who have investigated the subject, that this deplorable malady is equally with other diseases of the human system under the control of proper medical treatment, the proportion of cures being as great, yet it is also proved by experience, that the chances of a cure being effected, are immensely increased or diminished according, as the patient is promptly, or at a late period of the disease, placed under proper restraint and treatment. It is, therefore, a matter of much regret, that it so frequently happens, the subjects of this distressing calamity are not placed in any institution provided for their reception, until the most promising period for recovery is passed by, and very often the energies of the patient exhausted by unrestrained indulgence, or unavailing remedies.

In comparing the number of recent cases admitted into our Asylum, with those received into other institutions, it should be borne in mind, that in consequence of its distance from the city, it is an extremely rare occurrence that persons in the acute stage of Mania-a-Potu are brought to it. So that this class of patients who so frequently swell the reports of cures in other hospitals, scarcely ever come under our care.

ROBERT MORTON,
CHARLES EVANS.

Philada. 3d month 1st, 1835.

Clerk of the Contributors,

Joseph Snowdon, No. 445 North Front Street,

Treasurer,

Isaiah Hacker, No. 112 South Third Street.
and No. 58 South Front Street.

Superintendents,

John C. and Lætitia Redmond.

Attending Physicians,

Dr. Robert Morton, No. 101 North Tenth Street.
Dr. Charles Evans, No. 102 Union Street.

Resident Physician,

Dr. Isaac Trimble.

LIST OF CONTRIBUTORS

To the Asylum, since 3d month, 1st, 1834,

William B. Cooper, Newtown, N. J.	Elisha Roberts, Chester M M.
Mahlon Moon,	Richard Hartshorne, } Rahway.
John Kirkbride, } Falls M. M.	Hugh Hartshorne, }
Wm. Satterthwait, }	William Evans, } Evesham.
James R. Greeves, Philadelphia,	Joseph W. Stokes, }

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.

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

EXPENDITURES.

<i>Asylum Buildings and Yards—</i>		
For Fence erected in Women's Yard,		\$51 14
<i>Salaries and Wages—</i>		
Paid this year, - - - - -		2341 64
<i>Farm and Family Expenses—</i>		
Do. do. do. - - - - -		3948 99
<i>Furniture—</i>		
Do. - - - - -		91 90
<i>Medical Department—</i>		
Physicians' Salaries and Supplies, -		874 99
<i>Incidental Expenses—</i>		
Taxes, Stationary, &c. -		446 16
<i>Interest—</i>		
One hundred and five dollars unpaid.		556 50
<i>Balance, viz :—</i>		
Due from Sureties of Patients, - - - - -	\$3225 92	
In the hands of the Superintendent,	500 00	
		3725 92
		<u>\$12037 24</u>

Average number of Patients in the Asylum since last report, 51 2-12 as per monthly enumeration.

from 3d mo. 1st, 1834 to 3d mo. 1st, 1835, inclusive:—

RECEIPTS.

<i>Balance last year, viz:—</i>						
Due from Sureties of Patients,					\$2125	73
In hands of the Treasurer,					66	14
Do Superintendent,					500	00
						\$2691 87
<i>Board of Patients—</i>						
Chargeable this year,						8727 74
<i>Damages done by Patients—</i>						
Charged to Sureties,						67 91
<i>Legacy—</i>						
Of Elliston Perot, late of Philadelphia,						100 00
<i>Contributions—Life Subscriptions—</i>						
Member of Haddonfield Monthly Meeting,				N. J.	\$25	00
Do. Chester	do.	do.		N. J.	25	00
Do. Rahway	do.	do.		N. J.	100	00
Do. Upper Evesham	do.	do.		N. J.	50	00
Do. Falls	do.	do.		Penna.	75	00
Do. Southern District	do.	do.		Philad.	25	00
						300 00
<i>Donations—</i>						
From members of Haddonfield mo. Meeting				N. J.	22	00
Do. Woodbury	do.	do.		N. J.	26	00
Do. New Garden	do.	do.		Penn.	10	00
Do. Chester	do.	do.		do.	30	00
Do. Falls	do.	do.		do.	25	00
					\$113	00
Deduct notes received of no value,					10	00
						103 00
Balance due the Treasurer,						46 72
						\$12037 24

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

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 inflicted 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 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 Philadel-

phia,) 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; and not less than four weeks board to be paid under any circumstances, the said charge for board to be continued until _____ shall be regularly discharged, 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 for ever; 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 1835.

Classed to visit the Asylum weekly on Seventh day.

FROM	{	Thomas Wood, George R. Smith, John G. Hoskins,	No. 27 Pine St. No. 487 Arch St. No. 201 Arch St.
3d mo. 21st to 4th mo. 13th.	{	John G. Hoskins, John Richardson, Thos. Bacon,	No. 76 north 10th St. No. 190 north Front St.
4th mo. 13th to 5th mo. 11th.	{	John Richardson, Thos. Bacon, Timothy Paxson,	No. 158 north Front St.
5th mo. 11th to 6th mo. 8th.	{	Timothy Paxson, Isaac Collins, Samuel B. Morris,	No. 129 Filbert St. No. 2 York Buildings.
6th mo. 8th to 7th mo. 13th.	{	Isaac Collins, Samuel B. Morris, Charles Allen,	No. 180 south 2d St.
7th mo. 13th to 8th mo. 10th.	{	Charles Allen, Wm. Burrough, Joseph R. Jenks,	No. 11 Vine St. No. 5 Vine St.
8th mo. 10th to 9th mo. 14th.	{	Wm. Burrough, Joseph R. Jenks, Ephraim Haines,	No. 174 north Front St.
9th mo. 14th to 10th mo. 12th.	{	Ephraim Haines, Joel Woolman, Edward B. Garrigues,	Near Frankford. Corner of 6th and Sp. Garden St.
10th mo. 12th to 11th mo. 9th.	{	Joel Woolman, Edward B. Garrigues, James R. Greeves,	S. E. corner of Pine and 8th St.
11th mo. 9th to 12th mo. 14th.	{	James R. Greeves, Lindzey Nicholson, William Hillis,	24 south Twelfth St. Frankford.
12th mo. 14th to 1st mo. 11th.	{	Lindzey Nicholson, William Hillis, Stacy Cooke,	2d St. continued, Bristol Township.
1st mo. 11th to 2d mo. 8th.	{	Stacy Cooke, Thomas Wood, George R. Smith,	
2d mo. 8th to 3d mo. 8th.	{		

EDWARD YARNALL,
Clerk of the Board of Managers.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the *Contributors*, for 1836, will be held on fourth-day, the 17th of the Third month, at 3 o'clock in the Afternoon, in *Mulberry Street Meeting-house*.