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FRIENDS' ASYLUM,
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ANNUAL REPORT, &c.

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

There are now in the house 43 patients; the number under care at the last annual report was 42. Since that time 22 have been admitted, 19 have been discharged, and 2 have died. Of those who have been discharged, 10 were restored, 2 much improved, 3 improved, and 4 without improvement. Of those who remain in the house, 7 are restored, 2 much improved, 2 improved, and 32 without any apparent change. Of the 2 deaths which have occurred, one was from an attack of epilepsy, to which the patient had been subject for many years; the other from inflammation of the brain after an illness of two weeks.

From the Treasurer's report, it appears that the balance in his hands, on the 1st inst. was \$66.14. The sum which has accrued from the board of patients is \$6166.68; from contributions and donations \$953.36, and \$500 being the amount of legacy received from the executors of Thomas Paul, deceased. The whole amount of expenditures for all purposes is \$7539.84.

It thus appears, that with the aid of \$1453.36, in contributions and donations, the institution has been barely able to meet the current expenses of the year. The whole debt of the institution is now \$12100.

The Superintendent reports the produce of the farm to have been 150 bushels of potatoes, 102 bushels of wheat, 50 bushels of turnips, 12 bushels of onions, 300 bushels of corn, 70 bushels of oats, 20 bushels of parsnips, 32 wagon loads of hay, and 9 hogs weighing 1814 pounds.

The Asylum continues under the care of John C. Redmond and his wife; and the health and general condition of the patients, as well as the success which has been attendant upon the means adopted for their restoration to reason, demand our gratitude to a beneficent Providence.

The following abstract from the annual report of the attending Physicians, is published for the information of the contributors.

“Since the last annual report of the attending Physicians of the Asylum, 22 patients have been received, which in addition to the 42, reported as remaining last year, make a total of 64 patients who have been under the care of the Institution during the year ending 3d month 1, 1834.

“The following classification, in accordance with that of the last annual report, represents the duration of disease, to which is added the result of treatment and present state of the patients.

First Class.—Patients whose disease is under six months’ duration, - - - - 14

“ “ Restored, - - - - 8

“ “ Improved, (two of these patients were discharged at the request of their friends, and have since recovered,) - - - 4

“ “ Died, - - - - 1

“ “ Without improvement, - - - 1—14

Second Class.—Patients whose disease has been of longer standing than six months and under one year, 3

“ “ Improved, - - - - 1

“ “ Without improvement, - - - 2—3

Third Class.—Patients whose disease has been of more than one year’s duration and less than five, - - - - 10

“ “ Restored, - - - - 3

“ “ Much improved, (one discharged at the request of his friends, and since recovered,) - - - 3

“ “ Improved, - - - - 1

“ “ Without improvement, - - - 3—10

<i>Fourth Class.</i> —Patients whose disease has been of more			
	than five years' standing,	-	37
"	"	Restored, - - - -	6
"	"	Died, - - - -	1
"	"	Without improvement,	- 30—37

RECAPITULATION.

Patients in the Asylum, 3d month, 1833,	42
Received since, - - - - -	22—64
Of whom there have been discharged or died,	21
Leaving at present in the Asylum, -	43—64

Of those discharged there were,

Restored, - - - - -	10
Much improved, - - - - -	2
Improved, - - - - -	3
Died, - - - - -	2
As admitted, - - - - -	4—21

Of those at present in the house, there are,

Restored, - - - - -	7
Much improved, - - - - -	2
Improved, - - - - -	2
Stationary, - - - - -	32—43—64

" But little change appears to have taken place during the last twelve months, in the condition of those patients who have been long afflicted with insanity; some of whom have been for many years resident in the Asylum. Except that degree of structural or functional derangement of the brain, which obscures the correct operations of the mind, they enjoy almost uninterrupted health, and are in possession of all their physical powers.

" Of those patients mentioned in the last annual report as remaining in the institution, who were liable to periodical attacks of derangement with intervals of health, all continue in the Asylum with one exception, (No. 324,) who died in the 11th month last. This patient had been for many years subject to epilepsy in its most violent form, and though the frequency of the paroxysms was lessened, and their violence mitigated during her residence in the Asylum, yet her strength gradually yielded to the disease,

and a succession of fits, of longer continuance than ordinary, carried her off. The others have respectively suffered from one or more attacks of their malady during the year; and, as was to be expected, in proportion as the constitution is debilitated by age and disease, these attacks have, in most of these cases, been more violent and unmanageable. Those individuals are now (with one exception) in pretty good health, rational, and appear satisfied with their situation. They are reported as restored and remaining in the Asylum.

