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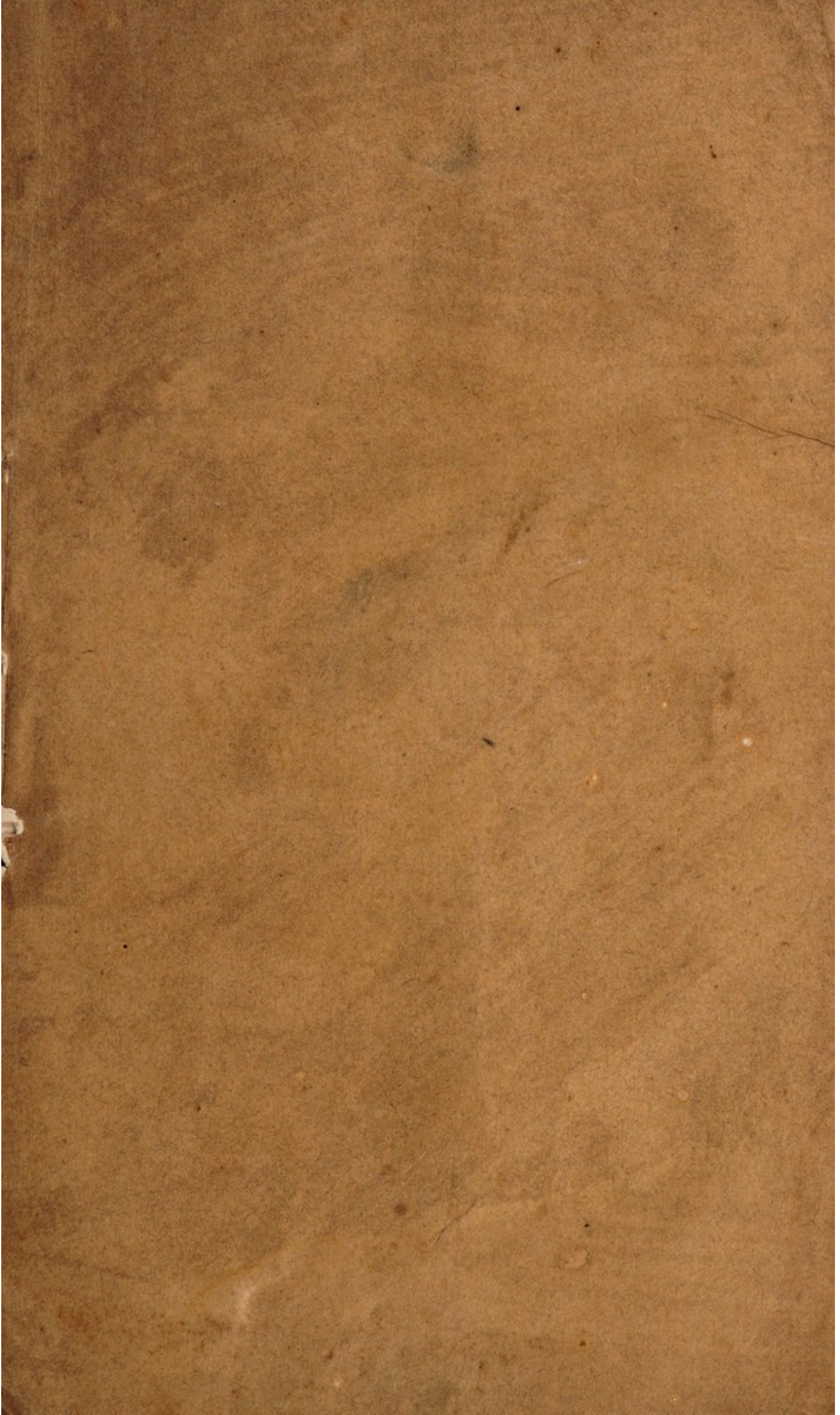
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## AN ACCOUNT, &c.

AT a meeting of a number of gentlemen to consider the propriety of establishing an institution for the instruction of the deaf and dumb, at the hall of the American Philosophical Society, Wednesday evening, April 12, 1820,

The Right Reverend William White was requested to take the chair, and William Meredith appointed secretary.

Mr. Roberts Vaux stated to the meeting that the attention of himself and others\* had been directed to a school recently established and supported in this city by David G. Seixas, who having acquainted himself with the modes pursued in Europe for educating the deaf and dumb, had for some months past applied his knowledge and talents in the most unostentatious manner to that benevolent object. That this humane individual had, without pecuniary aid or recompense successfully instructed eleven or twelve children labouring under the deplorable privation of the sense of hearing and of speech; that there was reason to suppose the number of these unfortunate persons in this city and its neighbourhood much exceeded what was generally believed, and that these circumstances had led to the project of establishing an institution for their relief, for which purpose this meeting had been called.

Mr. Vaux then submitted a plan for establishing and organizing such an institution in this city, which was read, and on

\* The gentlemen alluded to are Horace Binney, Clement C. Biddle, Joseph Correa de Serra, late minister from Portugal near the government of the United States, Jacob Gratz, Dr. N. Chapman, and William Wilkins of Pittsburgh, who after an interview with David G. Seixas at the residence of Roberts Vaux on the 8th of April 1820, determined upon a call of the meeting at which these proceedings were had.



motion committed to Messrs. R. Vaux, Horace Binney, Dr. N. Chapman, W. J. Duane, James N. Barker, Clement C. Biddle and John Bacon, who are to consider and report thereon, with such alterations and amendments as they may think expedient to the next meeting.

And this meeting was adjourned to meet at this place on Saturday evening next, at half past seven o'clock.

*Saturday Evening, April 15, 1820.*

Bishop White was again called to the chair.

Mr. Roberts Vaux, on behalf of the committee appointed at the last meeting reported a preamble and constitution for establishing an institution for the deaf and dumb, which being read, was afterwards considered by paragraphs, and adopted with amendments as follows:—

“ Among the various efforts of Philanthropy and Learning, to enlarge the circle of human happiness and knowledge, none, perhaps, should rank higher than those which have been directed to the discovery and application of means for the instruction of the deaf and dumb.

“ To behold a human being destitute of the faculties which essentially distinguish our species from the brute creation, and denied those enjoyments without which temporal existence must be to the last degree oppressive, is to witness an object eminently calculated to awaken compassion, and invigorate exertions for the alleviation of the sufferer.

“ In Europe institutions have been for a long time in successful operation for the relief of this description of persons, and recently two schools have been established in the United States for the same beneficent purposes. But Pennsylvania has not numbered in the comprehensive list of her charitable institutions, an asylum where these children of affliction may be taught to know that they possess intellectual powers, and are capable of deriving enjoyment from their exercise. The only reason which can be supposed or assigned for delay until this period in the formation of a school for the instruction of the deaf and dumb in this extensive commonwealth, is that few, if any of the citizens have been aware of the great number of individuals within its limits, whose condition emphatically demanded their notice and sympathy.



"Desirous, therefore, of extending the benefits of instruction, and with it the incomparable solace of rational social intercourse to that portion of our fellow beings who are deprived of the faculties of speech and hearing—We, the Subscribers, associate for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a school for the education of the deaf and dumb, soliciting towards its support the bounty of individuals and the patronage of the legislature."

See the act of incorporation, which is the constitution as originally adopted.

*Wednesday, April 26, 1820.*

At a meeting of the members of the Pennsylvania Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, on Wednesday evening, April 26, 1820, in the Hall of the Philosophical Society, agreeably to notice, the following gentlemen were elected officers and directors, to serve until the first Wednesday in May, 1821.

*President.*

The Right Reverend William White.

*Vice Presidents.*

Robert Patterson, Horace Binney, Roberts Vaux, Dr. N. Chapman.

