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Annual Report

of the

Home for Aged and Infirm

Colored Persons

and

Parker Annex

S. W. Cor. Girard and Belmont Aves.

Philadelphia

1894

*J. White*

THIRTIETH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF MANAGERS

OF THE

HOME

FOR

Aged <sup>AND</sup> Infirm Colored Persons

S. W. COR. GIRARD AND BELMONT AVES.

Also of the Parker Home

4400 GIRARD AVE.

READ AT A MEETING HELD SIXTH MONTH

(JUNE) 14TH, 1894

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The Institution is open to visitors. A cordial invitation is extended. The cars of the Lancaster Avenue Branch of the Walnut Street Line pass the premises. Also the Race and Vine Street Cars. Girard Avenue and Forty-Fourth Street Stations of Pennsylvania Railroad opposite the Home.

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PHILADELPHIA:

CASTLE & HEILMAN, PRINTERS,

27 NORTH SECOND STREET,

1894.

FORM OF BEQUEST OF MONEY OR OTHER  
PERSONAL PROPERTY.

*I give and bequeath to the Home for Aged and Infirm Colored  
Persons, now located on Belmont and Girard Avenues, Philadelphia  
(here insert the Legacy,) for the general purposes and use of the said  
Home.*

FORM OF DEVISE OF REAL ESTATE.

*I give and devise to the Home for Aged and Infirm Colored  
Persons, now located on Belmont and Girard Avenues, Philadelphia  
all that (here describe the Ground-rent or other Real Estate,) to them  
and their Assigns absolutely in fee forever.*

OFFICERS.

*Elected Sixth Month 14th, 1894.*

**President,**

WILLIAM STILL, 244 South Twelfth Street.

**Vice-President,**

JOSEPH M. TRUMAN, JR., 1500 Race Street.

**Treasurer,**

WALTER PENN SHIPLEY, 404 Girard Building.

**Secretary,**

THOMAS H. MCCOLLIN, 1030 Arch Street.

**Board of Managers,**

HENRY M. LAING,	30 North Third street
ISRAEL H. JOHNSON,	212 South Seventh street
GEO. W. HANCOCK,	Fortieth and Lancaster ave.
THOMAS H. BOLING,	519 South Ninth street
SAMUEL EMLIN,	Germantown, Philadelphia.
CORNELIUS T. SHAFFER, M. D., <i>Chairman</i>	1821 Camac street
THOMAS C. IMES, M. D.,	518 South Fifteenth street
JUDGE WM N. ASHMAN,	4400 Spruce street
ISAAC FORSYTHE,	119 South Fourth street
SARAH PARRISH,	1317 Filbert street
MARY A. CAMPBELL,	1923 North Eleventh street
SARAH GORDON,	255 South Twelfth street
MARGARET JONES,	206 South Twelfth street
LYDIA E. PENNOCK,	2146 Green street
EMILY P. SHOEMAKER,	Glenside, Pa.
SARAH H. PEIRCE,	3323 Powelton avenue
MARY B. BREED,	111 North Sixteenth street
ALICE PENNOCK,	805 Franklin street
ELIZABETH COATES,	135 North Fifteenth street
CATHARINE T. TOWNSEND,	1616 Vine street
SARAH E. GARRETT,	Lansdowne, Pa.
SARAH SMITH,	915 Lombard street
MARTHA B. CHAMBERS,	5300 Media street
RUTH K. SMEDLEY,	4661 Penn. street, Frankford

**Co-Operative Committee,**

FANNY M. COPPIN,	754 South Twelfth street
SARAH M. CARVER,	1536 Cherry street
REBECCA CONARD,	Lansdowne, Pa.
MARY S. BROWN,	Norristown, Pa.
MARY M. TRUMAN,	1616 Vine street
MARY J. BREED,	111 North Sixteenth street
EMILY T. LONGSTRETH,	556 North Eighteenth street
MARGARET A. BOLING,	519 South Ninth street
HENRIETTA S. DUTERTE,	838 Lombard street
ANNIE SHAFFER,	1821 Camac street
EDITH H. ABBOTT,	640 North Thirteenth street
BELLA M. MASON,	4109 Walnut street
LAVINIA L. GRIFFIN,	735 North Seventh street
MARY M. B. PAXSON,	2106 Walnut street
HELEN A. COMLY,	3521 Hamilton street
EMILY CAMPBELL,	202 North Forty-third street
LYDIA K. MCCOLLIN,	Haverford, Pa.

## COMMITTEES.

### On Management,

ALL THE WOMEN MANAGERS.

SARAH H. PEIRCE, *President*                      EMILY P. SHOEMAKER, *Secretary*  
RUTH K. SMEDLEY, *Asst. Secretary*

### On Property,

GEO. W. HANCOCK	THOMAS C. IMES, M. D.
HENRY M. LAING	THOS. H. McCOLLIN
SAMUEL EMLEN	THOS. H. BOLING
WM. STILL	CORNELIUS T. SHAFFER, M. D.
ISAAC FORSYTHE	JUDGE WM. N. ASHMAN

### On Finance,

SAMUEL EMLEN	WILLIAM STILL
GEO. W. HANCOCK	THOS. H. McCOLLIN

WM. N. ASHMAN

### On Supplies,

HENRY M. LAING	ALICE PENNOCK
ISRAEL H. JOHNSON	MARY B. BREED
WILLIAM STILL	CATHARINE T. TOWNSEND
LYDIA E. PENNOCK	THOS. H. McCOLLIN

### On Religious Meetings,

WILLIAM STILL	SARAH E. GARRETT
HENRY M. LAING	MARGARET JONES

CORNELIUS T. SHAFFER, M. D.

### On Interments,

THOS. H. BOLING	SARAH GORDON
MARY A. CAMPBELL	SARAH PARRISH
CORNELIUS T. SHAFFER, M. D.	ELIZABETH COATES

### On Admission,

LYDIA E. PENNOCK	EMILY P. SHOEMAKER
MARY A. CAMPBELL	WILLIAM STILL
ALICE PENNOCK	THOS. H. BOLING

DR. THOS. C. IMES

### On Discipline,

GEO. W. HANCOCK	ALICE PENNOCK
DR. T. C. IMES	MARY A. CAMPBELL

Matron,

Housekeeper,

Engineer,

CHARLOTTE L. RIKER    ELIZABETH M. LLOYD    CALVIN W. MITCHELL

Physician,

DR. SAMUEL C. HENSZEY, JR., 3320 Hamilton Street.

Counsellors,

J. SERGEANT PRICE	H. J. HANCOCK	J. WILLIS MARTIN
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Auditors,

JOSEPH BACON		ALFRED H. LOVE
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## - ANNUAL MEETING -

HOME FOR AGED AND INFIRM COLORED PERSONS,

*Cor. Belmont and Girard Aves., Phila'a.*

THE Thirtieth Annual Meeting of the Contributors to the above named Institution, was held at the Home, Sixth month, 14th, 1894, Wm. Still presiding.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by the Rev. H. H. Butler, and the singing of the hymn, "Nearer My God, to Thee."

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and approved.

The annual report of the Board of Managers was submitted and read. On motion, it was accepted and directed to be forwarded to the in-coming Board of Managers, for publication.

The Treasurer's report of receipts and expenditures was read and directed to be forwarded to the incoming Board, for publication.

The Physician's report was read, and referred to the in-coming Board, as usual.

The Chairman appointed the following contributors a committee to bring forward the names of suitable persons to serve as officers and managers, for the ensuing year, viz:—L. E. Pennock, John Collins, Henrietta S. Duterte, Ruth K. Smedley.

The Committee proposed the following named persons, who were elected, viz:—(See page 3.)

H. H. Butler addressed the meeting, encouraging the managers to continue in the good work, and was sure that Providence had and would continue, to bless this Institution whose work was to care for the old people and make comfortable their declining days. He would put it in the hearts of the kindly disposed, to open their purses and provide the needful to enable the Managers to continue the good work.

Judge Wm. N. Ashman made a few remarks. He said our blessings are often appreciated by contrasts. There has been a steady growth of benevolence, especially in Philadelphia. This Institution contains all the sympathies and delights of a home—its endearments, comforts and joys, such as is seldom found elsewhere. Philadelphia is ahead in benevolent institutions. In New York and Boston they will point to their cemeteries, and in Chicago to their prisons, but few or any such noble institutions as this. We should bless the Almighty for this beautiful building, the Parker Annex, now almost ready for occupancy, the bequest of the late Edward T. Parker, and through the wise management of his executor, Hon. Edwin M. Paxson.

Addresses were also made by Mrs. Williams, Thomas Walter, John P. Townsend and Mrs. Fanny M. Coppin, and Mrs. Frances E. W. Harper. Mrs. Haas read a selection, "Unawares."

The meeting then closed with the Doxology.

THOS. H. McCOLLIN.

*Secretary.*

Philadelphia, Sixth month 14th, 1894.

- ANNUAL REPORT -

THE Managers of the "Home for Aged and Infirm Colored Persons" submit their Thirtieth Annual Report to its friends and patrons.

At the close of last year we had in the Institution, one hundred and eight inmates. During the present year 8 men and 13 women have been admitted. There has been 16 deaths, 3 men and 13 women, 2 men left voluntarily, making the number of inmates at the present time 111.

The Committee of Management record, with sadness, the death of one of their members Emeline L. Moore, whose cheerful, helpful spirit they shall continue to miss for a long time.

Greatly to the regret of the Board of Managers, our Treasurer, Samuel Emlen resigned the position in June last. Walter Penn Shipley was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy.

Weekly visits of the House and Clothing Committees have been regularly made, and a monthly report sent to the meetings of the Managers.

The routine of the Home life has been much the same as reported from year to year; and when remembering the constantly changing family, and the variety of dispositions, coupled with the mental and physical weakness attendant on age, the general good order and cheerfulness are remarkable.

The Home is non-sectarian, and any religious teacher or adviser is at liberty to attend to the spiritual needs of his special believers, while regular religious meetings are held under the supervision of a competent committee.

Neither has social enjoyment for the aged ones been neglected. The various holidays have been specialized by the traditional turkey and oyster dinners, followed many times by suitable entertainments. All of which have been greatly enjoyed; many of the old people assuring us each time, that it was the best day they had ever spent.

In this connection we wish to extend our hearty thanks to the "Musical Association" from St. Thomas' P. E. Church, to the Rev. W. D. Temple for a magic lantern exhibition, the Messrs. Robinson and Perryman for a musical entertainment, the Hope Circle of King's Daughters from the Mantua Baptist Church, and all others who have assisted on these festive occasions.

Thanks are also due Adolph Kleimand for a treat of ice cream on our National holiday, and J. Erwin Brown, Supt., for free admission to the Zoological Garden.

We desire to express our appreciation of the faithful services of those employed in the Home. Our Matron and assistant, and engineer Calvin Mitchell, have had much to tax their patience in the confusion caused by changes connected with the new building.

The attending physician, who in his eight years of service, has filled from twenty-five to thirty thousand prescriptions, continues unflinching in his interest and deserves our gratitude.

Mention in this report is due Jane Johnson, who for many years has, with sympathy and tenderness, prepared the bodies of the departed ones for their last resting places, without any remuneration, save that which comes to all who, in giving to the poor "lendeth to the Lord."

The Parker Annex, which was commenced about a year ago, under the auspices of Judge Edwin M. Paxson, Executor and Trustee of Edward T. Parker, is now ready for occupancy. We are thus enabled to care for many more deserving ones. "The hewers of wood and drawers of water," we must remember, fill as important places in the economy of the Universe as the wealthy banker or successful merchant.

We gratefully acknowledge all contributions and thank the contributors, desiring a continuance of their generous support in our increased responsibilities and expenses.

Though suffering to some extent from the wide-spread financial depression, we reverently trust, that the Author of all our "sure mercies" will incline the hearts of the people to this portion of His Heritage, and enable us to carry on the work of another year with renewed energy and devotion.

THOS. H. McCOLLIN,  
*Secretary.*

Philadelphia, Fifth month 31st, 1894.

5 mo., 31st, 1893, to 6 mo., 14th, 1893.

1893		
5 mo., 31st,	To Balance fiscal year, . . . . .	\$6,936 31
	" Cash received, Interest from Elon Dunbar Estate, . . . . .	394 90
	" Cash received of G. W. Hancock, Rents, . . . . .	82 71
	" Cash received of Donation Box, . . . . .	5 00
	" Cash received of Contributions, . . . . .	25 40
	" Cash received of Sarah P. Morris, . . . . .	87 50
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		\$7,531 82

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By Cash paid M. A. S. . . . .	\$ 15 00
" Cash paid Com. on Supplies, . . . . .	1,467 29
" Cash paid H. M. L. on account Supplies, . . . . .	500 00
" Cash paid Thos. G. Thompson, . . . . .	150 00
" Balance paid W. Penn Shipley, the new Treasurer, . . . . .	5,399 53
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	\$7,531 82

SAMUEL EMLLEN, Treasurer.

Phila., 6 mo., 14th, 1893.

