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May 5th

Minutes.

A stated meeting of the Board of Managers of the Widow's Asylum was held on May 5th 1910. There were present, Miss Pearsall, Mrs Colwell, Miss Vanuxem, Mrs Butcher, Mrs Shoemaker, Mrs Stryker, Mrs Mickle, Mrs Perot, Mrs Du Bois, Miss Comegys, Mrs Longstreth, Mrs Noblit, Miss Vaux, Miss Elizabeth, Morris, Miss Sparhawk.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted and is in substance as follows.

Receipts.

Total receipts from 4/1 to 4/30th/10.	$4215.04
Balance from last month	505.89
	$4720.93

Payments

Total payments from 4/1 to 4/30th/10.	$2648.15
Balance on hand	2072.78
	$4720.93

Reports were read from Visiting Com. Matron and Head Nurse.

Purchasing & Supply Com. had no reports.

Case of Miss Niddry.

Com on Applications reported in the case of Miss Niddry, a recently admitted inmate, that she was unable to pay the $300. Entrance fee required, having only $275. as she had been obliged to spend a portion of her entrance fee

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May 5th. while awaiting admission. On motion of Miss Vaux, seconded by Mrs Noblit, it was resolved to accept the $275. as the entrance fee of Miss Niddry. The following names were placed upon the waiting list having been approved by the Board. Mrs Mary E. Thompson, Mrs Coates, Mrs Garner, Mrs Sarah Godfrey, Those not approved by the Committee were Mrs Johnson & Mrs Turner. The new applicants were Miss Margaret Brown, Miss Sarah E. Hitch, Mrs Amanda H. Bounds, Miss Isabella Cook, Mrs Eliza Stewart.

Rev. James Ramsay Swain. Church Com. reported that Rev. James Ramsay Swain had preached at the Home on the 4th Sunday of April and gave great pleasure to the inmates. He also promised that Mrs Swain would in the autumn give a lecture on Syria where she had lived for several years.

Nurse & Finance Com. had no reports.

Books re-bound. Library Com. reported that a number of large print Bibles also some favorite books had been re-bound at a small expense.

Window-screens re-varnished. Building & Repair Com. reported that the painting was nearly finished but that the window screens required re-varnishing. On motion of Miss Vaux, seconded by Miss Elizabeth Morris it was decided to re-varnish the screens.

Flower space granted. Com. on Grounds reported that a plot of ground had been set aside for the plants belonging to the old ladies but that Mrs Johnson was

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May 5th. dissatisfied with the space assigned to her. A valuable shrub had also been purchased for the grounds.

Clothing & Cemetery Com. had no reports.

Glee & Banjo Club. Cantata. Blind girls concert. Entertainment Com. reported four entertainments, one given by the Glee and Banjo Club of the Holman School for Girls, a Cantata – a concert by members of the Blind Home, and an evening with the Phonograph, all being much enjoyed.

Black-board for posting of notices. Owing to complaints of the small attendance at the chapel services, it was suggested that notices of the meetings be posted up so that all might be informed. On motion of Miss Vaux, seconded by Mrs Longstreth, it was resolved to purchase a black-board on which notices of services and entertainments should be posted up for general information.

Inmates forbidden to use cars during strike. In reference to the order of the Board forbidding inmates to use the street-cars during the recent strike, it was reported by Mrs Noblit that Mrs Bowman, owing to deafness, had failed to hear the notice, Mrs Pratt was obliged to go to the dentist's and Mrs Meade, the third delinquent, expressed sorrow and promised not to transgress again.

Cards of identification. The cards of identification prepared for the inmates were to be delivered by the Committee of the week with instructions to the effect that these were to be carried always in the bag or pocket-book by the women in case of accident.

The Secretary stated that Mrs Lapish, an inmate of the Home for the past ten years had asked to be allowed the privilege of making a gift of $10. to our Institution as a

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Gift of Mrs Lapish to asylum.

tribute to the constant kindness and care she had received and her happy days beneath this roof. This gift was accepted by the Board, and on motion of Mrs Thorndike, seconded by Miss Barr. it was agreed that a vote of thanks should be extended to Mrs Lapish. It was also suggested that with her approval, the blackboard on which notices were to be posted, should be purchased with this money as a permanent record of her gift.

Adjourned

Hetty P. Spaulding
Secretary

June 2nd

A stated meeting of the Board of Managers of the Widows Asylum was held June 2nd, 1910. There were present, Miss Pearsall, Mrs Colwell, Miss Paxton, Miss de Barry, Mrs Noble, Mrs de Bois, Mrs Butcher, Miss Comegys, Mrs Moore, Mrs Elizabeth Morris, Miss Odell, Mrs Jenks, Mrs Perot, Miss Spaulding.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted and is in substance as follows.