*Directors.*

William Meredith, John Vaughan, Clement C. Biddle, Jacob Gratz, J. N. Barker, General T. Cadwalader, William J. Duane, Samuel Archer, Paul Beck, R. Walsh, jun., Alexander Henry, Rev. P. F. Mayer, Dr. William Price, Calender Irwin, Reuben Haines, Dr. F. Bache, Samuel B. Morris, W. W. Fisher, B. Tilghman, Caleb Cresson, William M'Ilvaine, Joseph Gratz, Samuel Canby, jun., Samuel R. Wood.

*Treasurer*—John Bacon.

*Secretary*—Henry J. Williams.

The first meeting of the board of directors was held on the 29th of April, 1820, present the Right Reverend Dr. White, Robert Patterson, Horace Binney, Roberts Vaux, Dr. Chapman, Henry J. Williams, John Bacon, William Meredith, John Vaughan, Clement C. Biddle, Jacob C. Gratz, James N. Barker, Thomas Cadwalader, William J. Duane, Alexander Henry, Philip F. Mayer, Reuben Haines, William W. Fisher, William M'Ilvaine, Joseph Gratz, Samuel Canby, jun., Samuel R. Wood.



Bishop White was chosen chairman of the board, and Henry J. Williams secretary.

Robert Walsh, jun. was elected corresponding secretary to the institution.

Horace Binney, Roberts Vaux, and Thomas Cadwalader were appointed to confer with David G. Seixas, in relation to an engagement of his services as an instructor in the establishment.

William Meredith, Robert Walsh, jun., John Bacon, Horace Binney, and Dr. Chapman were requested to prepare an address to the inhabitants of Pennsylvania, explanatory of the objects of the institution, and soliciting pecuniary aid for the accomplishment of its beneficent purposes.

Robert Patterson, John Vaughan, William Meredith, Clement C. Biddle, and Philip F. Mayer were nominated to prepare by-laws for the government of the institution.



At the next meeting of the board, which was held on the 6th of May, a report was made by the committee appointed to confer with Mr. Seixas, and he was engaged as teacher at a salary of one thousand dollars per annum.

William Meredith reported an address, which was adopted, and ordered to be published.

#### *To the Inhabitants of Pennsylvania.*

OF the woes inflicted on our species, there is surely none calling for deeper commiseration than that which it is the purpose of this Institution to alleviate. The privation of any other of the senses still leaves avenues of the mind free, through which knowledge may be communicated, her resources enlarged, and her powers invigorated. The want of some of them is often more than compensated by the increased acuteness of those which remain; and the faculty of speech,—the great characteristic of man,—the chief outlet of his affections,—the chain of sweet communion with his fellows,—may remain unbroken and unimpaired.

The diseases and infirmities of the body, however severe and grievous, are mitigated by the exercise and cultivation of the mind, and her powers are often sharpened as they are accumu-



lated. She is able to bestow patience and fortitude in proportion to the pressure of these external calamities.

Insanity, among the greatest of the evils to which man is exposed, still leaves the hope of cure and recovery; and, during its continuance, some consolation is derived from perceiving, amidst its frenzy and ravings, intervals of calmness,—and glimmerings, however fallacious, of returning reason. The *wreck* of that exalted power which distinguishes man from the beasts that perish, and assimilates him to his Creator, is less afflicting than the spectacle of a human being destitute of intelligence, and denied the means of acquiring it.

But, to the *Deaf and Dumb*—alas! what comfort can be offered?—To friends—what consolation?—To parents—what hope? Idiocy, sometimes attendant, often consequent;—the natural powers of the mind exercised to their own perversion or destruction, the passions headstrong and impetuous, by the absence of the control of judgement,—fretful impatience at the dark preception of unknown and unattainable excellence in the rest of their species,—the wily cunning of *instinct* in the place of generous *wisdom*,—total unfitness for all occupations but those to which the brutes are as well adapted,—an entire and invincible separation from the vast stores of knowledge which human talent has accumulated—ignorance of the truths of *Revelation*, her glorious assurances and unspeakable consolations,—all these are among the bitter ingredients that fill up the vast measure of affliction to the *Deaf and Dumb*.

In former times, no human means,—no power less than that which worked miracles, could be found sufficient to remove or lighten this heavy load of misery. Natural affection, the last to yield, surrendered to despair; and the parent courted the death of his child, as the only termination of intolerable sorrow,—the only limit of suffering unutterable.

But the same kind Providence, which once effected a cure by immediate interposition, and made the dumb to speak,—has at length permitted that it may be partially effected by human power. Modern discoveries have opened a source by which relief may be had for the afflicted, and modern benevolence has improved it. You have heard of the Abbés de L'Epee and Sicard, immortalized by their successful efforts in behalf of the Deaf and Dumb. Others in France, England, and other parts of Eu-



rope, have laid just claims to the title of *Benefactors of Mankind*, by treading in their steps,—making still further advances in usefulness, and affording increased relief to the victims of despair.

You have heard, too, that men of our own country, have not been backward in following these glorious examples of benevolence. Many of you have contributed with exemplary liberality, to the establishment of an Institution like our own in Connecticut. You learn with delight of its success;—and that it has been followed by another, in our nearer neighbour, the city of New York. Surely it was well and generously done, to assist even a distant effort in so good a cause. But it does not become *Pennsylvania* to look *abroad* for benevolent institutions, nor is it convenient. She will encourage and applaud them every where; but it has not been her custom to direct elsewhere her own objects of succour and compassion.

We now call on you, therefore, in behalf of those of your own household. It is for *our brethren* we implore the same munificence which you did not withhold from *strangers*.

But a few months since, a young man, seemingly endowed by Providence with a peculiar and extraordinary talent for this work of goodness,—having acquired the knowledge which books afford, to qualify himself as a teacher, and availed himself of other sources of information,—it is but a few months since this young man opened an Institution for the Deaf and Dumb in this city. Little known, unassuming and unobtrusive,—he continued it for a while without attracting much observation. He has instructed eleven pupils,—clothed and fed several of them—and has devoted his time, his talents, and his purse, without pecuniary recompense, to their service. His success has equalled, perhaps in one respect, surpassed that of any of his contemporaries. His example has kindled a flame of charity in others.

Is not his example worthy of praise,—of co-operation?

The question is already answered, by the liberal contributions of many, and the hearty zeal which has manifested itself generally. In truth, it is to the want, and the difficulty of obtaining a fit instrument of doing this good work, that we must attribute the postponement until this time, of the establishment of an Institution for the Deaf and Dumb in Pennsylvania. Public feel-



ing has long, we trust, been ripe for the enterprise, but circumstances rendered its execution impracticable.

Yet it must be obvious that it is too much to be performed by a few. The number of the Deaf and Dumb in this city and neighbourhood, already ascertained, and doubtless there are many still unknown to us, besides those in the remote parts of the State, of whom we have yet no precise information,—is such as to require *ample means* for their relief. These means, if they are raised by general contributions from the benevolent, will occasion no individual inconvenience,—no diminution of comfort,—no sacrifice even of superfluities. This is the plan on which it is contemplated to proceed,—to ask moderate contributions from the many,—to importune large ones from none,—leaving it to those who “*have much, to give plenteously,*” but voluntarily. And we trust in the influence of a kind Providence to warm your charity in this behalf,—believing that we may count with confidence on the benevolence of an enlightened legislature to ensure success to our common exertions, by the grant of an endowment proportioned to the greatness and the goodness of our purpose.

In behalf of the *Deaf and Dumb*, then, we intreat your charity! For the children of misfortune,—*irretrievable* if you deny us,—we implore your pity!

To supply the deficiencies of our inadequate address to your compassion, and our call for your succour,—to make the appeal to your hearts commensurate to the occasion,—come to the school of Mr. Seixas,—contemplate the interesting objects by whom he is surrounded.

“Their humble gestures shall make the residue plain,  
“Dumb Eloquence persuading more than Speech.”

By order of the Board of Directors,

WILLIAM WHITE, *President*.