## SUMMARY OF ACCOUNT.

DR. *Walter Penn Shipley, Home for Aged and Infirm Colored Persons from Sixth month 16th, 1893 to Fifth 31st, 1894, 1894, inclusive.*

1893.			
6th mo. 16th	To Balance rec'd from Samuel Emlen former Treasurer	- - - -	\$5399 53
	" Admission Fees of 24 Inmates	- - - -	3511 00
	" Income from Investments and Real Estate in Kansas	- - - -	5510 11
	" Collections, Donations, etc.,	- - - -	1412 41
	" Rents (net amount) Real Estate in Philadelphia	- - - -	555 44
	" Board of Inmates until Admitted	- - - -	122 50
	" Interest on Deposits	- - - -	24 93
	" Balance from Provident Trust Co. Mainly interest on old account	- - - -	82 62
	" Cash Building Account. Amount advanced 5 month 27th, 1893	- - - -	500 00
	" Elizabeth Wiggins to pay for burial in Chester County	- - - -	150 00
	" John C. Brown from Eliza Snowden	- - - -	54 21
	" Legacy John Cooper Estate	- - - -	43 72
	" " James Simpson Estate	- - - -	2500 00
	" Henry M. Laing for Amount Advanced for Wages	- - - -	500 00
	" Trustees under Will of Stephen Smith	- - - -	1569 64
	" " " " " Elon Dunbar	- - - -	389 09
	" " " " " J. H. McIlvain	- - - -	3 70
	" Principal of Ground Rent, Wyalusing Ave. paid off	- - - -	1000 00
	" Cash paid on Account of Mortgages, Davis & Wife, Kansas	- - - -	600 00
	" Proceeds of Kerlin Property, Kansas, sold	- - - -	3620 00
	" Sundries	- - - -	35 65
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			\$27,584 55

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By Orders to H. M. Laing—Supplies, etc.	- -	\$12,621 73
" Property Committee—Repairs, etc.,	- -	788 53
" Roof for Cape May Property on account	- -	600 00
" Coal	- -	1,250 75
" Foreclosure Proceedings and Purchase of Judgment	- -	2,343 80
" Insurance	- -	533 76
" Ground Rents	- -	52 00
" Acknowledgments	- -	50
" Expenses of Annual Report and Donation Day	- -	158 48
" Oil for Machinery	- -	27 00
" Board returned to Inmates who left	- -	34 50
" Water Rent	- -	32 08
" John R. Jones, Admission Fee, Less Board Returned	- -	110 00
" Annuity of Mary A. Shaw	- -	30 00
" City Mission Directory	- -	6 00
" Taxes and Water Rent, 60 Harvey Street	- -	231 03
" Doctor Bills	- -	205 00
" Funeral Expenses	- -	317 15
" Interest Paid Girard Trust Company	- -	10 83
" Cash Paid for Paschall Avenue Mortgages, (Investment)	- -	4,000 00
" Cash on Hand	- -	4,231 41
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		\$27,584 55

Philadelphia, 5 mo., 30th, 1894.

TO THE PRESIDENT AND MANAGERS OF THE HOME FOR AGED  
AND INFIRM COLORED PERSONS.

*Esteemed Friends*:—It affords me much pleasure to present for your consideration my annual report.

During the past year whilst there has been a great deal of sickness in the family, but, barring the grippe—as there were about sixty cases, all of which convalesced satisfactorily—the ailments were mostly due from normal causes of old age. The sanitary condition is, as has been, good.

Have received as donations during the year from

William Weightman, (Powers & Weightman)	Philadelphia.
Rosengarten Sons,	“
W. R. Warner & Co.,	“
John C. Baker & Co.,	“
Chas. Crittenton Co.,	New York.
Scabund & Johnson,	“
The Arlington Chemical Co.,	Yonkers, N. Y.
Mellin Food Co.,	Wisconsin.
Malted Food Co.,	“
Johnson & Johnson,	New Brunswick, N. J.

All of which I have respectfully acknowledged.

Number of deaths for the year, . . . . . 16  
Amt. of drugs and medicines purchased for the year, \$230.74

Respectfully yours,

SAMUEL C. HENSZEY, M. D.

S. E. Cor. 34th and Hamilton Sts.

EXPENDITURES OF COMMITTEE ON SUPPLIES.

Meat and Fish, . . . . .	\$2,692 96
Bread and Flour, . . . . .	905 92
Butter and Eggs, . . . . .	892 15
Groceries, . . . . .	1,563 10
Marketing, . . . . .	1,343 14
Milk and Ice, . . . . .	579 26
Medicines, . . . . .	230 72
Gas, . . . . .	376 05
Wages, . . . . .	4,353 20
Postal Cards, Car Fare, etc., . . . . .	76 15
Porterage, . . . . .	91 50
Dry Goods and Clothing, . . . . .	672 71
Furniture, . . . . .	198 10
Sundries, . . . . .	39 02
Repairs, . . . . .	23 04
Shaving, . . . . .	52 00
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Physician, . . . . .	\$ 205 00
Funeral Expenses, . . . . .	317 15
Annual Report and Advertising, . . . . .	158 48
Coal, Freight and Hauling, . . . . .	1,250 75
Repairing Property, . . . . .	788 53
Women Managers, . . . . .	50 00
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	\$2,769 91
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	\$16,858 93
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Philad'a., Fifth Month 31st, 1894.



## INMATES RECEIVED INTO THE HOME

From Sixth month 1st, 1893 to Fifth month 31st, 1894.

NO.	NAME.	AGE.	NATIVE STATE.	ENTERED.
483	James Williams.....	72	Pennsylvania.....	6th mo. 17th, '93
484	Elizabeth Wiggins.....	80	Pennsylvania.....	6th mo. 21st, '93
485	Sarah Williamson.....	75	Virginia.....	7th mo. 17th, '93
486	John R. Jones.....	61	Delaware.....	7th mo. 18th, '93
487	Mary Ann Addison.....	65	Pennsylvania.....	7th mo. 18th, '93
488	Stephen Wheeler.....	89	Missouri.....	7th mo. 19th, '93
489	Mary Jackson.....	73	New Jersey.....	7th mo. 20th, '93
490	Amy Wood.....	96	Virginia.....	9th mo. 1st, '93
491	Mary Ann Trusty.....	83	Pennsylvania.....	9th mo. 26th, '93
492	Julia Turner.....	68	Pennsylvania.....	11th mo. 19th, '93
493	Ann Framia Parker.....	70	Pennsylvania.....	11th mo. 14th, '93
494	Leah Reed.....	73	Maryland.....	12th mo. 20th, '93
495	William G. Freeman.....	78	Virginia.....	1st mo. 12th, '94
496	Wilson Hodges.....	77	Virginia.....	1st mo. 16th, '94
497	Elizabeth Curtis.....	77	Pennsylvania.....	3rd mo. 14th, '94
498	Susan Bradley.....	70	Pennsylvania.....	4th mo. 16th, '94
499	Rachel Robinson.....	88	Virginia.....	4th mo. 19th, '94
500	James Biddle.....	77	Delaware.....	4th mo. 23rd, '94
501	Cornelia Jones.....	80	Pennsylvania.....	5th mo. 15th, '94
502	Henrietta Fisher.....	62	New Jersey.....	5th mo. 16th, '94
503	Henry Jones.....	67	Pennsylvania.....	5th mo. 24th, '94

## DECEASED

From Sixth month 1st, 1893 to Fifth month 31st, 1894.

NO.	NAME.	AGE.	DIED
359	Eliza Snowden.....	77	6th mo. 26th, '93
360	Julia Shorter.....	47	7th mo. 18th, '93
361	Elizabeth Odell.....	76	8th mo. 27th, '93
362	Susan Harper.....	74	10th mo. 1st, '93
363	Jane Johnson.....	81	10th mo. 27th, '93
364	Amy Wood.....	78	11th mo. 10th, '93
365	Harriet Malvin.....	91	12th mo. 13th, '93
366	Flora Morris.....	83	12th mo. 20th, '93
367	Mary Frisby.....	86	12th mo. 25th, '93
368	Harriet Gibbs.....	79	1st mo. 22nd, '94
369	Sarah Williamson.....	75	2th mo. 20th, '94
370	Charlotte Loveday.....	88	3rd mo. 14th, '94
371	Sarah Grimes.....	101	3rd mo. 14th, '94
372	Abram Wood.....	86	4th mo. 13rd, '94
373	Adam Matlack.....	98	4th mo. 20th, '94
374	Mary Ann Scott.....	78	5th mo. 16th, '94

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John R. Jones

Stephen Wheeler.

## CHARTER OF INCORPORATION.

WHEREAS, the undersigned citizens of this Commonwealth have, together with other citizens, associated for the purpose of establishing in the City of Philadelphia a Home for Aged and Infirm Colored Persons, and are desirous of being Incorporated agreeably to the provisions of the Act of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania, entitled "An Act to Confer on Certain Associations of the Citizens of this Commonwealth the Powers and Immunities of Corporations, or bodies politic in law." They therefore declare the following to be the objects, articles, and conditions of their said association, agreeably to which they desire to be incorporated, viz :

## TITLE.

1st This Association shall be called "THE HOME FOR AGED AND INFIRM COLORED PERSONS."

## OBJECT.

2d. The objects of this Association shall be the relief of that worthy class of colored persons who have endeavored through life to maintain themselves, but from various causes are dependent upon the charity of others.

## ARTICLES AND CONDITIONS.

3d. The officers shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall perform the duties usual to those positions, and a Board of Managers, twenty-four in number, who will make all needful rules and regulations, subject to the approval of the Association at its annual meeting, to which they shall submit a report of the proceedings. The officers shall be *ex-officio* members of the Board.

4th. A quorum of the Association shall be fifteen, and of the Managers, ten. The Managers shall meet at least once in each month.

5th. At each annual meeting, two auditors shall be appointed to examine the Treasurer's account previous to its presentation at the next annual meeting, and report as to its correctness.

6th. Respectable colored persons may be admitted into the Home, or boarded therein, with the consent of the Visiting Committee, in accordance with the rules which the Managers may adopt for the Government of the Institution.

7th. The terms of membership of the Association shall be an annual contribution of two dollars. The payment of twenty-five dollars shall constitute a life membership.

8th. The Association shall meet annually, for the election of officers and other business, on the second Fifth-day (Thursday) in the Sixth month (June) of each year, at such time and place as may be agreed upon, of which two week's notice shall be given by the Managers.\*

9th. The clear yearly income of real and personal estate held by the Association shall not at any time exceed the sum of thirty thousand dollars.

10th. The Association shall have the power to make By-Laws, not inconsistent with this Charter nor the laws of the land, and to alter and annul the same at pleasure, and a failure to elect officers at any time shall not dissolve this Corporation.

11th. If any member shall die or resign, the vacancy may be filled by an election, at a stated meeting of the Board of Managers, of one to serve in his or her stead until the next annual meeting of the Association.

[Signed]	STEPHEN SMITH,	WM. C. LONGSTRETH,
	SAM'L R. SHIPLEY,	HENRY M. LAING,
	JOS. M. TRUMAN, JR.,	JACOB C. WHITE, SR.,
	DILLWYN PARRISH,	THOMAS MATHER,
	HENRY GORDON,	

\*The Association formerly met on the second Fifth-day of the First month, but was changed by an order of the Court as above.

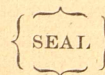
IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS IN AND FOR  
THE COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA.

*In the matter of the Incorporation of "The Home for Aged  
and Infirm Colored Persons."*

And now, this second day of December, A. D. 1867, the Articles of Incorporation of "The Home for Aged and Infirm Colored Persons" having been heretofore, to wit, on the thirteenth day of November, A. D., 1867, filed in the office of the Prothonotary of said Court, and due notice having been inserted in a newspaper printed in said County, in due conformance to law; on motion of Edward Hopper, it is declared and decreed that the persons so associated under such articles shall, according to the articles and conditions in said instrument set forth and contained, become and be a Corporation or body politic in law.

And it is further ordered and directed that the said Charter of Incorporation shall be recorded in the Office for the Recording of Deeds in and for the said County of Philadelphia. And on the said instrument being so recorded, the persons so associated or meaning to associate, shall according to the objects, articles and conditions in said instrument set forth and contained, become and be a Corporation or body politic in law and in fact, to have continuance by the name, style, and title in said instrument provided and declared.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said Court, this thirteenth day of December, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven.



[Signed]

T. O. WEBB,

*Pro-Prothonotary.*

**BY-LAWS.****ARTICLE I.**

The managers shall meet on the second Fourth-day in every month, at such time as may be agreed upon.

**ARTICLE II.**

Special meetings may be called by the chairman, or at the request of any three members

**ARTICLE III.**

All reports of committees shall be made to the Board in writing.

**ARTICLE IV.**

The meetings of the Board shall be conducted according to the Rules of Order usual in similar bodies.

**ARTICLE V.**

Standing committees on the following subjects shall be appointed by the chairman at the first meeting in each current year:

- 1st. A Committee on Management.
- 2d. A Committee on Admissions.
- 3d. A Committee on Property.
- 4th. A Committee on Supplies.
- 5th. A Committee on Religious Meetings.
- 6th. A Committee on Interments.
- 7th. A Committee on Finance
- 8th. A Committee on Discipline

**ARTICLE VI.**

The Committee of Management shall consist of the women members of the Board. They shall have a general supervision of the internal arrangements of the Home, and shall propose to the Board any regulations or measures which may be needed for its government. They shall divide themselves into the following sub-committees:

1st. A House Committee of two, to be appointed monthly in rotation; to visit the Home each week, and endeavor to be present once during meals. They shall make themselves acquainted with the situation and wants of the inmates, generally direct the concerns of the family, and report their observations in a book provided for this purpose.

2d. A Clothing Committee of four, who shall superintend the making and distribution of clothing, and give directions in regard to any industrial employment of the inmates.

**ARTICLE VII.**

The Committee on Property and Finance shall consist of the men members of the Board, and shall have charge of the real estate and financial affairs of the Home.

**ARTICLE VIII.**

The Committee on Supplies, in conjunction with the Matron, shall make all necessary purchases for the Home.

**ARTICLE IX.**

The Committee on Interments shall make all needful arrangements for the funerals of our inmates, and at least one of them shall be present on such occasions.

**ARTICLE X.**

The Board shall appoint annually one or more Physicians, to look after the health of the inmates.

**ARTICLE XI****ORDER OF BUSINESS.**

1. Calling the Roll.
2. Reading the Minutes.
3. Report of the Treasurer.
4. Report of the Standing Committees, viz ;  
Committee on Supplies.  
" Management  
" Admissions.  
" Property.  
" Finance.  
" Religious Meetings.  
" Interments.  
" Discipline.
5. Special Committees.
6. Unfinished Business.
7. New Business.

## RULES.

RULE 1.—The Matron shall have the general charge of the Home, and keep it in neat order, under the direction of the Committee of Management. She is to enforce the rules and see that suitable nourishment is provided for the sick. She must be respectful and kind to every one in the Home, and attentive (without partiality) as their circumstances require. She will promptly check any quarreling or other improper conduct in the inmates, and if necessary, report the same to the Visiting Committee. She shall keep a record of all clothing sent to the Home, and furnish the Committee with a monthly account thereof. She will be expected to go through the house about 10 o'clock P. M., and see that all unnecessary fires and lights are extinguished.

RULE 2.—No person shall be admitted to the Home but such as bring satisfactory testimonials of the propriety of their conduct and the respectability of their character.

RULE 3.—Those received in the Home must be at least 60 years of age, and shall pay to the Treasurer the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars. All who are admitted will be on probation for a period of six months. If their conduct during that time is not satisfactory, they will be retained no longer, but will be charged board for the time they may be residents in the Home, at the rate of two and a half dollars per week, which is to be deducted from the sum paid for admission, the balance of which is to be returned to the party paying the same.