“ There have been three instances during the year of patients having been removed by their friends, before cures were entirely effected, and while convalescence was going on. Two of these are included in the first class, the other in the third. In each of these patients, the efficacy of the plan of treatment pursued, was evinced by their continuing to improve and becoming entirely restored, shortly after their return to their respective homes. We now notice them because we think it proper that they should be included in the number of those cured by our remedial means, although the anxiety of their friends occasioned their removal as soon as there was reason to believe that the cause of their disease was so far overcome as to render their perfect restoration probable. These cases would make the whole number of restorations during the year, twenty.

“ One patient (330) was removed in order to afford the advantage of more constant bodily exercise than could be enjoyed at the Asylum; we never entertained the expectation that he could derive much benefit from medical treatment.

“ The patient, (No. 375,) has been in the Asylum one week—he is included in the number of stationary cases, as sufficient time has not elapsed for any change to take place, but we think his prospect of ultimate recovery, favourable.

“ Of the patients reported as restored and remaining in the Asylum, two (371, 374,) will probably leave the institution shortly: the others, as already noticed, are cases of mania, recurring periodically.

ROBERT MORTON.
CHARLES EVANS.

Philad. 3d month 1st, 1834.

The subjoined extract from the minutes of the Contributors, is published for the information of the friends of the Institution.

“The continued deficiency in the receipts from the Board of Patients at the Asylum, to meet the unavoidable expenses of the house and payment of interest, as presented in the report of the Managers, again claiming the attention of the Contributors, it was after mature deliberation, agreed to allow the Managers, during the ensuing year, to admit such patients, not members or professors, as they may deem suitable, provided that such admission shall, in no case, exclude any member of our religious society or professor with us, from the benefits of the Institution. In granting to the Managers this permission, it is the earnest desire of the Contributors that such a classification of the patients should be made as will tend not merely to the physical benefit, but to the moral and religious advantage of this afflicted class of our fellow members and professors, according to the original object of this Institution.”

Extracted from the Minutes. }
 DANIEL B. SMITH, Clerk for the Day. }



Clerk of the Contributors,

Joseph Snowden, No. 445 North Front Street.

Treasurer,

George Vaux, No. 145 Mulberry Street.

Superintendents,

John C. and Lætitia Redmond.

Attending Physicians,

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

Dr. Charles Evans, No. 102 Union Street.

Resident Physician,

Dr. James M'Crea.

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

EXPENDITURES.

<i>Asylum Buildings and Yards—</i>		
Principally for expenses in erecting furnaces in 1832,		\$673 56
<i>Salaries and Wages—</i>		
Paid this year,		1872 74
<i>Farm and Family Expenses—</i>		
Do. do. do.		3228 72
<i>Medical Department—</i>		
Physicians' Salaries and Supplies,		693 42
<i>Incidental Expenses—</i>		
Taxes, Stationary, &c.		387 40
<i>Interest—</i>		
Fifty Dollars unpaid,		684 00
<i>Balance, viz.—</i>		
Due from sureties of patients,	\$2125 73	
In hands of the Treasurer,	66 14	
Do. Superintendent,	500 00	
		2691 87
		<u>\$10231 71</u>

Average number of Patients in the Asylum, since last report, 41 6-12, as per monthly enumeration.

NEW CONTRIBUTORS.

Thomas C. James, jr.	Beulah Sansom,
Sarah Morris,	Thomas Wood,
Hannah Parke,	Merrit Canby,
Israel W. Morris,	Thomas Dutton,
Dillwyn Smith,	George Gaskill,
George Busby,	Caspar Wistar, Jr.
William F. Miller,	Samuel Allen,
Samuel Abbott, Jr.	Elizabeth W. Miller.
Benjamin Sharpless,	Pennock Passmore,
James Forsyth,	John James,
Benjamin Cope,	Robert Roberts,
William Hodgson, Jr.	Benjamin Raper Smith, son of Daniel B. Smith.

from 3d Mo. 1st, 1833, to 3d Mo. 1st, 1834, inclusive.

RECEIPTS.

<i>Balance last year, viz.—</i>					
Due from sureties of patients,	.	.	.	\$1596	25
In the hands of the Treasurer,	.	.	.	389	06
Do. do. Superintendent,	.	.	.	500	00
					\$2485 31
<i>Board of Patients—</i>					
Chargeable this year,	.	.	.		6166 68
<i>Damages done by Patients—</i>					
Charged to sureties,	.	.	.		81 96
<i>Ground Rent—</i>					
One year's arrearages, due 1st month, 1834,					44 40
<i>Legacy—</i>					
Of Thomas Paul, late of Philadelphia county,					500 00
<i>Contributions—Life Subscriptions—</i>					
Members of Philadelphia Monthly Meeting,				\$25	00
Do. Southern District	do.	.	.	25	00
Do. Western	do.	do.	.	175	00
Do. Birmingham	do.	.	.	150	00
Do. Salem	do.	.	.	125	00
Do. Burlington	do.	.	.	100	00
					600 00
<i>Donations—</i>					
From members of Western Dist. Mo. Meeting,				\$65	00
Do. Salem	do.	.	.	75	00
Do. Birmingham	do.	.	.	35	00
Do. Exeter	do.	.	.	50	00
Do. Radnor	do.	.	.	18	50
From a Friend of Providence, R. I.	.	.	.	100	00
Do. Baltimore,	.	.	.	9	86
					353 36
					\$10231 71