HENRY J. WILLIAMS, *Secretary*.



At a meeting of the directors on the 13th of May, Roberts Vaux, Clement C. Biddle, Horace Binney, William M. Ilvaine, and William Meredith, were appointed a committee of instruction.



Committees were also appointed to call upon the citizens of Philadelphia, to solicit them to become members of the institution, and to procure donations. It was likewise resolved to furnish a public exhibition of the pupils under the care of Mr. Seixas, which accordingly took place on the 25th instant at the saloon of the Washington Hall, in the presence of a large number of the inhabitants of Philadelphia, citizens of adjoining states, and many strangers of distinction from Europe. On that occasion William Rawle, Esq. at the request of the directors, delivered an appropriate address.

On the 30th of May the committee of instruction recommended to the directors to send Mr. Seixas to Hartford in Connecticut, in order to ascertain the regulations of the school for the deaf and dumb in that town, which proposition was approved. At the same meeting the following committee of ladies was appointed, viz.

Mrs. R. Hallowell, Mrs. Macpherson, Mrs. James, Miss E. W. Wistar, Miss R. Gratz, Mrs. Hartshorne, Mrs. B. Sansom, Mrs. Astley, Miss M. E. Morris, Miss Cohen, Mrs. Meredith, Miss M. Smith.

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At a meeting of the directors on the 7th of August, the following report was received from the committee of instruction, and the resolutions accompanying it were adopted.

*To the Board of Directors, &c. &c.*

The Committee on Education Report,

That pursuant to the resolution of the directors, the principal of our institution, David G. Seixas, has visited the Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb at Hartford in Connecticut. He represents, that he was received with much cordiality by the gentlemen who have charge of that institution, that every facility was afforded to introduce him to an acquaintance with the course of instruction, and the management of the household affairs of the Hartford establishment. It appears that the system of education pursued is the Abbe Sicard's, with such additions and variations as experience suggests, more completely to adapt it to our language and habits. Our teacher, with those of the Connecticut school, unite in judgment, that any attempt to elicit voice



in the mute pupil is useless, preferring the more efficient method of signs for the purposes of communication. Among the most important convictions with which the mind of our instructor was impressed during his recent visit at Hartford, was the benefit which resulted from the location of all the pupils in one building, where, by continual association, the lessons inculcated during the hours of tuition were confirmed, and not dissipated, as is the case when they mix with the mass of society. When the pupils reside remote from the school, it is impossible to ensure regular attendance, and as the mode of instruction depends, in some measure, upon a classification of the learners, every interruption of the entire class seriously embarrasses the operation of the institution.

Your committee so fully feel the force of this suggestion as to be induced, at an earlier moment than they had intended, to solicit your attention to the subject of procuring a building on rent, for the accommodation of the school, in which the pupils may be lodged and subsisted under proper regulations. If this proposition should receive your sanction, it will of consequence be necessary to limit the number of scholars which are to be admitted for a given period, and also to determine, in the present state of our funds, what proportion of pupils can be taught gratuitously.

Your committee are of opinion, that the success and permanence of our institution will depend upon the location of our pupils as a family.

The following resolutions are respectfully submitted.

1. *Resolved*, That the corresponding secretary be requested to communicate the thanks of this board to the principal and tutors of the Hartford school, for the kind reception which they gave to David G. Seixas, on his late mission from this institution, assuring those gentlemen of the gratification which it will afford this board, to maintain with them the most friendly relations.

2. *Resolved*, That the committee appointed to inquire for a building suitable for our purposes be requested to report at our next stated meeting.

3. *Resolved*, That the ladies' committee be requested to assist this board in determining the kind, quantity, and cost of such furniture, &c. as may be necessary for the accommodation



of a family of twenty-five pupils, with a matron and the necessary servants; and that they be furthermore desired to give their opinion of the expense of maintaining a family of that character for one year, and communicate their replies to this board in writing as soon as it may be consistent with their convenience.

By order of the committee,

ROBERTS VAUX, Chairman.

Philadelphia, 8th mo. 7th, 1820.

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On the 17th of August the committee for that purpose appointed, reported that a house on Market Street, formerly occupied by the Widow's Society, could be procured for an asylum; whereupon the board resolved that John Bacon, Clement C. Biddle, and Jacob Gratz, be authorized to rent the same, and proceed immediately to have it repaired, and procure furniture, &c. for the purposes of the family.

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Nov. 1st. The directors appointed Roberts Vaux, William Meredith, and Alexander Henry, to prepare a memorial to the legislature of Pennsylvania, requesting an act of incorporation for the institution, and such pecuniary aid as the general assembly may be pleased to bestow.

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At a meeting of the directors, November 22d, report was made by the committee, that the asylum had been prepared and the pupils admitted, and that Mary Cowgill was appointed matron.

The committee of admission also made report, viz.

The undersigned, appointed the committee of admission for the institution, respectfully report, that in pursuance of their duties, they have had interviews with the parents of the pupils, who had attended the school, and had admitted the following children into the institution, the parents of whom have signed the relinquishment prescribed by the board.

1. James M'Murtagh, from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Indigent.

2. John Christopher, from the Northern Liberties of Philadelphia, aged sixteen years. Indigent.



3. Elizabeth Buckius, from Philadelphia county, aged eleven years.

4. Lætitia Förd, of Philadelphia, aged fourteen years. Indigent.

5. Elizabeth Williams, of Philadelphia, aged thirteen years. Indigent.

6. Edward Williams, brother of Elizabeth Williams, aged twelve years, of Chester county. Indigent.

7. Rebecca Rockhill, of Camden, N. J., aged seven years.

8. Catherine Hartman, from the Northern Liberties of Philadelphia. Indigent.

9. Mary Hartman, sister of Catherine Hartman, from the Northern Liberties. Indigent.

10. James M'Cauley, from Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania, aged thirteen years. Indigent.

11. John Carlin, from the Northern Liberties of Philadelphia, aged seven years. Indigent.

12. Edward Cook, of Philadelphia, aged fifteen years. Indigent.

13. Mary Ann Heeler, of Philadelphia, aged ten years. Indigent.

14. William Dilhorn, of Philadelphia, aged ten years. Indigent.

15. Jacob Erringer, of Philadelphia, aged eighteen years.

16. Mary Crousdell, of Montgomery county, aged ten years. Indigent.

17. Philip Jones, from Allentown. Indigent.

18. Albert Newsam, left at the school in May last, by a man apparently deaf and dumb, who called himself William P. Davis, and who represented Albert to be his brother. Since Albert has been under instruction, his acquirement of language has enabled him to communicate to his instructor, that the man by whom he was left is not related to him, and from information derived from Albert, he is supposed to have come from some town on the Ohio river. He is about thirteen years of age, and is totally dependant on the bounty of the institution,

Signed on behalf of the committee,

JAC. GRATZ,  
WM. PRICE.

November, 1820.



At the same meeting Roberts Vaux reported an essay of a memorial to the legislature, which was adopted and referred to the same committee, with authority to take such measures as they might deem proper to promote the object of the application. Jacob Gratz was added to the committee.

*To the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, the Petition of the Pennsylvania Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, respectfully sheweth,*

That your memorialists having formed a school for the education of the deaf and dumb, are desirous of making the General Assembly acquainted with the necessity which they conceive exists for an establishment of the kind in Pennsylvania, as well as of requesting an act of incorporation, and soliciting such pecuniary aid as an enlightened and liberal legislature may be pleased to bestow, upon their primary labours.

But two seminaries for the instruction of those who are deprived of hearing and of speech had hitherto been founded in the United States, and both of them located so remotely from Pennsylvania, as to render it impracticable for most, if any, of our fellow-citizens to avail themselves of the benefits of those establishments. The necessity and utility of asylums, similar to those which reflect honour upon New-York and Connecticut, were long ago perceived and admitted; and Pennsylvania would not have been dilatory in a work of such exalted charity, were it not for the difficulty of procuring teachers qualified for the interesting duty of imparting knowledge to those to whom voice and the sense of sounds are denied. This obstacle to the commencement of an institution so much desired, was happily removed by the beneficent devotion of a gentleman to the acquirement of the requisite information, who seems to have been fortunately offered to the acceptance of Pennsylvania, as an instructor of the deaf and dumb.