RULE 4.—Any property or personal effects which an applicant may be possessed of must be made over for the benefit of the Home, prior to admission therein; and if any inherit property whilst in the Home, and prefer remaining, the said property must likewise be transferred to the institution; all such transfers being recorded in a book kept for that purpose.

RULE 5.—Colored persons, over the age of sixty, of respectable character, and furnishing satisfactory references, may be boarded in the institution upon such terms as the Managers may decide, but

shall be subjected to the same rules and have no privileges different from other inmates. Satisfactory security must be given for the regular payment of the board, previous to their admission.

RULE 6.—No boarder shall be received or continued in the Home to the exclusion of those entirely dependent. Two week's notice, however, must be given for the removal of any boarder.

RULE 7.—A register shall be kept of the names of all applicants, the persons by whom they are recommended, their place of residence, and the report of the Committee on Admissions thereon, and any information that may be deemed important.

RULE 8.—Those who are pensioners on any benevolent institution or society, it is expected, will have their pensions continued to assist in their support, and at their death the funeral expenses shall be paid by said societies.

RULE 9.—None but the Physician of the institution or his substitute, shall attend the inmates, unless he should request a consultation with another practitioner. If any of the inmates or their friends desire other than the regular Physician of the Home, they may, with the consent of the attending Physician, be at liberty to employ such; provided the same shall be without expense or any responsibility on the part of the institution.

RULE 10.—After rising in the morning, and again before retiring at night, all who are able shall be assembled in a suitable room, and a chapter from the Bible read to them, after which an opportunity shall be offered for silent or vocal worship.

RULE 11.—Religious meetings shall be held in the Home on the First day of the week, for those not desirous of attending elsewhere.

RULE 12.—Any of the inmates desirous of visiting their friends (on their written invitations) must obtain permission from the Matron, nor absent themselves at any time without permission.

RULE 13.—No stimulants or liquors to be used in the Home unless ordered by the Physician, and then to be administered by the Matron.

RULE 14.—All visitors shall be properly treated and shown through the Home, especially those visiting for religious purposes. Visitors will not be admitted before 10 A. M., nor after 5 P. M., except in special cases.

RULE 15.—All that is necessary for the comfortable support of the inmates of the Home will be furnished from the funds of the institution; no individual, therefore, will, on any account, be permitted to solicit assistance.

RULE 16.—All inmates are expected to render themselves generally useful, as far as their strength will admit.

RULE 17.—Smoking and the use of tobacco in any form is strictly prohibited, except in such place as designated by the Matron.

RULE 18.—The bell will be rung ten minutes before each meal, and all who are able will promptly repair to the dining-room. When seated, a suitable pause shall be observed. No inmate will be allowed to carry food from the table. The sick and infirm only will be accommodated with meals up stairs.

RULE 19.—No inmate will be permitted to interfere or find fault with Matron or assistants; but if they think they have cause for complaint they must apply to the Monthly Committee, who will receive their statement and take such action thereon as may be proper.

RULE 20.—To preserve harmony in the family the strictest attention should be paid to the rules of the Home. For the first and second offence, the Matron will admonish the offender. For the third, she will report them to the House Committee; and for the fourth, removal from the Home, if so approved by the Board of Managers.

Charles F. Abbott  
Sarah Adams  
Thos. M. Adams  
William Arrott  
Thomasine Ashbridge  
Lewes R. Ashurst  
*Jas. Augustin*  
Mary Bacon (Marshall Street)  
Joseph Bacon  
*Charles E. Baeder*  
*Jos. L. Bailey*  
Jos. L. Bailey  
*Jos. A. Bailey*  
Joel J. Baily  
Mary L. Baird  
*Mark Balderston*  
Mary L. Baldwin  
*Sarah C. Baldwin*  
*Samuel Bancroft*  
Abraham Barker  
*E. H. Bartol*  
*Isaac Barton*  
*Dr. J. Rhea Barton*  
Mary Bayard  
Samuel Bell  
Sarah Bowers Bell  
Harriet S. Benson  
*Rosalie Benson*  
*William Bettie*  
*Sarah T. Betts*  
Miriam D. Bickley  
Clement M. Biddle  
Robert Biddle  
Samuel Biddle  
*Wm. Biddle*  
*Wm. C. Biddle*  
Sarah S. Blackburn  
Harriet Blanchard  
Priscilla M. Böhlen  
Thomas H. Boling  
*Adolph E. Borie*  
*Charles Borie*  
*John C. Bowers*  
*Ellis Branson*  
*James Bromley*  
*Bishop Phillips Brooks*  
Mrs. Hunter Brooke  
Francis M. Brooke

## LIFE MEMBERS.

## DECEASED MEMBERS IN ITALICS.

*Alexander Brown*  
Mrs. John A. Brown  
*Mary D. Brown*  
*Mary F. Brown*  
Thomas Wister Brown  
Martha M. Brown  
*William Bucknell*  
John C. Bullitt  
*Rebecca W. Burr*  
*Wm. H. Burr*  
Richard Cadbury  
*Bishop J. P. Campbell*  
Mary A. Campbell  
*John Carter*  
John E. Carter  
*Mary Ann Carter*  
*George W. Childs*  
*James L. Claghorn*  
Edward W. Clark  
Rebecca Clyde  
*Benjamin Coates*  
Sarah Coates  
Lemuel Coffin  
A. M. Collins  
*Eliza C. Collins*  
*Joseph B. Conrow*  
Jay Cooke  
*Alfred Cope*  
Annette Cope  
Francis R. Cope  
*Henry Cope*  
James B. Cope  
Marmaduke C. Cope  
*Ruth Anna Cope*  
Sophia G. Fox  
*James H. Cresson*  
*Samuel J. Cresswell, Jr.*  
J. Lewis Crozier  
*John P. Crozier*  
*Sarah L. Crozier*  
Samuel A. Crozier  
Robert H. Crozier  
Eliza Dales  
Cecillia F. Darley  
Alice P. Darlington  
Jane S. Darlington  
*Edward M. Davis*  
Maria M. Davis  
*Mordecai L. Dawson*

Ann Derbyshire  
Mary Ann Derbyshire  
*Henry Disston*  
Mary Disston  
R. J. Dodd, M. D.  
*Thos. J. Dorsey*  
*Caroline E. Davis*  
F. J. Dreer  
*Anthony J. Drexel*  
Henrietta S. Duterte  
John J. Dutton  
*Thomas Earp*  
Rebecca S. Elkinton  
Thomas Elkinton  
*Anna M. Ellis*  
*Charles Ellis*  
*Jacob M. Ellis*  
*George W. Emlen*  
James Emlen  
Samuel Emlen  
Sarah Emlen, Jr.  
*Ann Emsley*  
Rebecca Emsley  
*Catherine W. Evans*  
*Dr. Charles Evans*  
*Charles Evans (Vine St.)*  
*Charles Evans (6th St.)*  
Eleanor T. Evans  
Hannah B. Evans  
*J. Wistar Evans*  
L. J. Evans  
Elizabeth H. Farnum  
*John Farnum*  
*J. Gillingham Fell*  
Henry Fisher, Jr.  
*Joshua Francis Fisher*  
Sophia G. Fisher  
Edwin H. Fitler  
*Hannah C. Flickwir*  
*Wm. B. Fling*  
John E. Fox  
Mary D. Fox  
Charles Franklin  
Susan Franklin  
*Betsy Freeman*  
Samuel H. French  
B. B. Fuller  
J. C. Fuller  
*Alexander Fullerton*

Sarah A. Fullerton  
 Sarah S. Furnas  
 Elizabeth W. Garrett  
 Henry L. Gaw  
 Jesse George  
 John M. George  
 Jane Gibbons  
 Martha P. Gibbons  
 Harriet Gibson  
 Rebecca Gibson  
 Miss Rebecca Gibson  
 Elton P. Gifford  
 John F. Gilpin  
 Louis A. Godey  
 Henry Gordon  
 Sarah Gordon  
 J. L. Grandin  
 S. L. Grandon  
 Elizabeth Greaves  
 Edward Green  
 Lavinia L. Griffin  
 Eliza P. Gurney  
 Annie S. Haines  
 Deborah B. Haines  
 Henry Haines  
 Josiah L. Haines  
 Margaret W. Haines  
 Rachael Haines (Fallston,  
 Md.)  
 Robert B. Haines  
 John Hall  
 Sarah Hall  
 George W. Hancock  
 J. Cambell Harris  
 Mary Powers Harris  
 Mary C. Hart  
 Lewis G. Heins  
 Joseph G. Henszey  
 Mary S. Hinchman  
 Catharine A. Hoffman  
 Mrs. S. Stockton Horner  
 Edward Hoopes  
 James Hopkins  
 Sarah Hopkins  
 Edward Hopper  
 Elizabeth Horner  
 Rebecca Horner  
 George Howell  
 Joshua B. Howell  
 Thomas J. Husband  
 Abram E. Huston  
 Addison Hutton  
 Eben C. Jayne  
 Anna T. Jeanes  
 Joseph Jeanes  
 Joshua T. Jeanes  
 Mary Jeanes  
 Samuel Jeanes  
 A. D. Jessup  
 Israel H. Johnson  
 Mary M. Johnson  
 Rachael Johnson  
 Jacob P. Jones  
 Margaret Jones  
 Mary T. Jones  
 Ann Kaighn

Mary Kaighn  
 Rebecca Kaighn  
 A. M. Kimber  
 M. C. Kimber  
 T. W. Kimber  
 Edward C. Knight  
 Mary P. Ladner  
 Anna T. Laing  
 Catharine R. Laing  
 George T. Laing  
 Henry M. Laing  
 Kate M. Laing  
 Mary Landell  
 James Lane  
 E. C. K. Latimer  
 Ann Leamy  
 Henry Lewis  
 Mary Lewis  
 Isabella J. Lippincott  
 Joshua Lippincott  
 John Livezey  
 Sarah Lloyd  
 Sarah W. Loyde  
 Mary Ann Longstretch  
 Susan Longstretch  
 Martha M. Lord  
 Joseph S. Lovering  
 E. J. Maginnis  
 Caleb H. Malin  
 George Malin  
 Harriet W. Marshall  
 Richard M. Marshall  
 Sarah Marshall  
 Sarah Mason  
 Annie K. Massey  
 Wm. Massey  
 Daniel Maule  
 Israel Maule  
 Joseph Maxfield  
 Wm. R. Maxfield  
 H. Pratt McKean  
 Thomas J. Meager  
 Thomas Mellor  
 John C. Mercer  
 J. Imbrie Miller  
 Anna Elizabeth Milne  
 Beulah T. Milne  
 Caleb J. Milne  
 Clyde Milne  
 David Milne, Jr.  
 Francis F. Milne, Jr.  
 Frank Milne  
 Mrs. Richard A. Mont-  
 gomery  
 Clara J. Moore  
 Eliz. B. Montgomery  
 Clarence B. Moore  
 James Moore  
 Anna Morris  
 Caroline Morris  
 Elizabeth Morris  
 Elliston P. Morris  
 Jos. R. Livezey  
 Hannah Morris  
 Henry Morris  
 Israel Morris

Martha Morris  
 Mary Morris  
 Mary Ann C. Morris  
 Naomi Morris  
 Wistar Morris  
 Samuel C. Morton  
 Lucretia Mott  
 Thomas Mott  
 Daniel Neall  
 Emma Newbold  
 Mary H. Newbold  
 Mary P. Norris  
 Edward H. Ogdon  
 Sarah C. Parke  
 Dillwyn Parrish  
 Elizabeth W. Parrish  
 George D. Parrish  
 Sarah L. Parish  
 Susanna M. Parish  
 Mary F. Paschall  
 Mrs. C. L. Patten  
 Morris Patterson  
 Charles W. Peirce  
 Abraham L. Pennock  
 Caroline Pennock  
 George Pennock  
 Isabella L. Pennock  
 J. Sellers Pennock  
 Sarah Pennock  
 T. Morris Perot  
 Mary Peters  
 Nancy B. Peters  
 Sarah Phipps  
 Thomas Potter  
 Charles W. Poultney  
 Anna M. Powers  
 Thomas H. Powers  
 Eli K. Price  
 J. Sergeant Price  
 Lucy S. Price  
 Thomas W. Price  
 Jenkins Purnell  
 Mary W. Perot  
 Evan Randolph  
 Julianna Randolph  
 Charles D. Reed  
 Gideon Reed  
 Annie Rhoads  
 Annie G. Rhoads  
 Beulah M. Rhoads  
 Charles Rhoads  
 Elizabeth Rhoads  
 Joseph R. Rhoads  
 Robert Richards  
 Hannah W. Richardson  
 Richard Richardson  
 Sarah P. Ridgway  
 Thomas Ridgway  
 Salome W. Rockhill  
 Fairman Rogers  
 Edward Rowland  
 Elizabeth Russell  
 Annie W. Ryerss  
 Mrs. J. W. Ryerss  
 R. W. Ryerss  
 Joseph Scattergood

Mary Scattergood  
 Sarah Scattergood (W.  
 Chester)  
 Anna D. Scott  
 Thomas A. Scott  
 David Scull  
 David Scull, Jr.  
 Edward L. Scull  
 John Sellers  
 John Sellers, Jr.  
 William Sellers  
 Henry Seybert  
 Hans Shadd  
 Ann P. Sharpless  
 Charles L. Sharpless  
 Enus Sharpless  
 John Sharpless, Jr.  
 John M. Sharpless  
 Samuel J. Sharpless  
 Wm. P. Sharpless  
 Mary Ann Shaw  
 Susanna W. Shaw  
 Isaac A. Sheppard  
 Samuel R. Shipley  
 Matthias Shoemaker  
 Benj. H. Shoemaker  
 Robert Shoemaker  
 Ellen H. Simpson  
 Maria Simpson  
 Wm. Simpson  
 Mrs. Wm. Simpson  
 C. S. Singerly  
 Cath. S. M. Singerly  
 M. Singerly  
 Harriet I. Smedley  
 Samuel L. Smedley  
 Daniel Smith, Jr.  
 George P. Smith  
 Harriet Smith  
 Jemima R. Smith  
 John F. Smith  
 Joseph P. Smith  
 Mary D. Smith  
 Nellie Smith