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

Edward Yarnall, No. 39 High Street, is authorized to receive the money for the board of patients, from those persons to whom it is inconvenient to call on the Superintendent.

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

OF THE ADMISSION OF PATIENTS

When application for the admission of a patient is made, a certificate, obtained, when practicable, from a physician in the neighbourhood, ought to be submitted to the visiting managers, giving a statement of the 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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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.)

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

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

OF VISITERS TO THE ASYLUM.

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

As the general admission of visiters would be improper and injurious to the patient; no persons, except as above, shall be admitted to the apartments occupied by patients, unless introduced by a manager; but, on application to the Superintendent, they may be shown such parts of the building and appendages as are not so occupied.

ANNUITIES.

A mode of obtaining contributions by annuities, not much known amongst us, but familiar to Friends in England, has been agreed on by the Contributors. On paying any sum of money to the Treasurer, for the use of the Institution, interest of six per cent. thereon, is annually to be paid to the annuitant; at whose decease, the interest money ceases, and the principal remains the property of the Asylum. This mode will probably be convenient to many who are desirous of promoting the designs of the Institution, and yet do not prefer making any considerable donation during their life time.

FORMS OF LEGACY.

I. Form of a bequest of personal Estate.

“I give and bequeath to A. B. and C. D. and the survivor of them, and the executors and administrators of such survivor, the sum of _____ in trust for the use of an Institution near Philadelphia, known by the name of “The Contributors to the Asylum for the relief of persons deprived of the use of their reason,” and to be paid by the said trustees to the treasurer for the time being of the said Institution.”

II. Form of a Devise of Real Estate.

“I give and devise to A. B. and C. D. and their heirs all that _____ (here describe the property) together with the appurtenances, to hold to them, the said A. B. and C. D. and the survivor of them, and the heirs of such survivor 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 1834.

Classed to visit the Asylum weekly on Seventh day.

FROM		
d mo. 19th to	} Thomas Wistar, Jr. Samuel B. Morris, George R. Smith,	Abington.
4th mo. 14th.		No. 2 York Buildings. Arch St. above 13th.
4th mo. 14th to	} George R. Smith, Thos. Bacon, John Richardson,	No. 190 north Front St. No. 72 north 10th St.
5th mo. 12th.		
5th mo. 12th to	} Thos. Bacon, John Richardson, Timothy Paxson,	No. 158 north Front St.
6th mo. 9th.		
6th mo. 9th to	} Timothy Paxson, Isaiah Hacker, Isaac Collins,	No. 112 South 3d St. No. 129 Filbert St.
7th mo. 14th.		
7th mo. 14th to	} Isaiah Hacker, Isaac Collins, Charles Allen,	No. 180 south 2d St.
8th mo. 11th.		
8th mo. 11th to	} Charles Allen, Joseph R. Jenks, Wm. Burrough,	No. 5 Vine St. No. 11 Vine St.
9th mo. 8th.		
9th mo. 8th to	} Joseph R. Jenks, Wm. Burrough, Bartholomew Wistar,	No. 255 Arch St.
10th mo. 13th.		
10th mo. 13th to	} Bartholomew Wistar, Joel Woolman, John G. Hoskins,	Near Frankford. No. 180 Arch St.
11th mo. 10th.		
11th mo. 10th to	} Joel Woolman, John G. Hoskins, Edward B. Garrigues,	Corner of 6th and Sp. Garden St.
12th mo. 8th		
12th mo. 8th to	} Edward B. Garrigues, William Hillis, James R. Greeves,	Frankford. S. E. corner of Pine and 8th St.
1st mo. 12th.		
1st mo. 12th to	} William Hillis, James R. Greeves, Stacy Cooke,	2d St. continued, Bristol Township.
2d mo. 9th		
2d mo. 9th to	} Stacy Cooke, Samuel B. Morris, Thomas Wistar, Jr.	
3d mo. 9th		

EDWARD YARNALL,
Clerk of the Board of Managers.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Contributors, for 1834, will be held on *Fourth-day*, the 18th of the *Third month*, at 3 o'clock in the *Afternoon*, in *Mulberry Street Meeting-house*.