As soon as the fact of his talents and zeal for this useful occupation was promulgated, and his success in teaching the deaf and dumb ascertained, your memorialists engaged his services, and proceeded to collect funds for the immediate support of an asylum, in which are now rapidly progressing under his tuition



nineteen mute pupils, of whom fifteen are gratuitously instructed and maintained. In addition to the number who already partake of the care of your memorialists, not less than sixty are known to reside in this vicinity, and judging from these data, it is fair to presume that an aggregate of four hundred will be found in Pennsylvania, whose appeal to its considerate notice cannot be resisted.

In order to give durability to the establishment, and render it co-extensive with the claims which will be made upon it, from all parts of the commonwealth, an act of incorporation is essential; and your memorialists are emboldened to express their conviction, that as the benefits of the institution are freely offered to the state at large, the legislature will not withhold from it the necessary protection and bounty.

Whilst neighbouring commonwealths and remote nations are illustrating their philanthropy and philosophy in conferring the blessings of intellectual improvement upon a portion of the human race, who, more emphatically than any other, invoke the sympathy and solace of their fellow beings, it cannot be doubted that Pennsylvania will sustain her character for benevolence, by imitating examples at once so dignified and kind. To the performance of these generous duties, states, as well as individuals, are called by the most sacred and pathetic invitations: and upon both, in the fulfilment of them, will surely be dispensed those precious rewards which only flow from God.

Signed by order and on the behalf of the institution,

WILLIAM WHITE, *President*,

ROBERT PATTERSON,

HORACE BINNEY,

ROBERTS VAUX,

N. CHAPMAN,

Attest.

*Vice Presidents.*

ROBERT WALSH, jun, *Cor. Sec.*

Philadelphia, Nov. 29, 1820.



On the 5th of December the directors elected Dr. Edward Barton and Dr. Samuel Emlen physicians to the asylum.



January 10th, 1821, Jacob Gratz and William Meredith, two of the committee charged with that service, accompanied by Mr. Seixas and six of the pupils belonging to the institution, proceeded to Harrisburgh, where an exhibition of the children took place in the hall of the House of Representatives, in the presence of the Governor of the state, the heads of departments of the commonwealth, the members of both branches of the legislature, and other citizens. The effect of this appeal was availing, and honourable to the liberality of the commonwealth. On the 8th of February the following act was passed unanimously.

*AN Act to incorporate and endow the Pennsylvania Institution for the Deaf and Dumb.*

WHEREAS a number of citizens desirous to reclaim the deaf and dumb, of whom there are many in this commonwealth, to the rank of their species, and render them useful members of society, have associated for these benevolent purposes, and have opened and supported by their voluntary contributions, an asylum and school in the city of Philadelphia, where the children of the rich for a moderate compensation, and of the poor gratuitously, labouring under the privation of the faculty of speech, are maintained and educated.

AND WHEREAS the persons so associated have prayed to be incorporated, and to receive from the legislature such pecuniary aid, as with the fund already raised, and the further donations that may be expected from the charitable, will be sufficient to continue and enlarge an institution so salutary to the afflicted, so beneficial to the community, and so honourable to the state.

SECT. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the members of "The Pennsylvania Institution for the Deaf and Dumb," and all who according to the constitution and by-laws shall become members thereof, be, and they are hereby declared to be a body politic and corporate, by the said name and style, to have perpetual succession, and be capable to take, hold and enjoy lands, tenements and hereditaments, to use a common seal, and to break, alter or renew the same at pleasure: Provided, that the clear yearly value of the real and personal estate by them held, shall not exceed thirty thousand dollars.*



SECT. 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the fundamental laws and constitution by which the said institution shall be governed, shall be as follows: Constitution and fundamental laws of

“The Pennsylvania Institution for the Deaf and Dumb.”

ARTICLE I. The Institution shall be located in Philadelphia, and supported by the annual and life subscriptions of its members, by the donations and legacies of the charitable, by such aid as the legislature may be pleased to afford, and by the money to be received for the education of children, whose parents, guardians, or friends, are of ability to pay.

ART. II. The officers of the institution shall be a president, four vice-presidents, a treasurer, and recording secretary; they shall be ex-officio members of the board of directors, and their duties shall be such as are implied in their titles, or shall be prescribed by the by-laws. And said officers shall not receive any fee or compensation for their services, in performing their several duties, either directly or indirectly, excepting the treasurer and secretary.

ART. III. There shall be a board of twenty-four directors, members of the institution, who shall annually at the meeting next succeeding their election, appoint one of their number to act as corresponding secretary; their duties shall be such as shall be defined by the by-laws. There shall also be a committee of twelve ladies selected annually by the board of directors, at their first meeting, to aid in the management of the asylum, under such provisions as may from time to time be prescribed by the by-laws.

ART. IV. Any person shall be entitled to become a member by paying annually, or in gross, the sum which shall be required by the by-laws for an annual or life subscription.

ART. V. The members of the institution shall meet annually on the first Wednesday in May, in the city of Philadelphia, (at such hour as the directors may prescribe) for the election of officers and directors, and the transaction of other business, and to receive the annual report of the directors. Adjourned and special meetings may be held as shall be provided by the by-laws.

ART. VI. The right of membership may be relinquished, and the resignation addressed in writing to the board of directors



shall be accepted by them: *Provided*, the member shall have discharged all demands, due by him or her to the institution.

ART. VII. The funds of the institution shall be at the disposal and under the management of the board of directors, subject, however, so far as relates to that part derived from the life subscriptions, to such restrictions as may be imposed by the by-laws, and subject also to such restrictions as may accompany the grant of aid by the legislature. And it shall be the duty of the directors for the time being, to present to the speaker of the senate, and of the house of representatives, respectively, in the month of December annually, a statement of the funds and expenses of the institution, and of the number of children received and educated therein, during the year immediately preceding, and of the parts of the state whence they have come, distinguishing between those who have been supported and educated gratuitously, and others.

ART. VIII. Indigent children, resident any where within the state, shall be received into the school and asylum, maintained and educated gratuitously, so far as the funds of the institution will admit: *Provided*, that when more children shall be offered for the benefit of this institution than can be received at any one time, the president and directors shall so apportion their number among the several counties of this commonwealth, according to their representation, (when application shall be made) that every county may equally receive the benefits of the same.

ART. IX. The number of officers and directors may be increased or diminished as convenience shall require, at any annual meeting of the members of the institution, notice of the intended alteration being previously given, and twenty members, being a majority of the members present, consenting; and any general meeting shall be competent to make, alter or repeal by-laws, rules and regulations, twenty-one members being present at the same.

SECT. 3. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That if an election of the officers of the institution be not held at the time herein appointed, the corporation shall not for that cause be dissolved, but an election shall be held as soon after as may be, public notice thereof being given, and until such election the officers in place shall continue to act, and the offi-



cers now elected, viz: The Right Rev. William White, D. D. President. Vice Presidents, Robert Patterson, Horace Binney, Roberts Vaux, Dr. N. Chapman. Secretary, Henry J. Williams. Treasurer, John Bacon. Directors, William Meredith, Paul Beck, jr., Samuel B. Morris, John Vaughan, Robert Walsh, jr., William W. Fisher, Clement C. Biddle, Alexander Henry, Benjamin Tilghman, Jacob Gratz, Philip F. Mayer, Caleb Cresson, James N. Barker, Dr. William Price, William McIlvaine, Thomas Cadwalader, Callender Irvine, Joseph Gratz, William J. Duane, Reuben Haines, Samuel Canby, jr., Samuel Archer, Dr. Franklin Bache, Samuel R. Wood, shall hold and exercise their respective offices until the election in May next, and until others are appointed.