Rebecca W. Smith  
 R. Morris Smith  
 Stephen Smith  
 Wm. B. Smith  
 Wm. C. Smyth  
 Emily B. Smyth  
 William Stapler  
 Hannah W. Sterling  
 Wm. Still  
 Seth B. Stitt  
 Wm. P. Tatham  
 Amy P. Tatum  
 Charles S. Taylor  
 Lucy Taylor  
 Sarah M. Taylor  
 Jos. F. Tenple  
 Jane Thomas  
 Eliz. H. Thompson  
 George Thompson  
 John J. Thompson  
 J. Edgar Thompson  
 Dr. M. R. Trevor  
 Alexander S. Truman  
 Cath. H. Truman  
 Dr. George Truman  
 Jos. M. Truman Jr.  
 Eliz. R. Turnpenny  
 Joseph C. Turnpenny  
 Ann Tyler  
 George Vaux  
 Wm. S. Vaux  
 Mrs. T. Wagner  
 Annie Waln  
 Phebe L. Waln  
 S. Morris Waln  
 Martha Ann Warner  
 Redwood F. Warner  
 George Watson  
 Phoebe M. Way M. D.  
 Maria Wallace  
 Robert S. Walter  
 John J. Weaver  
 John Welsh

Samuel Welsh  
 Wm. Welsh  
 George D. Wetherill  
 Andrew Wheeler  
 Charles Wheeler  
 Susan F. Wheeler  
 Alexander Whildin, Sr.  
 James Whitall  
 John M. Whitall  
 Mary Cope Whitall  
 Jacob C. White, Sr.  
 Rebecca White  
 Asa Whitney  
 George Whitney  
 James S. Whitney  
 John R. Whitney  
 David Milne Willard  
 Dwight Willard  
 Frank Milne Willard  
 Helen Willard  
 Esabella Milne Willard  
 Louis Willard  
 Fielding L. Williams  
 Isabella Williams  
 Edward H. Williams  
 John Williams  
 Mercy K. Williamson  
 Passmore Williamson  
 Thomas Williamson  
 Franklin S. Wilson  
 Rathmell Wilson  
 Wm. L. Wilson  
 Anna H. Willstach  
 Esther F. Wistar  
 Lydia J. Wistar  
 Ann H. Wood  
 Mrs. Alan Wood, Jr.  
 Geo. A. Wood  
 Dr. George B. Wood  
 Mary H. Wood  
 James A. Wright  
 Charles Yarnall  
 Ellis H. Yarnall

## COLLECTIONS.

## Collection by Mary B. Breed

Baldwin Locomotive Works.....	\$25 00
Mrs. C. G. Stoddart .....	2 00
Mary J. Breed.....	2 00
Mary B. Breed.....	2 00
Jane M. Platt.....	2 00
Mrs. H. M. Thomas.....	2 00

## Collection by Martha B. Chambers

Hannah W. Sterling.....	\$10 00
Myra Baker.....	5 00
Cynthia L. Green.....	2 00
Henry Justice.....	5 00
Elizabeth McIlvain.....	1 00
Martha B. Chambers.....	1 00

## Collection by Sarah E. Garrett

Sarah E. Garrett.....	\$ 2 00
Samuel Emlen.....	5 00
Rebecca Conard.....	2 00
Mary W. Garrett.....	2 00
Hannah E. Garrett.....	1 00

## Collection by Sarah Gordon

Margaret W. Haines.....	\$ 5 00
Jane R. Haines.....	5 00
Fanny E. Jones.....	2 00
Lydia S. Morris.....	2 00

## Collection by Henry M. Laing

C. L. Riken.....	\$10 00
Mrs. E. B. Taylor.....	10 00
Knickerbocker Ice Co.....	30 00

## Collection by Joshua R. Mathews

Martin Cowdey.....	\$ 5 00
Caser Evans.....	5 00
Joshua R. Mathews.....	3 00

## Collection by Sarah Parrish

Edward Strickland.....	\$ 5 00
Cynthia E. French.....	2 00

## Collection by Lydia E. Penneck

E. E. Penneck.....	\$ 2 00
J. Jacob Shannon.....	5 00
I. L. Penneck.....	5 00
Mahlon Bryan.....	1 00
E. P. Aikin.....	1 00
Alfred P. Shannon.....	1 00
Thomas Cartledge.....	1 00

## Collection by W. Penn Shipley

Dr. T. C. Imes.....	\$ 2 00
Geo. Francis Fox.....	20 00
Emily T. Longstreth.....	2 00
A. H. Love.....	1 00
Priscilla P. Lippincott.....	5 00
Mary A. Collins.....	2 00
W. Penn Shipley.....	5 00
Donation Box.....	26 31

## Collection by Emily P. Shoemaker

Enoch Lewis.....	\$10 00
Edward Lewis.....	5 00
Elizabeth Lewis.....	3 00
Wilfred Lewis.....	2 00
Joseph Griffith.....	1 00
Elizabeth J. Ferris.....	2 00
Anna J. Ferris.....	1 00
Harriet B. Fox.....	5 00
Mary S. Hillborn.....	2 00
Martha Hoskins.....	2 00
Emily P. Shoemaker.....	2 00
Caroline Lewars.....	1 00
Anna A. Spooner.....	4 00
Cash.....	5 00
Susan P. Monroe.....	2 00
Mrs. E. F. Holloway.....	2 00

## Collection by Ruth K. Smedley

Thomas Scattergood.....	\$ 5 00
Rachel S. Maris.....	2 00
Susan J. Yerkes.....	2 00
Mary A. Holme.....	1 00
Edith H. Abbott.....	2 00
Ruth K. Smedley.....	2 00

## Collection by Catherine T. Townsend

Casper S. Garrett.....	\$ 5 00
Elizabeth W. Garrett.....	5 00
Mary M. Truman.....	2 00
Catherine T. Townsend.....	2 00

## Collection by J. M. Truman, Jr.

J. C. White Jr.....	\$ 5 00
Caroline E. White.....	2 00
Wm. R. Chapman.....	2 00
J. M. Trueman Jr.....	3 00

## Collection by Emily W. Taylor

Emily W. Taylor.....	\$ 5 00
Mary Jane Johnson.....	1 00
Amanda S. Montier.....	1 00

## Collections of Alice Penneck

Samuel Jeanes.....	\$50 00
Joseph Jeanes.....	50 00
Anna T. Jeanes.....	50 00
Mrs. Wm. Simpson.....	25 00
Caroline M. Jeanes.....	20 00
Catherine M. Singerly.....	20 00
James Whitall.....	20 00
Daniel S. White.....	10 00
Edwin A. Landell.....	10 00
J. Sergeant Price.....	10 00
Jos. B. Townsend.....	10 00
Henry C. Townsend.....	10 00
S. J. G.....	10 00
Beauveau Borie.....	10 00
Thomas P. Cope.....	10 00
Francis R. Cope.....	10 00
E. T. Steel & Co.....	10 00
Coffin Altemus & Co.....	10 00
Dr. D. Jayné & Son.....	10 00
E. W. Clark & Co.....	10 00
Isaac W. Jeanes.....	10 00
Wm. Weightman.....	10 00
John B. Ellison & Sons.....	10 00
Harriet B'anchard.....	10 00
Wm. Sellers & Co.....	10 00
Rachel A. Baeder.....	10 00
Joel J. Baily.....	10 00
Samuel L. Smedley.....	10 00
James Watson & Wife.....	10 00
Charles W. Trotter.....	10 00
Susan F. Baily.....	5 00
Jas. F. Bickle.....	5 00
Jos. H. Gillingham.....	5 00
Ann Kirkbride.....	5 00
Charles Santee.....	5 00
Rachel Johnson.....	5 00
John W. Biddle.....	5 00
Mary D. Allen.....	5 00
Mary Reeder.....	5 00
Mrs. Washington I. Landell.....	5 00
Sallie L. Smith.....	5 00
Sarah Lloyd.....	5 00
Lydia S. Hinchman.....	5 00
Martha D. Allen.....	5 00
Alfred M. Collins.....	5 00
James F. Hope.....	5 00
Hannah Tatum.....	5 00
Jane Morris.....	5 00
Mary Cope Whitall.....	5 00
Richard Wood.....	5 00
Wood & Brown.....	5 00
Granville B. Haines.....	5 00
James G. Mc'Collin.....	5 00
Wm. H. Jenks.....	5 00
Horace J. Lippincott.....	5 00
John S. Jenks.....	5 00
Joseph Y. Jeanes.....	5 00
James C. Brooks.....	5 00
Mrs. J. Edgar Thomson.....	5 00
Mrs. F. Cecelia Darley.....	5 00
Mary L. Baldwin.....	5 00
Katherine K. Tatham.....	5 00
Daniel Neall.....	5 00
Mrs Alexander Brown.....	5 00
Jos. C. Guernsey, M. D.....	5 00

Caroline A. Corlies.....	5 00
Eliz. Crozier Griffith.....	5 00
Ann W. Fry.....	5 00
Charles Rhoads.....	5 00
Beulah M. Rhoads.....	5 00
T. Wistar Brown.....	5 00
Wm. H. Allen.....	5 00
Wm. Arrott.....	5 00
Joshua L. Baily.....	5 00
Joseph Fussell.....	5 00
Wm. A. Lippincott.....	5 00
B. F. Clyde.....	5 00
John Williams.....	5 00
James A. Wright.....	5 00
Emily Norris.....	5 00
Martha M. Brown.....	5 00
Mrs. Wm. Weightman.....	5 00
James Spear.....	5 00
Sarah M. Taylor.....	5 00
Margaretta L. Hinchman.....	5 00
Wm. H. Nicholson.....	5 00
Rebecca Horner.....	5 00
A. T. & S. R. Wing.....	5 00
Deborah B. Haines.....	5 00
Elizabeth W. Garrett.....	5 00
Strawbridge & Clothier.....	5 00
Ellwood Johnson.....	5 00
Rebecca S. Elkinton.....	5 00
F. F.....	5 00
Joseph Tomlinson.....	5 00
Martha K. Tomlinson.....	5 00
Mary Scattergood.....	5 00
Abbie Furman.....	5 00
John Baird.....	5 00
Thomas E. Bacon.....	5 00
Lavinia L. Griffin.....	5 00
Hoopes & Townsend.....	5 00
Felton Sibley & Co.....	5 00
Thomas Rcberts & Co.....	5 00
Wm. Henry Trotter.....	5 00
George W. Allen.....	5 00
Charles J. Walton.....	3 00
Perkins & Co.....	3 00
Walter P. Stokes.....	3 00
Sharpless Bros.....	3 00
Jos. L. Jones & Wife.....	3 00
Mary Davis.....	2 00
Eliza W. Reeves.....	2 00
Mary Strawbridge.....	2 00
Edward Richie.....	2 00
Sarah Richie.....	2 00
Anna N. Stokes.....	2 00
Mary M. Leeds.....	2 00
Rachel L. Brown.....	2 00
Hannah B. Evans.....	2 00
James T. Shinn.....	2 00
Wm. D. Rodgers & Co.....	2 00
Ellis D. Williams.....	2 00
John H. Catherwood.....	2 00
Geo. H. Earle.....	2 00
Isabella L. Tatham.....	2 00
Charles H. Alexander.....	2 00
Daniel G. Evans.....	2 00
H. Perot Richardson.....	2 00
Sarah Shallcross.....	2 00
Caroline Sheppard.....	2 00

Jane E. Treibels.....	2 00	Geo. Vaux.....	10 00
Alice Pennoek.....	2 00	Mary Powers Harris.....	10 00
Wm. P. Walters' Sons.....	2 00	James Moore.....	10 00
Francis B. McCollin.....	2 00	W. W. F.....	10 00
Esther E. Stokes.....	2 00	Susan F. Wheeler.....	5 00
Hannah R. Lee.....	2 00	Samuel L. Fox.....	5 00
Anna M. Thomas.....	2 00	M. S.....	5 00
Almira L. Peterson.....	2 00	Henry Norris.....	5 00
Hettie P. Baird.....	2 00	Geo. B. Roberts.....	5 00
Dr. Ellwood Baker.....	2 00	Elizabeth L. Devine.....	5 00
Mary E. Jones.....	2 00	Sarah H. Dutton.....	5 00
Susan harper.....	2 00	Harriet De B. Keim.....	5 00
Rudolph S. Walton.....	2 00	Mary B. Baines.....	5 00
Jane C. Heyl.....	1 00	Biddle Hardware Co.....	5 00
Joseph Bishop.....	1 00	Massey & Janney.....	5 00
Lydia B. Thomas.....	1 00	David Scull.....	2 00
Mary Worrell.....	1 00	A. & M. Newhall.....	5 00
Anna P. Cox.....	1 00	Mary Bacon.....	5 00
Rachel H. Johns.....	1 00	Mrs. Samuel S. White.....	5 00
Mrs John Pearce.....	1 00	Margaret Clyde.....	5 00
Susan P. Ingle.....	1 00	Morris, Wheeler & Co.....	5 00
Priscilla Lippincott.....	1 00	G. C. Purvis.....	5 00
Jane L. Simmons.....	1 00	John J. Griffin & Co.....	2 50
Frederick Gutekunst.....	1 00	Harris Bros.....	2 50
Edward Pennoek.....	1 00	Samuel T. Fox.....	2 00
Ellen R. James.....	1 00	Mrs. F. S. Kimball.....	2 00
Sohn Stilz & Son.....	1 00	Jos. Trotter & Co.....	2 00
McIlvain Bros.....	5 00	Charles Hartshorne.....	2 00
Edward A. Sibley & Wife.....	10 00	Sarah C. Webster.....	1 00
Mary Morris.....	10 00		

**DONATIONS.****JUNE, 1893.**

Jos. A. Stein, 5 neckties.  
A. E. Comfort, 3 pairs of pants, 1 calico wrapper, 1 cloak, 1 alpaca coat, 3 worn coats.  
Mrs. Sophia D. Hector, 3 bonnets.  
Emily T. Longstreth, carpet rags.  
Catharine T. Townsend, cut carpet rags.  
Joshua L. Baily & Co., lot of pieces for patch work.  
A friend, reading matter.  
Mrs. Carter, two chairs.  
A friend, carpet rags.  
Margaret Jones, 4 dozen eggs.  
Mrs. Wm. Frey, 2 jars of preserves.  
J. C. Evans, 10 quarts of buttermilk.  
A friend, carpet rags.