SECT. 4. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That in order to aid the funds of the said asylum, the governor is hereby authorised and required to draw his warrant on the state treasurer, in favour of the president of said institution, for the sum of eight thousand dollars, immediately; and moreover, shall draw his warrant on the state treasurer in favor of the said president, for the further sum of one hundred and sixty dollars, for every indigent pupil taught in said school, one half to be paid at the expiration of the term of six months, and the remainder at the end of the year: *Provided*, that no one scholar shall be taught at the expense of the commonwealth more than three years. *And provided also*, that the sum so to be drawn from the treasury for such tuition, shall in no one year exceed the sum of eight thousand dollars.

SECT. 5. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the fourth section of this act, so far as relates to the annuity from the commonwealth, shall be and continue in force for the term of four years, from and after the first day of April next, and no longer.

JOHN GILMORE,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

WILLIAM MARKS,

*Speaker of the Senate.*

Approved, Feb. 8, 1821.

JOSEPH HIESTER, *Governor.*



## BY-LAWS

*Of the Pennsylvania Institution for the Deaf and Dumb.*

SECTION. I. The treasurer shall, annually, and previous to entering upon the duties of his office, give to the president, in his private, and not official capacity, in trust for the institution, (or in the event of the institution becoming incorporated, then to the institution, under its corporate title) his bond, with two sureties, who shall be approved of by the board of directors, in the penal sum of four thousand dollars, conditioned for the faithful discharge of his duties as treasurer.

He shall receive, and account for, all monies belonging to the institution, whether they arise from the annual contributions of the members, donations, legacies in cash bequeathed to the institution, interest that may accrue on investments, or any other source whatever.

He shall also hold, and be accountable for, all evidences of stock, or other transferable property of the institution, which may be placed in his hands by the board of directors, for which he shall give them a receipt in a book to be kept by them for that purpose.

Whenever the cash in his hands shall amount to the sum of one hundred dollars, (or at his option a smaller sum,) he shall deposit the same in one of the banks of this city, in his name as treasurer, and not in his private capacity, to be drawn therefrom only for the purposes of the institution.

He shall pay all orders for money, drawn on him by order of the board of directors, which shall be signed by the president of said board, and countersigned by their secretary.

He shall keep proper books of account, wherein he shall make faithful entries of all his receipts and expenditures, and shall preserve vouchers for all his payments.

He shall exhibit annually, (or oftener, if required so to do by the board of directors,) a statement of his accounts, in order that they may be laid before the members at the annual meeting.

He shall keep, in a book to be provided for the purpose, an alphabetical list of the names of the members, so arranged, that the annual payments made by the members may be distinctly shown.



His books of account shall be at all times subject to the inspection of the president, vice presidents, and any member of the board of directors.

SEC. II. The recording secretary shall transcribe into a book kept by him for that purpose, the constitution, these by-laws, and such other by-laws as may be made from time to time. He shall preserve a record of the proceedings of the members at their annual or other meetings; he shall keep a list of the names of the members, noting the period of their becoming so, in a book provided specially for that purpose; and he shall also note down against their names the time when they may cease to be members, either by death, resignation, or otherwise; a copy of which shall be furnished to the treasurer whenever such cessation of membership may occur.

It shall be the duty of the recording secretary to act as secretary to the board of directors, and preserve correct minutes of their transactions, which shall be transcribed into a book kept for that purpose, as well as for recording the proceedings of the annual and other meetings of the institution.

He shall give written or printed notices to the members of the board of directors, of the place and time of holding their meetings, and shall also give public notice in two or more of the newspapers of the city, of all proposed general meetings of the institution, for at least four days previous thereto, except the annual meeting, of which, not less than ten days previous notice shall be given.

SEC. III. The corresponding secretary shall be charged with the duty of maintaining such correspondence with individuals or similar associations at a distance, as shall be directed by the board of directors, or that may arise from the nature of the institution. He shall preserve copies of all letters written by him in the performance of his duties, and cause them to be recorded. He shall also preserve copies of all communications relative to the objects of the institution, whenever their import may be deemed of sufficient interest by the board of directors to warrant it. His records shall be subject at all times to the inspection of the board of directors, or any member of it, and shall also be laid before the general meetings, either at their request, or that of the board of directors.

SEC. IV. The board of directors shall not apply the funds of



the institution for any purpose unconnected with its special objects. They shall have power to make laws and regulations for their own government, as well as that of the establishment to be placed under their immediate care and supervision. They shall make all contracts in relation thereto, the amount of which shall be binding on the institution, and paid for out of its funds; provided, that in the expenditure of, or making contracts amounting to five hundred dollars or more, there shall be a majority of the whole board to sanction the same.

It shall be their duty to procure an order book, with marginal reference, from which all their warrants on the treasurer shall be taken, which warrants shall be signed by their president, (or presiding officer as the case may be) and countersigned by their secretary. They shall hold stated meetings of their board, at such place as they may determine upon, at least once in every month; they may from time to time examine into the state of the funds of the institution, and require from the treasurer a statement of his accounts, whenever they may deem it proper so to do; they shall examine and act upon all bills and accounts exhibited against the institution, and on finding them correct, shall order their payment by a warrant on the treasurer.

It shall be their duty to lay before the annual meeting of the institution, a report of their proceedings for the preceding year, accompanied with an exhibit of the receipts and expenditures, and a general statement of the funds of the institution.

SEC. V. The duties of the ladies' committee shall be prescribed by the board of directors.

SEC. VI. The money arising from the life subscriptions of the members, (of which the treasurer shall keep a distinct account,) shall be invested either in the United States, State, or City stock.

SEC. VII. The annual contribution, until otherwise directed by the institution, shall be two dollars; and the sum to be paid in lieu thereof, to constitute a member for life, shall be twenty dollars.

SEC. VIII. The annual contributions of the members shall be considered due from them on the day of the annual meeting in May, and payable in advance: Provided, that no person who shall sign the constitution at any period less than three months



previous to said day, shall be bound to pay in advance to the day of the first succeeding annual meeting, but to that of the second period after his signing.

SEC. IX. No person shall be considered a member until he shall have signed the constitution, and paid the sum of two dollars, the amount of the first year's contribution, agreeable to the provisions of the seventh section of these by-laws.

SEC. X. The officers of the institution, and the board of directors, shall be elected by ballot, by the members in person, (and not by proxy) who shall have paid their dues up to the period of the election; the name of each candidate shall be written or printed on the same ticket, designating the office intended, and the person having the highest number of votes shall be declared duly elected. Notice shall be given by the recording secretary, of the time and place of holding the election, through the medium of one or more of the newspapers, for at least three days previous thereto.

SEC. XI. Special meetings may be called by the president, the board of directors, or at the request of ten members addressed in writing to the president.

SEC. XII. Any member who shall refuse or neglect to pay the annual contributions for three years successively, shall be deemed as having relinquished his right of membership; a return of all delinquents shall be made by the treasurer once in every year to the board of directors, who shall act thereon as they may deem expedient to enforce the payment.

SEC. XIII. Twenty-five members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of the ordinary business of the institution.

SEC. XIV. In case that any office shall become vacated by resignation or otherwise, such vacancy shall be supplied by the board of directors until the next election.

SEC. XV. The unappropriated funds of the institution may be invested in stock, or deposited in the Saving Fund Society, by the board of directors, whenever they may consider it expedient so to do.

SEC. XVI. All evidences of stock belonging to the institution shall be held in the name of the treasurer, in trust for the Pennsylvania Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, until the association may become incorporated, when they shall be held under the corporate title.



SEC. XVII. A common seal for the use of the institution shall be devised and procured by the board of directors, placed in charge of the treasurer, and shall be affixed to such papers and documents as shall be ordered by the association or board of directors.