**JULY.**

H. B. Skiles, 46 pounds of fish.  
Adolph Kliemand, 40 quarts of ice cream and 40 pounds of cake.  
J. C. Evans, 51 quarts of milk.  
Mrs. H. J. Lloyd, part worn clothing, 1 bed quilt, 1 dripping pan, and reading matter.  
John Collins, reading matter.  
F. J. Coppin, reading matter.  
King's Daughters, Zoar M. E. Church, 1 package rolled oats and 10 packages of tobacco.

**AUGUST.**

H. B. Skiles, 56 pounds of fish.  
J. C. Evans, 56 quarts of milk.  
Wm. Still, reading matter.

**SEPTEMBER.**

A Friend, reading matter.  
J. C. Evans, 26 quarts of milk.  
H. B. Skiles, 44 pounds of fish.



Judge Paxson, 2 baskets of peaches.

**OCTOBER.**

S. H. Peirce, 1 hat, 1 bonnet and slippers.

Mrs. A. J. Lloyd, part worn clothing, 1 comfortable and reading matter.

John Collins, reading matter.

H. S. Marot lot of spectacles.

E. P. Shoemaker, lot of Harpers Weeklies.

**NOVEMBER.**

Mrs. M. E. Wistar, lot of carpet rags.

Mrs. V. E. Archambault, 3 coats, 1 vest, 1 wrap, 6 white shirts, 3 hats, collars, neckties and reading matter.

Chas. Smith, 1 pair of pants, 2 shirts, neckties and collars.

Mrs. Jos. A. Stein, lot of neckties.

H. S. Conard, 3 coats, 6 shirts, 1 pair of shoes.

Sarah H. Peirce, a lot of cut carpet rags.

M. W. Rand, 1 mirror, 1 student lamp and 4 chairs.

F. J. Coppin, reading matter

H. B. Skiles, 10 quarts of cottage cheese.

Margaret Jones, 2½ doz. rolls and 2 cakes.

H. B. Skiles, 70 pounds of fish.

Mrs. Amanda Smith, 10 baskets of grapes.

Mary A. Campbell, 1 turkey.

Red Star Market, 35 pounds of sausage.

**DECEMBER.**

Margaret Jones, 2 doz. eggs.

Annie E. McDowell, 7 pairs of eye glasses and 1 pair of spectacles.

Walter P Hall, 1 turkey (20 pounds.)

Mrs. Large, 1 turkey.

E. A. Winnemore, 12 quarts of cream.

Adolph Kliemand, 50 quarts of ice cream and 60 pounds of cake.

**JANUARY 1st., 1893.**

**DONATION DAY.**

Henry M. Laing, 1 box of oranges.

Henrietta Duterte, 36 mince pies and 1 large cake.

Mrs. John Collins, lot of collars.

Helen Pennock South, 2 glasses of jelly.

Thos. H. Boling, 3 boxes of canned goods.

A Friend, 1 jar of quinces and a package of sugar.

Mrs. L. H. Thomas, 1 can of tomatoes and 1 can of corn.

Mrs. C. L. Riker, 10 dollars.

Miss Parr, 1 coat.

A Friend, a basket of oranges.

Infant Class, Olivet Presbyterian S. S., 6 bananas, 8 apples, ¼ pk. of potatoes, 5 dozen oranges, 6 cakes of soap, 1 package of puddine, 12 pkgs. of corn starch, 1 pkg. of gelatine, 8 pkg. of rolled avena, 7 cans of tomatoes, 4 cans of corn, 1 can of salmon, 1 can of peas, 3 pounds of hominy, 4 pounds of crackers, 1 pound of coffee, ½ pound of tea, 30 pounds of granulated sugar, 15 pounds of flour, 21 pounds of rice, 10 pounds of rolled oats, 4 pounds of corn meal

Henrietta Duterte, 2 cakes.

A Friend, 1 jacket.

Robert W. Kilpatrick, 18x36 Shultz fulled double leather belt, value, \$1.30 per foot.

Ruth K. Smedley, lot of cut carpet rags.

Thos. Cooper, 2 doz. scrub brushes.

Edward Sharpless, lot of underclothing.

E. C. Eisenbrey, 13 canton flannel undershirts and 39 fancy shirts.

S. W. Miller, 4 pairs of men's canton flannel drawers, 4 pairs of woman's canton flannel drawers, 8 flannel shirts and 20 night dresses.

Alfred R. Justice, 2 meat carvers.

Mary A Campbell, lot of cut carpet rags.

King's Daughters, Zoar M. E. Church, 1 box of cut tobacco.

A Friend, 2 bread knives.

**FEBRUARY.**

Mrs. Detwiler, lot of carpet rags.

A Friend 4½ quarts of milk.

Mary A. Campbell, large lot of cut carpet rags.

Margaret Jones, 4 doz. eggs.

John Stiltz & Son, a large lot of carpet rags.

A. Pennock, Material for dress.

Mr. George Hart, invalid's chair.

**MARCH.**

Mrs. Wm. Manier, 1 basket of potatoes.  
 Mitchell, Fletcher & Co. 4 jars of fruit.  
 Mary A. Campbell, large lot of cut carpet rags.  
 Mrs. Dr. Conard, cut and uncut carpet rags.  
 Sarah H. Peirce, lot of carpet rags.  
 Margaret Jones, 6 doz. eggs, 4 doz oranges, 1 doz. lemons  
 Phila. Bible Society, 2 Bibles, 4 testaments.  
 Margaret Jones, 80 eggs.  
 Mrs. J. P. Danfield, reading matter.  
 Jos. A. Stein, 1 doz. neckties.  
 Mary J. Breed, cut carpet rags.  
 Mary A. Campbell, cut carpet rags.

**APRIL.**

Mrs. Nevin, underwear, coats, pants, hats and etc.  
 E. Coates, large lot of carpet rags.  
 Henry M. Laing, reading matter every week.  
 Mrs. Wm. Manier, 1 basket of potatoes.  
 Permanent Relief Committee 13 chemises, 12 pairs of women's  
 drawers, 7 night dresses, and 5 pairs of men's drawers.  
 Mrs. Joseph Davidson, reading matter.  
 Mrs. Mary E. Ramsey, reading matter.

**MAY.**

Mrs. F. D. Haviland, part worn clothing.  
 Mrs. M. E. Wistar, 5 neckties and carpet rags.  
 Mrs. M. B. Brown, lot of carpet rags.  
 Rebecca T. Webb, part worn shawl.  
 Annie Schaffer, large lot of cut carpet rags.  
 Martha A. Thomas, 1 dozen carpet balls.  
 A Friend, unbleached muslin.  
 Martin Cowdery, 25 quarts of ice cream and 500 sandwiches.  
 Advertising and Notices—Friend's Intelligencer, Friend's Review,  
 Public Ledger, Press, Times, Inquirer, North American  
 Christian Record and Weekly Echo.  
 Martha A. Thomas, 1 dozen carpet balls.  
 A Friend, pieces of muslin.  
 Martin Cowdery, 500 sandwiches and 25 quarts of ice cream.  
 R. S. Cox, reading matter.  
 Jane Johnson, laying out of the dead.

**EVENTS DURING THE YEAR.**

JUNE 23rd, 1893.

The "Musical Association" of St. Thomas P. E. Church, gave an entertainment, consisting of vocal and instrumental music, readings and recitations.

JULY 4th.

Inmates treated bountifully to ice cream and cake by Adolph Kliemand. Address by R. Campbell at 4 P. M.

JULY 5th.

Rev. N. D. Temple of Mt. Pisgah Church gave a Magic Lantern entertainment showing scenes from Bunyan's Pilgrims Progress.

JULY 27th.

Henry M. Laing gave an interesting account of his visit to the "World's Fair," which was much appreciated by the inmates.

AUGUST 10th.

Sergeant Karney and daughter of New Bedford visited the Home.

AUGUST 16th.

The Matron and twenty-five inmates visited the Zoo.

AUGUST 23rd.

The corner-stone of the "Parker Annex" laid by Ex-Chief Justice Paxson.

AUGUST 31st.

E. M. Lloyd and twenty-five inmates visited the Zoo.

SEPTEMBER 10th.

Rev. Mr. Phillips of Shiloh Baptist Church preached—The choir from that church sang—very large attendance.

## SEPTEMBER 17th.

Jos. S. Elkinton and two other Friends held meeting at 10 A. M.

## SEPTEMBER 23th.

The "Female quartette" of N. Y. visited the Home and sang to the inmates.

## OCTOBER 16th.

Messrs. Robinson and Perryman and Miss Lee entertained the inmates with piano solos, cornet playing and recitations.

## OCTOBER 23rd.

Ezion Baptist S. S. gave an entertainment consisting of recitations, solos and choruses.

## OCTOBER 29th.

Friend's meeting. Very large attendance.

## NOVEMBER 8th.

Rev. W. H. H. Butler preached to inmates.

## NOVEMBER 18th

The "Hope Circle" of King's Daughters from the Mantua Baptist Church, gave a fine entertainment. The exercises consisted of solos, duets, choruses, recitations and readings. They also distributed fruit among the inmates.

## NOVEMBER 23rd.

The Lady Managers held a quilting—A large number were present, with their invited guests and finished fourteen quilts.

## NOVEMBER 30th.

Thanksgiving day was pleasantly spent. After the good dinner of turkey, sweet and white potatoes, cranberry sauce, celery and onions with a dessert of oranges, bananas, grapes and apples, all repaired to the assembly room where there was an address by one of the managers. The jubilee singers from Hampton, delighted the inmates with some of their choice selections.

## DECEMBER 23th.

Christmas day service was conducted by Mr. Samuel Jones assisted by the "King's Daughters" from Central Presbyterian Church, who afterward distributed gifts to each inmate. The Rev. Mr. Jordan of Union Baptist Church also made a short address.

At three o'clock the inmates sat down to a bountiful turkey dinner with sweet and white potatoes, etc. with a dessert of ice cream and cake generously donated by Adolph Kliemand. In the evening an entertainment was given, a novel one for the inmates. Rev. Matthew Anderson of Berean Presbyterian Church gave an exhibition of the Phonograph—which was enjoyed by all.

## DECEMBER 31st.

Friend's meeting, very interesting. Large attendance and many speakers.

## JANUARY 1st.

Donation day. Inmates given a dinner of roast goose and vegetables with mince pie for dessert. In the afternoon Dr. Coppin gave an account of his trip through the West and South, and after a prayer by Rev. Solomon Porter Hood, the Rev. Mr. Lattimer gave an interesting address in relation to his work with the P. E. City Mission and Miss Lulu Fleming, missionary in Congo Valley, Africa, addressed the audience. The Morris Brown Chapel choir furnished the music.

## JANUARY 21st.

Miss Lulu C. Fleming (missionary to Africa) conducted service for the inmates.

## MARCH 11th.

"Hope Circle" of King's Daughters, from Mantua Baptist Church assisted in the service by singing and reading.

## MARCH 26th.

Easter, the inmates enjoyed their dinner of ham and eggs, etc. In the afternoon Mr. Hutchins preached an appropriate sermon.

## MARCH 27th.

Mrs. F. D. Haviland entertained the inmates with reading and singing.

## APRIL 4th.

Rev. Isaac Hertzfeld, a converted Jew, of Princeton, N. J. preached to the inmates.

## APRIL 10th.

Mrs. F. D. Haviland read and sang to the inmates.

APRIL 29th.

Friend's day—a large attendance and many speakers.

MAY 13th.

The Zion Wesley Choir sang.

MAY 30th.

A great crowd gathered about the Home and Cemetery to witness the Memorial services conducted by the Chas. Sumner Post, No. 103. The inmates showed great interest and spent most of the day on the grounds.

## HOME FOR AGED AND INFIRM COLORED PERSONS.

ORGANIZED, NINTH MONTH 14TH, 1864

FIRST ANNUAL MEETING, FIRST MONTH 12TH, 1865.

First Inmate (Susan Silvey) admitted Third month 7th, 1865.

Last Inmate (Rachel Warne) from Front St. Home  
Died, Twelfth month 27th, 1887

INCORPORATED, TWELFTH MONTH 2ND, 1867.

Corner stone of the new Home laid, Tenth month, 13th 1870.  
(Birth-day Anniversary of Stephen Smith).

DEDICATED, SIXTH MONTH 29TH, 1871.

The inmates, 25 in number, were removed from the old Home, 340 South Front St., to the new building at Girard and Belmont Avenues, Eighth month 7th 1871. Fire-proof Infirmary built, 1884. Boiler House built, 1888.

STEPHEN SMITH, Born 10 mo. 13th, 1795. Died 11 mo. 14th 1873.  
HARRIET SMITH, Born 12 mo. 25th, 1797. Died 8 mo. 17th 1880.

Whole number received,	111 men and 392 women,	. . . . .	503
Died,	. . . . . 74 " " 300 " . . . . .		374
Left voluntarily,	. . . . . 7 " " 11 " . . . . .		18
Present number in Home,	30 " " 81 " . . . . .		111

## RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

### FIRST SUNDAY IN THE MONTH.

WM. STILL, . . . . .	10 $\frac{1}{2}$ A. M.
BETHEL CHURCH COMMUNION DAY (Methodist)	3 P. M.
LOCAL PREACHERS' ASSOCIATION, . . . . .	7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

### SECOND SUNDAY.

Mrs. Henrietta Duterte, (Episcopal), . . . . .	10 A. M.
Robert L. Montier, (Shiloh Baptist church), . . . . .	3 P. M.
LOCAL PREACHERS' ASSOCIATION, . . . . .	7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

### THIRD SUNDAY.

WM. STILL, . . . . .	10 A. M.
REV. JAS. DAVIS, (Union Church, Methodist), . . . . .	3 P. M.
LOCAL PREACHERS' ASSOCIATION, . . . . .	7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

### FOURTH SUNDAY.

Rev. F. H. Furey, (Episcopal) . . . . .	10 A. M.
Big Wesley Church, (Leonard Stamford), . . . . .	3 P. M.
LOCAL PREACHERS' ASSOCIATION, . . . . .	7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

### FIFTH SUNDAY (When it occurs).

Friends' day, . . . . .	3 P. M.
LOCAL PREACHERS' ASSOCIATION, . . . . .	7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

LOCAL PREACHERS' ASSOCIATION,

Every Sunday Evening, except July, Aug. and Sept.

PRAYER MEETING, . . . . .	Every Wednesday Evening.
CLASS MEETING, . . . . .	" Friday "
REV. H. R. HUTCHINS, Baptist, . . . . .	" Monday, 3 P. M.