SEC. XVIII. A suitable person may be appointed by the board of directors, as collector of the annual contributions, &c. whenever it may be deemed necessary.

SEC. XIX. Whenever the funds of the institution will justify, measures shall be adopted by the board of directors, for commencing the instruction and relief of those Deaf and Dumb persons who may apply for the benefits of the institution.

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## STANDING COMMITTEES.

### *Of Instruction.*

Roberts Vaux, Clement C. Biddle, Horace Binney, William M'Ilvaine, William Meredith.

### *Of Admission.*

Jacob Gratz, Dr. William Price, Dr. Franklin Bache, Samuel Canby, jr., Samuel R. Wood.

### *Extract from the Rule of Admission.*

"Parents who are of ability shall pay one hundred and sixty dollars per annum, one half of which shall be paid in advance; such as can only afford the expense of education shall pay forty dollars per annum, and furnish their children with reputable clothing, the board of these to be at the cost of the institution. Children of indigent parents to be educated, clothed, and maintained at the expense of the institution. As a requisite to the admission of this class, and those of the second grade, their parents or guardians must execute the following agreement, viz.

"Whereas the Pennsylvania Institution for the Deaf and Dumb has admitted A. B. (my son, daughter, or ward, as the case may be) into the asylum, for the purpose of instruction, and has also agreed to educate [or educate, clothe, and maintain, as the case may be] him or her, during the time he or she may remain under its care, free of charge to me, I hereby relinquish him or



her to the sole control of the said institution, so long as the directors thereof may deem it proper to retain him or her therein.\*

“ Witness my hand, &c.

C. D.

“ Witnesses,

“ E. F.

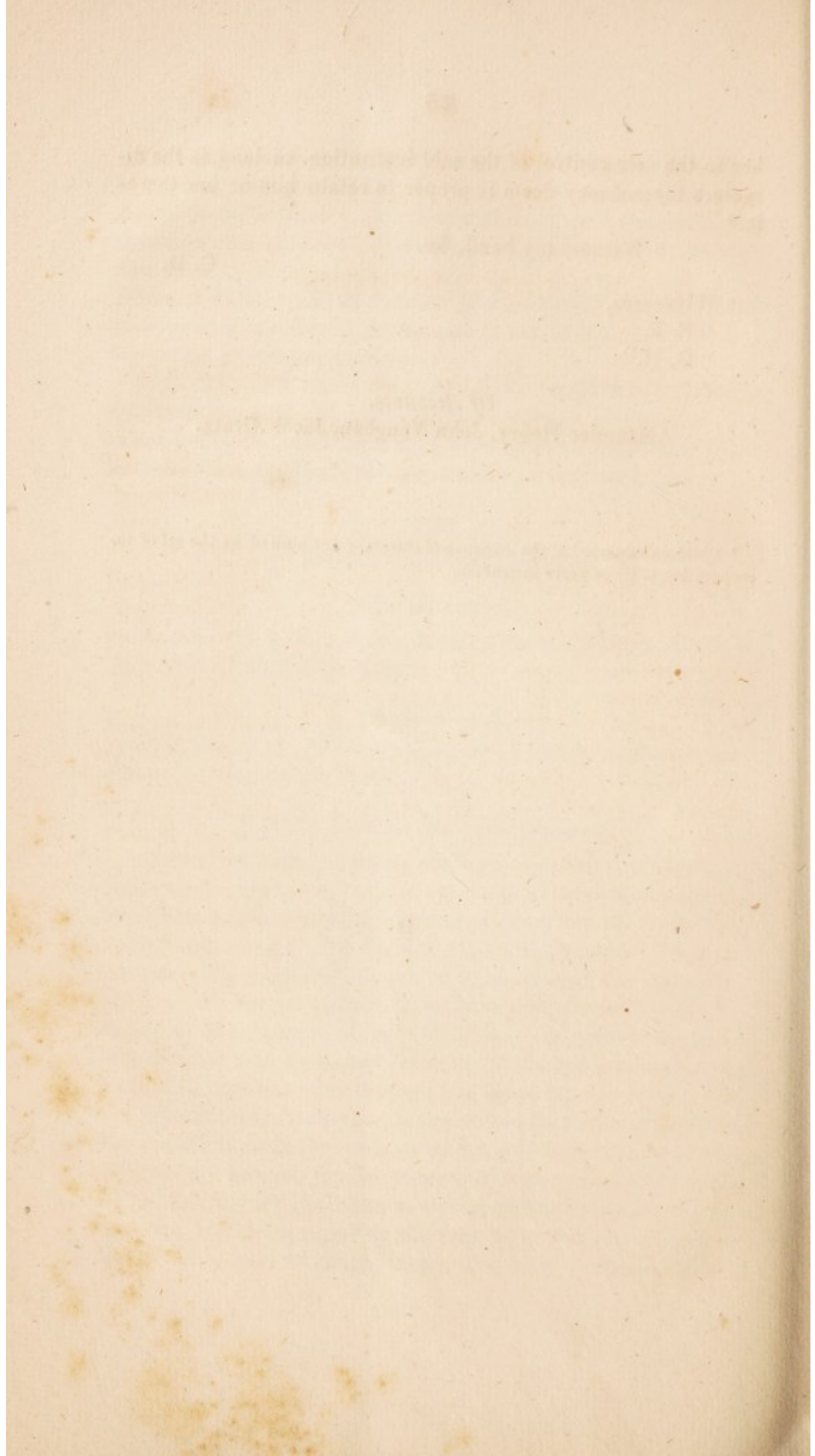
“ G. H.”

*Of Accounts.*

Alexander Henry, John Vaughan, Jacob Gratz.

\* Children educated at the expense of the state are limited by the act of incorporation to three years instruction.







# CONTRIBUTORS

TO THE

PENNSYLVANIA INSTITUTION FOR THE DEAF AND DUMB.

*Instituted at Philadelphia April 22, 1820.*

	Life Sub. Dolls.	Ann. Sub. Dolls.	Donations. Dolls.
William White, D. D. . . . .	20		
Roberts Vaux, . . . . .	20		
Jacob Gratz, . . . . .	20		30
Samuel Canby, . . . . .	20		
John Vaughan, . . . . .	20		
John Bacon, . . . . .	20		
Joseph Gratz, . . . . .	20		
J. J. Correa de Serra, . . . . .	20		
Clement C. Biddle, . . . . .	20		
Dr. Nathan Chapman, . . . . .	20		
James N. Barker, . . . . .	20		
John Keating, jr. . . . .		2	
Callender Irvine, . . . . .	20		
Benjamin Tucker, . . . . .		2	
Timothy Abbott, . . . . .		2	
Edward Shippen, . . . . .		2	
Robert Patterson, . . . . .		2	
William Meredith, . . . . .	20		
Richard Peters, jr. . . . .	20		
Reuben Haines, . . . . .		2	
Samuel R. Wood, . . . . .		2	
Elliott Cresson, . . . . .	20		30
William M'Ilvaine, . . . . .	20		
Abraham M. Cohen, . . . . .		2	
William J. Duane, . . . . .	20		
John F. Lewis, . . . . .		2	
Isaac Elliott, . . . . .		2	



	Life Sub. Dolls.	Ann. Sub. Dolls.	Dona- tions. Dolls.
William Price, M. D. . . . .		2	
Franklin Bache, M. D. . . . .		2	
Benjamin H. Coates, M. D. . . . .		2	
Rebecca Gratz, . . . . .	20		
George Emlen, . . . . .	20		
Cornelius Stevenson, . . . . .	20		
Samuel Richards, . . . . .	20		
Samuel Shoemaker, . . . . .		2	
Robert Toland, . . . . .	20		
Simon Gratz, . . . . .	20		
Richard Dale, . . . . .	20		
George Latimer, . . . . .	20		
John Bohlen, . . . . .	20		
John G. Biddle, . . . . .	20		
Joseph Cabot, . . . . .	20		
Jacob Sperry, . . . . .	20		
John Moss, . . . . .	20		
John Lisle, . . . . .	20		
Samuel Smith, . . . . .		2	
Jacob Lex, . . . . .		2	
John C. Patton, . . . . .		2	
George L. Eyre, . . . . .		2	
Samuel Moss, . . . . .	20		
Paul Beck, jr. during life, . . . . .		30	
William W. Fisher, . . . . .	20		
Frederick Erringer, . . . . .	20		
Isaac Wampole, . . . . .	20		
Benjamin Tilghman, . . . . .		2	
Horace Binney, . . . . .	20		
Henry J. Williams, . . . . .		2	
John Swift, . . . . .		2	
Edward S. Burd, . . . . .		2	
William H. Tod, . . . . .		2	
Thomas F. Gordon, . . . . .		2	
William J. Paxson, . . . . .	20		
Henry Kuhl, . . . . .	20		
Hartman Bache, . . . . .		2	
Anthony Stocker, . . . . .		2	



	Life Sub. Dolls.	Ann. Sub. Dolls.	Dona- tions, Dolls.
David Lewis, . . . . .		2	
William J. Bell, . . . . .	20		
William M. Walmsley, . . . . .	20		
T. C. Rockhill, . . . . .		2	
John C. Montgomery, . . . . .	20		
Jacob R. Smith, . . . . .	20		
Charles W. Smith, . . . . .	20		
John Goddard, . . . . .	20		
Samuel B. Morris, . . . . .	20		
Jacob S. Waln, . . . . .	20		
Daniel B. Smith, . . . . .		2	
Richard Price, jr. . . . .	20		
William Chaloner, . . . . .	20		
Moses Brown, . . . . .	20		
Lawrence Lewis, . . . . .	20		
Robert M. Lewis, . . . . .	20		
Samuel Jaudon, . . . . .		2	
William Fry, . . . . .		2	
John R. Neff, . . . . .	20		
William L. Hodge, . . . . .	20		
Samuel G. Wright, . . . . .		2	
Elliston Perot, . . . . .		2	
Samuel P. Wetherill . . . . .		2	
John P. Wetherill, . . . . .		2	
J. J. Borie, jr. . . . .		2	
Samuel Archer, . . . . .	20		
Abraham Barker, . . . . .	20		
Thomas Cadwalader, . . . . .	20		
Robert Walsh, jr. . . . .		2	
Samuel Hays, . . . . .		2	
Aaron Denman, . . . . .	20		
Alexander Henry, . . . . .	20		
Jerome Keating, . . . . .		2	
George Pepper, . . . . .	20		
Joseph P. Norris, jr. . . . .		2	
James Read, jr. . . . .	20		
Jacob Howell, . . . . .		2	



	Life Sub. Dolls.	Ann. Sub. Dolls.	Dona- tions Dolls.
Alexander Shaw, . . . . .		2	
James C. Biddle, . . . . .		2	
Thomas C. James, M. D. . . . .	20		
Merrit Canby, . . . . .		2	
Joseph Parrish, M. D. . . . .		2	
William Wright, Columbia, . . . . .		2	
Samuel Tucker, M. D. . . . .		2	
James Sellers, . . . . .		2	
Samuel Sellers, . . . . .		2	
James Cresson, . . . . .		2	
James S. Duval, . . . . .		2	
Lewis Duval, . . . . .		2	
Samuel Biddle, . . . . .		2	
John J. Smith, jr. . . . .	20		
Samuel Spackman, . . . . .		2	
Samuel Brashears, . . . . .		2	
Titus Bennett, . . . . .		2	
Caleb Taylor, . . . . .		2	
Jasper Cope, . . . . .		2	
Watson Jenks, . . . . .	20		
David Cummins, . . . . .		2	
Joseph Johnson, . . . . .		2	
P. Casamajor, jr. . . . .		2	
John Morton, . . . . .		2	
Thomas Yardley, . . . . .	20		
Charles C. Watson, . . . . .		2	
Edward Thursby, . . . . .		2	
J. Simon Cohen, . . . . .		2	
Clements S. Miller, . . . . .		2	
Andrew Miller, . . . . .		2	
Abraham Miller, . . . . .		2	
Philip F. Mayer, . . . . .		2	
Richard C. Wood, . . . . .		2	
William J. Watson, . . . . .		2	
W. E. Horner, M. D. . . . .		2	
R. M. Patterson, M. D. . . . .		2	
Anne Francis, . . . . .		2	
Thomas M'Clintock, . . . . .		2	



	Life Sub. Dolls.	Ann. Sub. Dolls.	Dona- tions. Dolls.
Elkalah M. Cohen, . . . . .		2	
John H. Warder, . . . . .		2	
James Hayward, . . . . .	20		
Joseph R. Paxson, . . . . .		2	
John K. Kane, . . . . .		2	
David Brown, . . . . .		2	
W. Gibson, M. D. . . . .		2	
James Fearon, . . . . .	20		
J. Wilson Moore, M. D. . . . .		2	
William Robertson, . . . . .		2	
Isaac Starr, . . . . .		2	
Thomas Sparks, . . . . .		2	
Thomas P. Cope, . . . . .	20		
W. Hawkins, . . . . .		2	
James Smith,			
Asaph Stone,			
Joseph Archer, . . . . .	20		
R. M. Whitney, . . . . .		2	
Silas E. Weir, . . . . .		2	
John White, . . . . .	20		
Nathan Bunker, . . . . .	20		
M. L. Bevan, . . . . .		2	
A. M. Buckley, . . . . .		2	
P. S. Physick, M. D. . . . .		2	
Richard Paxson, . . . . .		2	
Robert Wharton, . . . . .		2	
Adam Traquair, . . . . .		2	
William Davidson, . . . . .	20		
Rebecca Harrison, . . . . .		2	
Charles Breck, . . . . .			2
W. Strickland, . . . . .		2	
Robert I. Evans, . . . . .	20		
Sarah W. & Isabella L. Pennock, . . . . .			15
Mary Redman, . . . . .		2	
Joseph Taggert, . . . . .		2	
William Smith, Att'y. . . . .		2	
George Harrison, . . . . .	20		
Joseph P. Norris, . . . . .		2	



	Life Sub. Dolls.	Ann. Sub. Dolls.	Dona- tions. Dolls.
Thomas Ogle, . . . . .		2	
Samuel Johnson, . . . . .		2	
John Roset, . . . . .		2	
Robert Earp, . . . . .		2	
Pim Nevins, jr. . . . .		2	
Frederick Beasley, . . . . .		2	
Peter Graham, . . . . .		2	
James S. Cox, . . . . .		2	
David Lenox, . . . . .		2	
Joseph Donaldson, . . . . .		2	
Jacob Gilliams, . . . . .		2	
Benjamin Taylor, . . . . .		2	
Robinson Tyndale, . . . . .		2	
Thomas Ashton, . . . . .		2	
William McIlhenney, jr. . . . .		2	
James Burk, . . . . .		2	
Frederick Graff, . . . . .		2	
Thomas Watson, . . . . .			1
Thomas Bradford, jr. . . . .		2	
Jacob Frick, . . . . .		2	
Lewis Neill, . . . . .			2
William Laird, . . . . .		2	
Jesse Thompson, . . . . .	20		
Philip S. Bunting, . . . . .		2	
W. Spohn, . . . . .		2	
William Davis, ship chandler, . . . . .		2	
Thomas Latimer, . . . . .		2	
Samuel Keehmle, . . . . .		2	
Caleb Cresson, . . . . .	20		380
Sarah E. Cresson, . . . . .	20		
Emlen Cresson, . . . . .	20		
Caleb Cresson, jr. . . . .	20		
William Cresson, . . . . .	20		
Charles Cresson, . . . . .	20		
Annabella Cresson, . . . . .	20		
Cash from a friend, . . . . .			5
A. Sydney Logan, . . . . .		2	
John D. Sheaff, . . . . .	20		
Charles Graff, . . . . .	20		