HISTORY OF  
**Parker Annex**

WITH ACCOUNT OF

Laying Corner Stone . . . .

. . . . Dedication Ceremonies

Consecration of Chapel July 1st, 1894.

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**EDWARD T. PARKER,**

Born October 29th, 1821.      Died October 3rd, 1887.

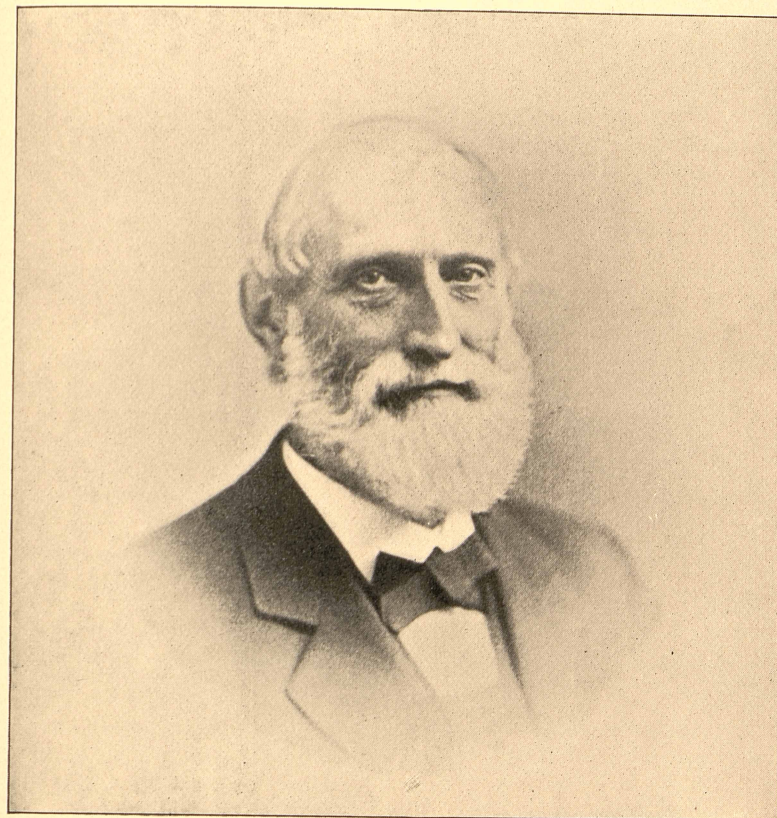
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Corner Stone Laid, 8 mo. 23rd, 1893.

Home Dedicated, 6 mo. 26th, 1894.

Chapel Consecrated, 7 mo. 1st, 1894.

First Friends Meeting, 7 mo. 29th, 1894.



EDWARD T. PARKER.

OCTOBER 29TH, 1821.

OCTOBER 3RD, 1887.

## Edward T. Parker.

Of all the men who have labored unostentatiously, in a single handed way, in the City of Philadelphia, to encourage and aid colored men and women under the burdens and hardships incident to their general condition in life, no one has been a truer or more untiring friend than Edward T. Parker.

During all the many years he labored it would appear obvious that he was never a popularity seeker; but that he was governed purely by motives of philanthropy and Christianity, therefore as the Board of Managers are about issuing their Thirtieth Annual Report, and as the year should ever be remembered as a most eventful one, it seems that no time could be more opportune than the present to engraft in this Report, brief accounts of the corner-stone laying. Also the Dedicatory Exercises, etc. which will doubtless be cheering and encouraging to many of the friends of the Home, as in this connection a fair glimpse of Mr. Parker's life and character may be seen.

A good Providence seems to have watched over and highly favored this charity for these last thirty years, and it is to be devoutly hoped that the work may still be prosecuted in the same spirit which actuated the founders and protectors from the beginning, and that a new impetus may be signally felt by all the true friends of this enterprise.

Let it be remembered, that the grand work in which this institution has been so faithfully prosecuted, is by no means completed by the erection of this monument of the noble philanthropist Edward T. Parker. Indeed it is quite the contrary.



## Laying of Corner Stone,

8 mo. 23rd, 1893.

We here copy from the *Public Ledger*, of Philadelphia as follows :

### PARKER'S MEMORIAL.

The corner-stone of the Parker Annex to the Home for Aged and Infirm Colored People, at Belmont and Girard avenues, was laid by ex-Chief Justice Paxson yesterday afternoon.

Interested spectators began arriving upon the grounds long before 4 o'clock, the hour set for the ceremony, and at the appointed time a large crowd was present. President William Still presided, and the exercises were opened with a prayer by Rev. J. D. Reeve, D. D., Pastor of the Central (colored) Presbyterian Church.

President Still expressed his pleasure at the large assemblage, and in well chosen words referred to the good works accomplished by their benefactor, Mr. Parker, to his faithfulness and integrity in the cause he has espoused, to his modest demeanor, to his foresight in providing for the future and welfare of his colored friends.

Mr. Still was followed by Rev. J. M. Palmer, Pastor of the African Methodist Episcopal Church of Germantown. Mr. Palmer said he would be recant in his duty to his race, and to those who are identified with this occasion, if he were not present. We have those who care for us, and we show our appreciation when we discharge our duties as free men. He advised his hearers to let the world know they were in it, and urged them to follow lines leading to the development of their intellect, honesty and morals. As they proved themselves worthy, the friendship of their brethren would follow. As we lift ourselves out of ignorance and superstition, help will come to us. Mr. Parker, he said, like Thaddeus Stevens, was not ashamed of them, as was shown by his donation.

The next speaker was Rev. W. D. Cook, of Bethel Church, who expressed his gratifications at the work being accomplished.

The corner-stone was then laid by Judge Paxson, who said: "In the name of all of the friends of the colored race and of those whose generosity has established and maintained this noble charity, and especially in memory of Edward T. Parker, whose broad and unselfish philanthropy has enabled the managers to build this handsome edifice for aged and infirm colored persons, I lay this corner-stone." Continuing, he added: "And now, having laid this corner-stone, I hope to live to lay another corner-stone for another addition to this building.

The box placed in the stone contained a photograph of Stephen Smith, a wealthy colored dealer in lumber, who was prominently identified with the construction of the old building, another of Mr. Parker, three reports of the institution for the years 1885, 1892 and 1893, a copy of the *Public Ledger* and some coins.

Addresses were also made by Rev. Dr. Reeve, Rev. J. A. Johnson, Pastor of the Union African Methodist Episcopal Church; Rev. W. H. H. Butler, D. D., of Allen African Methodist Episcopal Church, and others.

An original poem, dedicated to the occasion, was read by John Collins.

Among the other clergy present were Rev. Dr. Lee, of the First African Presbyterian Church; Rev. J. H. Buckner, of Frankford, and Rev. Dr. H. T. Johnson, editor of the *Christian Recorder*.

The officers and members of the Board of Managers present included: Vice President, Jos. M. Truman, Jr.; Secretary, Thomas H. McCollin; Henry M. Laing, George W. Hancock, Thomas H. Boling, Mrs. Mary A. Campbell, Mrs. L. E. Pennock, Mrs. Catharine T. Townsend, Mrs. M. B. Chambers, Mrs. Rebecca Conard, Mrs. M. A. Boling, Mrs. E. T. Longstreth and Mrs. H. S. Duterte.

The new building, furnished, will cost about \$75,000, and will double the present accommodations of the home.

### Laying the Corner Stone of the Old Folk's Home

8th, mo., 23rd, 1893.

We would build, but not for glory, Fame, or love of earthly praise Though our deeds may live in story Told in far off future days.	Thus we lay a firm foundation, Safe throughout the passing years, Trusting in the sure salvation That shall conquer all our fears
Dearer is to us the honor Of the work for poor and old— Purer far the spotless banner Of the Christian faith we hold.	He, in whose great Name we gather, To invoke His gracious aid, This our purpose high still further, In the work our hands have made.
We would take the long forsaken By a busy, thoughtless race, To a Home, where naught can waken Memories sad of time and place	Like the constant flowing river, Mortals come and pass from view, But this pile shall be forever Sacred to its object true.
As the Saviour said, "the weary And imprisoned when ye free, Aiding them in sickness dreary, Ye have done it unto Me."	Here we place a noble corner, Full of hope, and trust and faith That the building long may honor Him in whom are life and death.

Then when this wide home no longer  
Holds the weary, sick, or old,  
May the ties in heaven grow stronger,  
As we gather in its fold.

JOHN COLLINS.

Dedication of  
The Parker Building of the Home for Aged and  
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Tuesday, June 26th, 1894.

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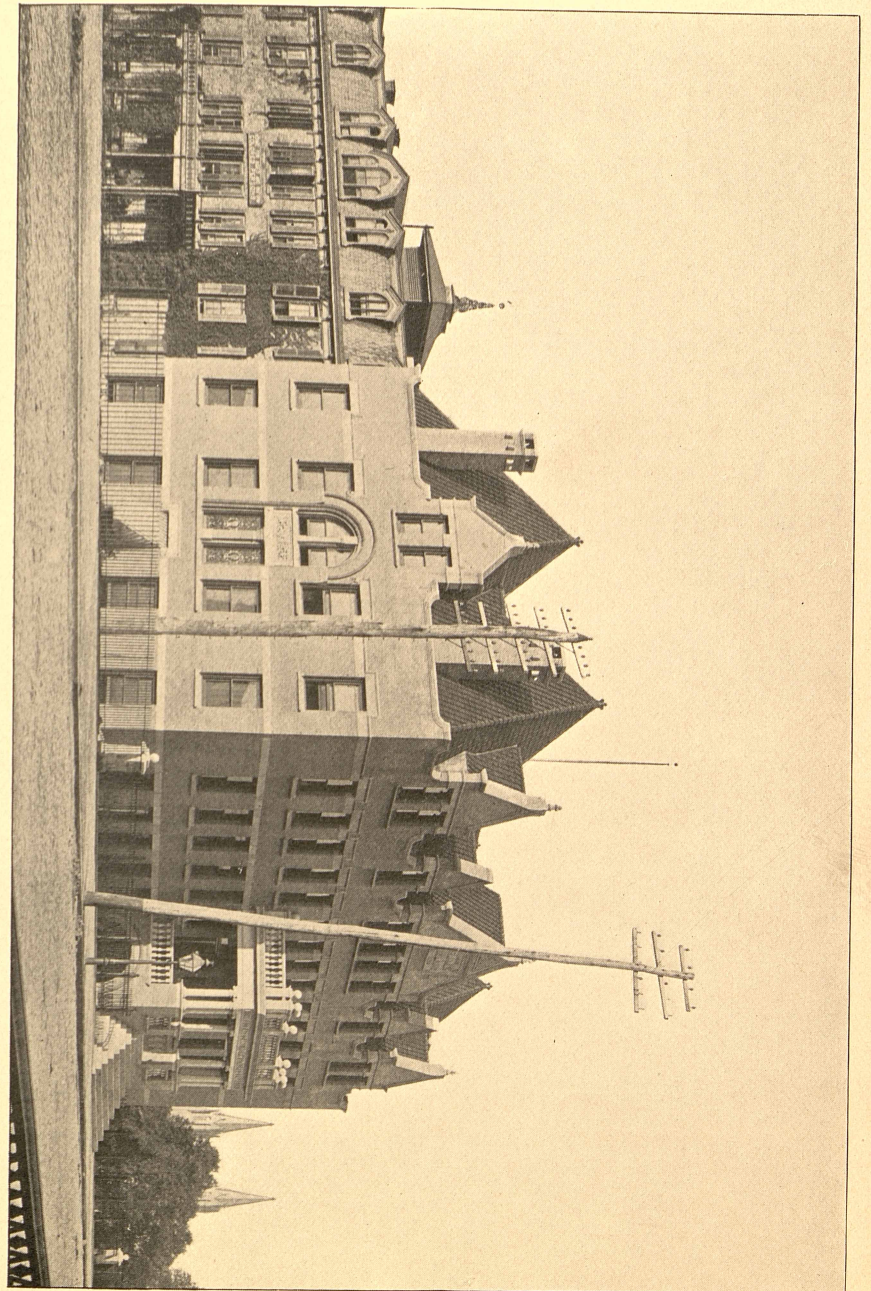
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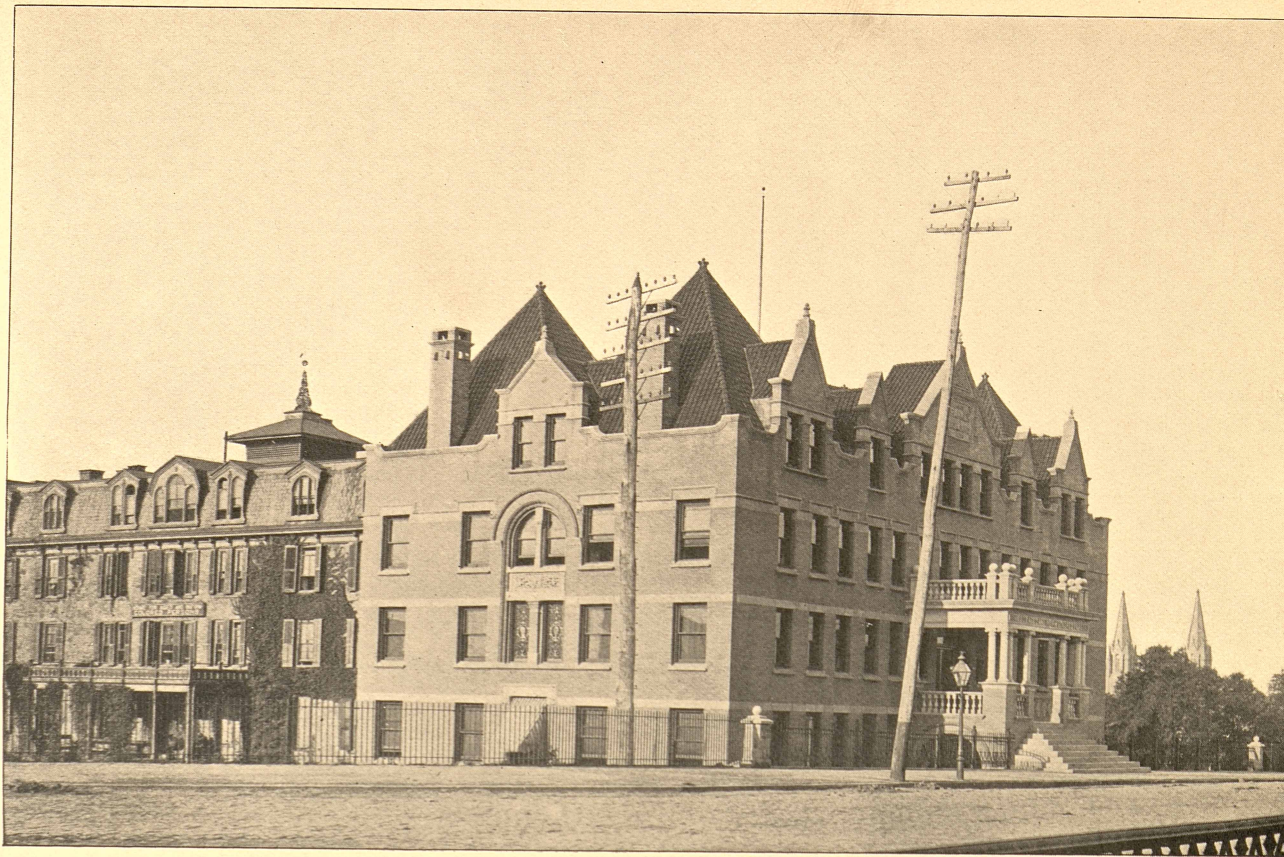
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The next occasion of great interest was the dedication of the new building, respecting which we again avail ourselves of the privilege in copying in part from the *Ledger* as follows :

### THE PARKER ANNEX.

The Parker Building of the Home for Aged and Infirm Colored Persons, Forty-fourth street and Girard avenue, was dedicated yesterday afternoon. The platform of the chapel, in which the exercises were held, was decorated with palms, flowers and the national colors.