	Life Sub. Dolls.	Ann. Sub. Dolls.	Donations. Dolls.
Thomas Stewardson, . . . . .	20		
Nicholas Thouron, . . . . .	20		
John C. Smith, . . . . .	20		
James Ross, . . . . .		2	
Peter Hahn, . . . . .		2	
Simon Lynn, . . . . .		2	
William Augustus Muhlenberg, . . . . .		2	
Mary Muhlenberg, . . . . .		2	
John Sommer, . . . . .		2	
Sally Norris Dickinson, . . . . .		2	
Samuel Jackson, . . . . .		2	
Wingate & Johns, . . . . .			2
James B. Latimer, . . . . .		2	
Saturnius Destout, . . . . .		2	
Otis Ammidon, . . . . .		2	
Robert Patterson, . . . . .		2	
Nathaniel Burt, . . . . .		2	
George F. Randolph, . . . . .		2	
Jacob Madeira, . . . . .		2	
Jacob Boller, . . . . .		2	
John Horner, . . . . .		2	
Matthew H. Gray, . . . . .		2	
John Singer, . . . . .		2	
John M. Chapman, . . . . .		2	
Joseph Cresson, . . . . .		2	
John C. Gilpin, . . . . .		2	
Jacob Neff, . . . . .		2	
John J. Wright, . . . . .		2	
Thomas Austin, . . . . .		2	
John Martin, . . . . .		2	
Israel Cope, . . . . .		2	
A. M. Howell, . . . . .		2	
John Goodwin, . . . . .		2	
Henry Sailor, . . . . .		2	
George W. Toland, . . . . .		2	
John Haviland, . . . . .		2	
Thomas Robins, . . . . .		2	
Benjamin Clarke, . . . . .		2	
Moses B. Moody, . . . . .		2	



	Life Sub. Dolls.	Ann. Sub. Dolls.	Donations. Dolls.
Jonas Wyman, . . . . .		2	
John Haseltine, . . . . .		2	
James Le Fevre, . . . . .		2	
William Kerr, . . . . .		2	
James Yard, . . . . .		2	
Benjamin Cooper, . . . . .		2	
John Hanson, . . . . .		2	
Benjamin Ives Gilman, jun. . . . .		2	
Gideon Cox, . . . . .		2	
Lawrence Seckel, . . . . .		2	
Thomas H. Roberts, . . . . .		2	
William Jones, . . . . .		2	
Austin Montgomery, . . . . .		2	
William West, . . . . .		2	
James Nevins, . . . . .		2	
Thomas Hulme, . . . . .		2	
William M. Evans, . . . . .		2	
John Bowen, . . . . .		2	
Samuel Chesnut, . . . . .		2	
James Rogers, . . . . .		2	
Obrie & Co. . . . .			3
Mr. Rheem, . . . . .			2
Frederick Gilbert, . . . . .			2
Brugiere & Tessiere, . . . . .			5
Thomas Fassitt, . . . . .			5
Samuel Calhoun, M. D. . . . .		2	
Elizabeth M'Pherson, . . . . .		2	
Patrol Committee of New Market Ward, . .			5
Jacob C. Wikoff, . . . . .	20		
Thomas Astley, . . . . .	20		
Mrs. Sarah H. Astley, . . . . .	20		
James Carstairs, . . . . .		2	
Donations per Dr. Price, . . . . .			13
Mrs. Sarah Yeates, Lancaster, . . . . .		2	
Catharine Yeates, do. . . . .		2	
Margaret Yeates, do. . . . .		2	
Mrs. Sarah Bethell, do. . . . .		2	
Mary Eliza Morris, . . . . .		2	
William J. Baker, . . . . .		2	



	Life Sub. Dolls.	Ann. Sub. Dolls.	Dona- tions. Dolls.
Samuel Wetherill, . . . . .	20		
Ellis Yarnall, . . . . .		2	
Matthew Baxter, . . . . .		2	
Thomas Truxtun, . . . . .		2	
A friend to the institution, . . . . .			2
Sarah Wistar, jun. . . . .	20		
Obadiah M. Brown, of Providence, R. I. . . . .			100
Francis S. Cox, . . . . .		2	
Samuel Emlen, M. D. . . . .	20		
Elizabeth W. Miller, New-Jersey, . . . . .			10
John Magoffin, . . . . .			5
Elizabeth Waln, . . . . .		2	
William B. Lardner, . . . . .			2
John Cox, . . . . .	20		
Joseph Lehman, . . . . .	20		
Joseph Reed, . . . . .		2	
Hannah James, . . . . .	20		
Anna Hartshorne, . . . . .	20		
Margaret H. Smith, . . . . .		2	
Joseph Hartshorne, M. D. . . . .		2	
John Grandom, jun. . . . .		2	
Samuel R. Fisher, . . . . .			10
John Warder, . . . . .	20		
Josiah Dawson, . . . . .	20		
Joseph Watson, lumber merchant, . . . . .	20		
Wm. Brown, . . . . .	20		
Ann Latimer, . . . . .	20		
Mary R. Latimer, . . . . .	20		
Thomas Fassit, . . . . .		2	
James Fassit, . . . . .		2	
Aaron P. Wright, . . . . .		2	
Mrs. Edward M. Donaldson, . . . . .		2	
Mrs. George Latimer, . . . . .		2	
Miss Elizabeth Latimer, . . . . .		2	
Miss Margaret Latimer, . . . . .		2	
Mrs. Mary M'Ilvaine, . . . . .		2	
Edward Thompson, . . . . .		2	
Sarah Waln, . . . . .		2	
Sarah R. Latimer, . . . . .		2	



	Life Sub. Dolls.	Ann. Sub. Dolls.	Dona- tions. Dolls.
Benjamin Warner and James Nixon, a balance in their hands unappropriated of monies col- lected of the citizens of Philadelphia in the Western Country for charitable purposes, .			102
William Dillwyn, of Higham Lodge, England, per John Cox, . . . . .			50
A Friend, . . . . .			2
Thomas Shewell, . . . . .	20		
W. Bell, jun. . . . .	20		
William Clew, Bank U. S. . . . .		2	
Gertrude G. Meredith, . . . . .	20		
George Blight, . . . . .	20		
David C. Claypoole, . . . . .			50
Joseph G. Nancrede, M. D. . . . .		2	
Enoch Reynolds, Washington City, . . . .			2
John Aitken, . . . . .		5	50
Mrs. Tidyman, South Carolina, . . . . .			10
James Perot, . . . . .			1
Robert Hare, M. D. . . . .		2	
Sarah M. Cohen, . . . . .		2	
Townsend Sharpless, . . . . .		2	
Mifflin Wistar, . . . . .		2	
Richard M. Wistar, . . . . .		2	
John C. Otto, M. D. . . . .		2	
Edward Barton, M. D. . . . .		2	
Dr. Conover, . . . . .		2	
Z. Poulson, . . . . .	20		
Moses B. Moody, . . . . .	20		
John Maybin, . . . . .	20		
Francis Perot, . . . . .		2	
Edward Lowber, . . . . .		2	
Elizabeth Marshall, . . . . .		2	
Frederick Brown, . . . . .		2	
John M'Callister, . . . . .		2	
Judah Dobson . . . . .		2	
John M'Curdy, . . . . .		2	
Rachel Lewis, . . . . .		2	
Ellis H. Yarnall, . . . . .		2	
Henry C. Carey, . . . . .		2	



#### ERRATA.

Page 5, line 4th from bottom, read "*Jacob Gratz.*"

11, first line, for "in" read "*from.*"

12, line 4th from bottom, read "*James C. Murtagh.*"

13, line 14th from bottom, read "*from the Alms House.*"