On motion of Mr. George W. Hancock, ex-Chief Justice Edward M. Paxson occupied the chair.

After a prayer by the Rev. Mathew Anderson, of the Berean Presbyterian Church, the formal transfer of the building was made by the Hon. W. N. Ashman in behalf of the Building Committee, who said he had been deputed to present the keys of the building. We desire, said he, to express our profound sense of gratitude to the donor, but, above all, to you, the almoner, through whom this gift came. The charity marks a new departure in the line of Christian philanthropy. To the deserving ones have been given a home.

#### Dedication Poem.

Outcast from her home in Syria  
In the lonely, dreary wild  
Heavy hearted, sorrow stricken,  
Sat a mother and her child.

There was not a voice to cheer her  
Not a soul to share her fate ;  
She was weary, he was fainting, —  
And life seemed so desolate.

Far away in sunny Egypt  
Was lone Hagar's native land ;  
Where the Nile in kingly bounty  
Scatters bread throughout the land.

In the tents of princely Abram  
She for years had found a home ;  
Till the stern decree of Sarah  
Sent her forth the wild to roam.

Hour by hour she journied onward  
From the shelter of their tent,  
Till her footsteps slowly faltered  
And the water all was spent ;

Then she veiled her face in sorrow,  
Feared her child would die of thirst ;  
Till her eyes with tears so holden  
Saw a sparkling fountain burst.

Oh ! how happy was that mother,  
What a soothing of her pain ;  
When she saw her child reviving,  
Life rejoicing through each vein.

Does not life repeat this story,  
Tell it over day by day ?  
Of the fountain of refreshment  
Ever springing by our way.

Here is one by which we gather,  
On this bright and happy day,  
Just to bask beside a fountain  
Making gladder life's highway.

Bringing into hearts now aged  
Who have borne life's burdens long,  
Such a gift of love and mercy  
As deserves our sweetest song.

Such a gift that even heaven  
May rejoice with us below,  
If the pure and holy angels  
Join us in our joy and woe.

May the memory of the giver  
In this home where age may rest,  
Float like fragrance through the ages,  
Ever blessing, ever blest.

When the gates of pearl are opened  
May we there this friend behold,  
Drink with him from living fountains,  
Walk with him the streets of gold.

When life's shattered cords of music  
Shall again be sweetly sung ;  
Then our hearts with life immortal,  
Shall be young, forever young.

### Address of Hon. Judge Paxson.

This building, as many of you know, was erected by the Managers of the Home for Aged and Infirm Colored Persons, at the expense of the Estate of the late Edward T. Parker. It is proper on this occasion to say a few words in regard to our deceased friend, whose generosity and public spirit enabled the Managers of the Home to add this Annex to their excellent Institution.

Edward T. Parker was born in what was formerly the District of the Northern Liberties, on the 29th of October, 1821. He died in this City, where his entire life had been passed, on the 3rd of October, 1887.

He come of good stock. I learn from a member of his family that Richard Parker, his great-great-grandfather come from Willowby, Lincolnshire, England, in 1634, and lived at Darby, in what was known at that time as the Province of Chester, in this State.

His great grandfather, Joseph Parker, was born in 1722 and was married at Friends' Meeting House, Philadelphia, December 21st, 1752, to Catharine Taylor of Chester County. He was a member of the Provincial Assembly, and also of the Committee of Public Safety. At the time the British Army took possession of the City of Philadelphia, he was compelled with others to leave and settled in Lancaster County, where he died. He had fourteen children, of whom Thomas Parker, the grandfather of our deceased friend, was one.

Thomas Parker married Beulah Thomas at Friends' Meeting House on Pine Street near Second Street, on November 10th, 1784. He was a watchmaker and learned the business with John Wood, with whom he remained until he was of age. It is related, that on the day he became twenty-one years of age, he took no holiday, but remained at his work and earned as much as seven dollars for his employer. This little instance is referred to as showing his industry and thrift; qualities which seem to have distinguished the family for several generations. So highly was he esteemed by Mr. Wood that the latter loaned him a considerable sum with which to commence business on his own account. Thomas Parker was the first President of the Mechanics' bank, and was a useful and public

spirited citizen, always true to the best interests of his native city. He was among the first to see the necessity of having the city supplied with water by the erection of works for that purpose, and to this end consulted with the late Jared Ingersoll and others, and was instrumental in bringing the matter to the attention of the public. It is to be regretted that he did not survive until the present time, when friends of pure water are so much needed. He was also Vice President for some years of the Pennsylvania Abolition Society. Thomas Parker had ten children, the oldest of whom was Joseph Parker, the father of Edward T. Parker.

Joseph Parker married Deborah Smith, daughter of Thomas Smith, a lumber merchant of this City. He was at the time a dry goods merchant on Market Street. He published a large edition of the Edinburg Encyclopedia. This was a great undertaking for that period, and indeed was almost the work of a lifetime, and embraced thirty-four numbers at four dollars each. The copper plates were numerous and well executed. He was warmly interested in the colored people and was Vice President of the Abolition Convention.

Edward T. Parker commenced early in life to lay up his treasures where "moth doth not corrupt nor thieves break through and steal." He became a member of the Episcopal Church while a young man, and his subsequent walk and conversation in life bore evidence of the sincerity and strength of his religious convictions. Were I asked to indicate the most prominent trait in his character I would say it was attachment for, and devotion to, the colored race. He was their active and consistent friend when they were comparatively friendless. He put his seal to this devotion by his last will and testament, which devoted nearly the whole of his Estate to the benefit of this noble charity. The most of that Estate was the result of his economy and careful investment of what he had saved, as he had never been engaged in any business enterprises during my knowledge of him, consisting of over thirty years. It is not to much to say that he denied himself the luxuries and many of the comforts of life to enable him to create a fund for the benefit of the colored race. It was his regard for them which induced him many years ago to establish a female colored Sunday School, of which he was for a long time the superintendent, and until failing health compelled him to relinquish it. This School

was eminently successful and was at one time connected with St. Andrews Church on Eighth Street. This connection, however, was severed several years prior to his death. He took a warm interest as well as pride in this School, and was generous in his charity to those of his scholars who were old and in needy circumstances. His memory is warmly cherished by those of them who survive, some of whom are now inmates of this Institution. That his old scholars were the primary objects of his bounty, when he came to write his will, is apparent upon the face of that instrument.

His will was a very informal document, written in his own hand upon two or three pages of note paper. The provisions in regard to a home for colored persons was as follows:

"Knowing the uncertainty of life, I feel it best to express my life long purpose to aid and benefit the Colored people and here- by give and bequeath all my personal and real estate of which I may die seized or possessed of to the Honorable Edward M. Paxson, my esteemed friend and counsellor for many years, to his heirs and assigns forever, in "Trust" for the purpose of creating and building a Home for the aged and infirm but honest and respectable poor colored people of Philadelphia, preference to be given to those who have been Scholars in my Female Colored S. School; said School for many years connected with and known as St. Andrews Church Colored Sunday School of this city. Subject however to bequests that I may make hereafter or heretofore to my brother Joseph and Mary Parker. And should I die within thirty days of the execution of this my last will and testament, then I will and bequeath to the said Edward M. Paxson, his heirs and assigns, my whole estate (absolutely both personal and realty).

When I came to administer the will, I found myself confronted by a grave difficulty.

The Estate was subjected to certain fixed charges, now reduced to six hundred dollars per year, for two lives. The balance was not sufficient to buy a lot and erect a suitable building, leaving nothing whatever for its support. Aside from this, there was no provision in the will for supporting a Home. Under these circumstances, the Trustee did not think it wise to expend the entire Estate upon a building which would have no fund for its support.

It was considered the better course to accumulate the Estate until a way should open to do some practical good with it. When a proposition came from the Managers of this admirably conducted Home, to maintain it, provided the trustee would erect this addition or annex, it was accepted as being the best thing to do under the circumstances. The trustee desired to use the money in a way that would do some practical good, and while it is not a strict compliance with the terms of the trust, it is a substantial and practical compliance with it, and under the enlarging liberality of the doctrine of *cy pres*, I have little fear of its wisdom being called in question. And I am very sure that could our departed friend look down upon this scene and see the happy faces of his old scholars who are present; could he see this beautiful chapel, with its comfortable accommodations for several hundred persons, where Sabbath after Sabbath in all the time to come those whom he loved to teach will hear the word of God proclaimed by those who feel and believe its truth; and more than all, could he hear the hymns he so loved to hear in the days that are gone, I am confident his spirit would approve all that he sees and hears to day.

My dear old friend, *Requiescat in pace.*

This building, with all its furniture and appointments is the gift of the Parker Estate. It nearly doubles the capacity of the Institution. This necessarily involves a large increase in the care of its management, as well as of the outlay for its proper maintenance. That the Managers will cheerfully assume the increased care, I am well assured, and that a generous public will see that the means are not lacking for its proper maintenance, I not only hope, but firmly believe.

One reason which induced the Trustee to erect this building on its present site, and to turn it over to the Managers of "The Home for Aged and Infirm Colored Persons," was the admirable manner in which the Institution has been conducted. It is largely under the control of members of the excellent Society, the Society of Friends, whose friendship for the colored race has long been recognized. For many years a band of devoted men and women have given much of their time to the practical management of this Home, and it has been conducted with a liberal economy that has been productive of the best results. Cleanliness and good order pervade every department, and the inmates are provided with every

reasonable comfort possible in such an Institution. It is a noble charity, administered in the best manner, and may we not hope that the Lord will put it in the heart of some good man or woman to further endow it and thus enlarge its usefulness.

One of the most pleasant features about the "Annex" is the Chapel. This has long been needed. The colored people are by nature devotional and their faith reveals to them many things which are hidden from others who claim higher wisdom. Religious services are held here every Sabbath, and the accommodations therefore in the old building were neither sufficient nor suitable. There is no portion of the "Annex" that would so gladden the heart of our deceased friend could he have seen it in anticipation.

A description of the building is unnecessary and would consume time. You have all seen it or may do so. Those who are familiar with the appearance of our deceased friend cannot fail to be impressed with his admirable likeness in oil which will be placed upon the wall of the reception room opposite, and the equally fine head in the stained glass over the pulpit. There is no eulogy with the latter. His name, date of birth and death are all that the glass records. He needs no more. This building is his monument.

Excellent likenesses of William Lloyd Garrison and Lucretia Mott will be seen in the stained glass windows of the Executive room. The memory of these philanthropists is as indelibly impressed upon the hearts of all the friends of the colored race, as their features are burned in glass.

In conclusion, it gives me sincere pleasure to dedicate this building to its use as an addition to the Home for Aged and Infirm Colored Persons, and to express the hope that it will add materially to the comfort of that worthy class of our citizens.

As it has been erected upon ground belonging to the Home, no transfer of title is necessary. It remains but to hand over the keys and deliver possession to the Corporation, represented here today by its President William Still.

*William Still, President of the Home, on receiving the keys, responded as follows:*

Hon. E. M. Paxson, Sir: As the President of the Home for Aged and Infirm Colored Persons, it has been made my duty to

accept from you the keys of this substantial, commodious and beautiful edifices.

In assuming this attitude, I can assure you I appreciate very greatly the honor conferred, especially as I have for a long number of years known of your strong sympathies with the oppressed. Therefore, I confess had I not the most unswerving confidence in your fidelity to impartial freedom and justice to all men, irrespective of race or color, I might have felt far less bold in the performance of my service.

And now, in acknowledging my indebtedness and gratitude for your kindness in placing the keys of the Parker Annex in my hand, I feel almost overwhelmed with wonder and delight in considering what this hour indicates, and just at this moment two or three pleasant episodes connected with your characteristic kindness and courtesy towards persons of color makes me feel I must revert to them.

I allude to days when you were a minor and had a position on the railroad, and your good Father, like many other good members of the Society of Friends, kept a U. G. R. R. Station, on his farm, and one night, it being a time of great emergency, the old gentleman willingly allowed his horses and wagon with his son Edward, to conduct the train to a safer station, and as I was creditably informed, it was done bravely and without accident of any kind.

That, however, was not the only account of your friendly proclivities towards the oppressed, which I heard of you years afterward, when you were a full grown man with age and learning, about to enter upon your honorable career as the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

Hence, none need wonder in beholding this chapel, why it is so beautiful, or need they wonder that the building is so handsomely furnished, when they are informed that it has been done through the valuable services of Mrs. Judge Paxson.

The building is a great monument to Edward T. Parker; a still greater lesson to the poor who under their long bondage have been taught to trust in God for all their wants: Also to multitudes who have failed to realize the gross prejudices and heavy burdens which have for centuries been weighing the Africo-Americans down; and especially the colored women of the land, whose

burdens, I will venture to say, are heavier to bear than any other class of women in the country.

Mr. Parker made no mistake in appointing his trustee and executor. He had a remarkable short will, but no complications for his friend and trustee to unravel. He had the fullest confidence in his wisdom and his honesty; hence, left him with a large latitude in the management.

The old building built twenty-four years ago, by Stephen and Harriet Smith, adjoining this annex, which has been so nobly supported by good men and women, both with material aid and efficient service, whereby so many old people have been blessed and comforted in their last days, I am sure can never be forgotten. But with the annex, it makes a much greater enterprise for the needed and hard pressed.

And now we are able to say, you may search this great country over, and I think you must admit that this Home for Aged and Infirm Colored Persons far excels any institution of its character on this Continent, and the philanthropists and lovers of freedom may justly be proud of it. Not only for the individual comfort that it has, and still will continue to afford, but for the great example it must carry to the hearts and consciences of countless multitudes North and South, no estimate can be made.

But in reference to Mr. Parker's unswerving devotion for forty years to the moral and religious elevation of the colored people generally and of his Sunday School scholars in particular, in conjunction with his kindly aid and personal visitation to the sick and destitute, too much praise cannot be given; but time will only permit of a very little to be said here on this score. These long toiling years in the eyes of the masses, looked like the day of small things. This building is a living testimony that his labors were not in vain. That he sowed not his seed on stony ground, but in good soil, where it has brought forth fruit, abundantly. He was always in localities among the poorest, and as he had to support his school out of his own pocket, he had no fine halls.

Saulter's Hall on Elizabeth St., the Philadelphia Institute on Lombard St., and the Masonic Hall on 11th St., I believe were all the localities he operated in. On my list of names, I have some

twenty-two of his old scholars. I have been struck by their general character. Some of them are quite intelligent and much respected. Some are very old and very needy; but none of them in the gutter. As far as I remember them now, I think they are connected in church membership with different denominations. Several owning their own homes, but not one seemed devoid of love and gratitude to their benefactor and teacher. I wish it to be understood that there was no praise bestowed on Mr. Parker or his kind hearted teachers which was undeserved.

The Misses Hirst were refined and educated ladies who were devoted Christians and laborers in the school.

Mrs. E. M. Paxson, for many years taught the Bible class, visited and aided the sick and gave great evidence of her sympathy with her scholars, and was not infrequently seen in the audiences of Colored Churches, and was highly esteemed by all.

I regret not being able to mention the names of other teachers, who were kindly mentioned to me, but not having recorded them, they have slipped my memory.

From several memorandums I took, I can only make an extract in this connection, of a sentence or two, as I fear I am already making my statement too lengthy. To the query I thus put to one of the bright old scholars. "Was Mr. Parker kind to you?" instantly she replied, "There could be no better person in the world." "He did all he could for you." "Then he was sincere, you think?" "He never would have left his money to us if he hadn't been." I found a great deal of this feeling among a number of them.

Mr. Parker was noted for his faithfulness to his school in every particular; if some happened to be tardy or failed to put in an appearance, as naturally would be the case with hard working women, they were sure to receive a visit early the following Sunday morning from their Superintendent, rain or shine, cold or hot, urging them up to duty. In St. Andrew's P. E. Church where he held his church relation and for years where his school of boys and girls used to be present on anniversary occasions, (before he organized his school for adult women), nothing gave him greater pleasure than to see his boys and girls excel in singing, and in order that he might enjoy that pleasure, he used to take untiring pains to have



them prepared, as there was much prejudice to encounter from various sources, both against him and his school.

That Mr. Parker was somewhat peculiar, I presume even his best friends will admit, but he was far from being a visionary or a fanatic. True, he entertained a conviction that to do unto others as he would be done by, and to feel with those in bonds as bound with them, was simply nothing more nor less than a practical Scripture lesson. That also in the highways and hedges much might be accomplished in obedience to the Master's teaching in the Sermon on the Mount. He was very decided in his convictions on these points.

Mr. Parker made an exceedingly short will. He made no mistake, however, in leaving the Hon. E. M. Paxson the executor and trustee, to execute it. Nor did he leave room for discussion over the "vexed problem", and I am sure none can doubt, especially upon looking upon this great Monument, that he never tired in laboring for the rights of the colored man.

Well, I am sure none of you have forgotten Lucretia Mott and the old Anti-Slavery Office, in this city. Mrs. Mott was associated with some of the most devoted abolitionists in the state of Penna., if not in the U. S. One day the Executive Committee (Mrs. Mott of the number), of the Penna. Anti-Slavery Society, always on the alert to see what good or evil might come to the cause which they were contending for, thought that as Mr. E. M. P.—was on the eve of promotion that it would be well to investigate to see how he stood in relation to freedom and the slave. Accordingly, at the time I am alluding to, the Executive Committee was holding a regular meeting in the Anti-Slavery Office on the identical spot where the original Henry Box Brown's resurrection took place, which I beheld with great astonishment.

The result of this investigation demonstrated that if elected, he could be trusted not to take sides against freedom. Such a verdict would mean nothing now, but in those days when the spirit of slavery dominated the whole South and largely the North, it meant a great deal.

Again, I recall another little incident. Years after Mr. Paxson had reached the high position of Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Penna., one New Year's eve, so largely observed as watch night in many churches, I happened to visit

Bethel Church, the old Mother Church of the A. M. E. fraternity and the largest colored church in this city, and to my surprise I recognized the Chief Justice on the platform, looking as grave as a judge. "What does this mean?" I queried to myself. The answer quickly arrived. The Judge wants to show sympathy; he evidently desires to acquaint himself more fully about these people, and was not afraid or ashamed to come when he could get a good view of them. As he stayed until the close of the midnight hour, I presume he accomplished his object.

Now, Hon. Judge, having said nothing, I trust, to give offense to you, let me leave these personal characteristics, and say, on behalf of the Board of Managers and on behalf of the Aged and Infirm Colored Persons who may be so fortunate as to find in their last days a home in this beautiful mansion, that a great debt of thankfulness is due to you personally for the interest you have evinced in making this enterprise complete.

Ere the foundations were laid substantially, the following thoughtful instruction greatly impressed me, as coming from your lips. "I want the Building to be entirely fire proof if it costs ten or twelve thousand dollars more than was first thought, it will make no matter. I want it safe for these old people, who in their blindness and infirmities would not be able to escape if a fire should happen to occur.

"I also want a nice chapel built with a nice pulpit in it. I want to have it made as comfortable and pleasant as possible for the old people."

The new building being of the same dimensions as the old, with many improvements, inevitably increase the expenses and labor proportionally. But there has never been any room to doubt, since the corner stone of the old building was laid, that there existed in the hearts of many friendly citizens much sympathy and readiness to aid in time of need. And there is still room to believe that this sympathy has not diminished.

True many of the old laborers have been called away but their examples still live, and while these examples predominate in the Board it is safe to predict that the Home will prosper. Howsoever it is to be hoped that the friend's of the colored race who may be blessed with liberal means in making their wills and providing for

charities to aid suffering humanity will not find it in their hearts to overlook the Home for Aged and Infirm Colored Persons.

After a favorite hymn of Mr. Parker's, by Mrs. Margaret Jones, an address was made by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Whitaker. He read in an English paper the other day an article entitled "Old Age Made Easy." These old people had led an honest life, been temperate and industrious, but laid up no money. These old people entered a home built by a nobleman of England. They had only to spend the rest of their days in quiet and joyfulness. That is just what has been done in this home, said the Bishop. Beautiful buildings, however, do not make a happy home; we must bring that quality, with us as we enter the home. They must come realizing they are no longer young and have burdens to bear. They must strive to be helpful to each other, and they may find old age made easy.

An original poem written for the occasion, was read by Mrs. Francis E. W. Harper. There was singing by Mrs. Haas, who is a great favorite at the Home. Another very rare treat was given by Mrs. Baston, in rendering two beautiful solos in a manner that can scarcely be rivaled.

An address was delivered by the Rev. J. B. Reeve D. D., Pastor of the Lombard Street Central Presbyterian Church. Mr. Henry James Hancock and H. L. Wayland D. D. following with interesting addresses. Mr. Thos. H. McCollin, Secretary of the Board of Managers, said: We are assembled on this occasion to celebrate the completion and opening of this noble charity, made possible by the magnificent bequest of the late Edward T. Parker. I take great pleasure in presenting this implement (the trowel), used by yourself in August last, upon laying the corner-stone of the Parker building. Although this implement originally possessed but little intrinsic value, by the use you have made of it it has now an historic one, which will cling to it for decades to come, for it was used to place into position the corner-stone upon which rests this beautiful building, by means of which an extended usefulness is now assured, and its scope greatly enlarged by your generosity. May the recipients of its shelter and benefits, in the long future, learn to honor and bless the memory of both Edward T. Parker and yourself.

Following Mr. McCollin's presentation speech, Mr. Still, as

President of the Home, presented to Mrs. E. M. Paxson a very beautiful and large bouquet, complimenting her for her personal services in furnishing the Parker Annex and attention during its erection. A sudden outburst of a plantation melody rendered in most excellent style seemed to delight every body, after which the benediction was pronounced and the audience were soon on the way to the dining rooms in the old building, where the Colored Caterers' Association of Philadelphia had provided a liberal lunch for the occasion, under the management of Andrew F. Steven's, Sr.

Union Consecration Meeting of the new Chapel in the Parker Annex of the Home for Aged and Infirm Colored People, 4400 Girard Ave., Phila. Pa., which took place on Sunday afternoon July 1st, 1894, at 3 P. M.

This meeting was in many ways a meeting of unusual interest and profit, both as it related to those of the participants in the exercises of the occasion and those in attendance from without and the inmates of the Home.

The meeting was presided over by the Rev. Dr. C. T. Shaffer Chairman of the Board of Managers of the Home, who after stating the object of the meeting, opened the exercises by announcing the opening hymn which was led by Rev. Dr. L. J. Coffin, while the Rev. J. A. Johnson presided at the organ.

The Rev. Dr. Berry fervently addressed the Throne of Grace. The Scripture Lesson was read by Rev. Mr. Phillips, of the Shiloh Baptist Church.

The Rev. W. D. Cook, Pastor of the Bethel A. M. E. Church was then introduced, and his address was brief as all the addresses were, but very interesting and hence greatly appreciated; Rev. Mr. Jones of the first Presbyterian Church was introduced and made a very pleasant address. He was followed by Rev. Mr. Adams of the M. E. Church, who referred in touching terms to the days of the past when the family was wont to assemble in the rooms for service and contrasted the present with the past.

After singing, Miss Mary Harper read an original poem, composed by Mrs. F. E. W. Harper, for the occasion.

Rev. Dr. J. C. Emby addressed the meeting in his usually happy style, quite to the satisfaction of all present.

Rev. Dr's. L. J. Coffin, H. T. Johnson, Rev. Mr. Phillips

and J. A. Johnson, Mrs. F. E. W. Harper and family and Rev. Dr. Reeve, all made most interesting and profitable addresses, making the occasion one of unusual interest and profit as stated above, inasmuch as each spoke and viewed the work from his own standpoint and in his own peculiar style..

The exercises were most fittingly closed by singing a beautiful Consecration Hymn, after which Rev. J. C. Emby led in a prayer of consecration. Benediction by Rev. Alexander Murry.

### Friends' Day at Colored People's Home.

The Friends' Day at the Colored Home, 40th street and Girard avenue, West Philadelphia, on the 29th ult., was an occasion of more than ordinary interest, it being the first time the *Friends'* meeting had been held there since the completion of the "Parker Building." There is much to see and admire in the handsome addition to this most worthy charity. The well-lighted and well-ventilated rooms, neatly fitted up with their single beds, two in each room, the ample and easy stairways, the elevator to convey those unable to walk, as well as heavy articles for use on the different floors, the excellent arrangements for toilet and wash rooms, all reveal the wisdom of the Managing Board. In the handsome parlor for the use of the managers are two memorial windows, where in placid dignity are seen the familiar faces—familiar only to those of us who are passing onward towards the setting sun—of Lucretia Mott and William Lloyd Garrison; while on the walls are to be seen the portraits of many faithful friends and others who in the past nearly thirty years of its existence have labored so assiduously for the comfort of this "Home," and who have gone to their everlasting reward. Upon conversing with a number of these aged people the prevailing impression is one of deep content and thankfulness. Curious feelings are aroused as we take the hand of one, who, if she lives till the Eleventh month will be 114 years old. With faculties good, she was suffering from a temporary neuralgia trouble, and her caretaker exhibited with pride the evidence of her having sewn 133½ pounds of carpet rags since 1891. What an array of great events have transpired since this humble woman entered upon life! Another aged one is

"Father Gibson" who for 123 years has trodden the earth, the laborious occupation of hod carrier in his earlier years not perceptibly shortening his life. Freedom from care, and the happy,—and may we not add?—the fervent, devout spirit of these sons and daughters of toil conspire to prolong life and render it comfortable even under the burden of great years.

At 3 p. m. quite a number assembled in the new chapel, a beautiful room, with a memorial window revealing the features of Edward T. Parker, a great friend of the colored race, and whose liberal bequest made these comfortable quarters possible. The motto, "God hath made of one blood all nations of men," occupies most appropriately a place above the speakers gallery. The services were opened in a few feeling and truthful remarks by H. M. L., on the life and worth—especially to this Home—of the late Israel H. Johnson. He was followed by several Friends of both branches in earnest, tender counsel and prayer, interspersed by the outbreak of the colored people, either with a fervent "Amen" or a short hymn. Perhaps the most practical and appreciative tribute to the devotion of I. H. Johnson, in his long and faithful services, was given by Alfred H. Love. All the utterances were listened to attentively, and, though the audience was not so large as usual,—owing most likely to the intense heat,—the meeting was a most satisfactory one, the harmony and good feeling among the workers adding greatly to the comfort of the meeting.

Addresses were made by Allen Filcraft, Isaac H. Hilborn, Joseph S. Elkinton, Matilda E. Janney, Mary Nicholson and Edward Mullen of Washington D. C.

Amongst the visitors present from a distance we noted our friend, Elizabeth H. Coale, of Holder, Ill.—*Friend's Intelligencer*.

#### A List of E. T. Parker's Sunday School Scholars, now in the Home.

Ann Saulsbury	entered Home	7-31-88.
Ann Williams	" "	6-9-90.
Leeah Reed	" "	12-20-93.
Rachel Robinson	" "	4-19-94.
Cornelia Jones	" "	7-15-94.
Sarah Morgan	" "	8-23-94.

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