Receipts

Total receipts from 5/1 to 5/31/10	$1986.85
Balance from last month	2072.78
	$4059.63

Payments

Total payments from 5/1 to 5/31/10.	$1761.78
Balance on hand	2297.85
	$4059.63

Reports were read from Visiting Com. Matron & Head Nurse.

$25. Diff. to Dr. Stryker.

It was proposed that $25. be paid to Dr. Stryker for his additional work in vaccinating so large a number of our house-hold. On motion of Mrs Jenks, seconded by Mrs Butcher, this was agreed to.

Cases of Mrs Eaton & Mrs Davis.

The cases of Mrs Eaton & Mrs Davis were discussed and their defiance of the rule requiring inmates to carry cards of identification provided by the Managers. On motion of Miss Comegys, seconded by Miss Spaulding, it was resolved that

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Mrs Eaton, Mrs Davis, Miss Morrison, Mrs Meade & Mrs Grey, all being delinquents, should be interviewed on the subject. The First Directress then appointed Miss Comegys and Miss Vaux as a committee in charge of this matter.

Purchasing Com. reported very few purchases during the past month.

Coal bill corrected.

Miss Du Barry, chairman of coal supply, reported that a promise to correct the coal bill had been secured after the statement of the leakage of nine odd tons. The assistant Engineer, Walker, again proving unreliable, was with the approval of the Board, dismissed.

Campbell Henderson engaged as ass. engineer.

It was proposed that Campbell Henderson, Robert Millar's nephew, be engaged to fill his place.

On motion of Mrs Moore, seconded by Mrs Du Bois, it was resolved to engage Campbell Henderson at $35. a month and board, increased to $40. when he becomes proficient.

Mrs Moore stated that the steam pipes required re-pairing. If necessary Robert can engage a man for repair work authority to be granted by Miss Du Barry.

Electric lights in summer.

The question as to the use of gas instead of electric lights during the summer was discussed. On motion of Mrs Moore, seconded by Mrs Jenks, it was resolved that gas be used instead of electric lights at the Asylum from June 15th to Sept. 1st.

Miss Rogers Miss Brown Miss Cook admitted.

Com. on Applications reported in favor of admitting the following persons - Miss Mary Rogers, Miss Margaret Brown, & Miss Isabella Cook, and not in favor of admitting Mrs Amanda

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Bounds & Mrs Eliza Stewart which action was ratified by the Board. The case of Miss Sarah E. Hitch was a peculiarly sad one and under the circumstances decision was deferred until fall.

Church & Nurse Com. had no reports.

10 volumes given.

Library Com. reported that Mr Patterson Du Bois had kindly made a gift of ten volumes to the library.

Report of repairs at Asylum.

Building & Repair Com. submitted Mr Richard Erskine's report of repairs at Asylum, including the painting of building, re-glazing, painting of Engineer's kitchen, re-painting screens and new water tables, adjustment of doors - repairs in laundry and Engineer's porch and of all decayed wood-work, new save boxes and conductors, renewing of gutters and slate where damaged and a new cornice on Ludlow St. Also the dividing wall separating property on the east side has been put in thorough repair, re-built & re-pointed, half of the expense of this work being borne by the owners of said property - Total cost of work at Asylum - $1912.24.

New hose required

Com. on Grounds reported that 50 ft. of new hose is required - authority granted for its purchase. Mrs Colwell also mentioned Miss Otto's annual subscription of $5.

Cemetery & Clothing Com. had no reports.

Acorn Circle.

Entertainment Com. reported an entertainment by the Acorn Circle of King's Daughters.

It was stated that electric wires had set fire to a tree in the rear of the Asylum so on

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Fire fires by electric wires.

Cold suppers

Vacations.

Vacations of inmates extended to eight weeks.

Motion of Mrs Colwell, seconded by Miss De Barry the Secretary was directed to write to the authorities requesting that the wires be properly insulated.

The question of serving cold suppers at the Asylum during the Summer months was brought up and on motion of Miss Paul, seconded by Miss Morris, it was decided to adhere to our present custom of cold suppers during the Summer.

The usual vacation holidays were assigned, on motion of Miss Paul, seconded by Mrs Noblit. The matron, assistant matron and head nurses were given one month each - Between two weeks and the other employees one week each.

On motion of Mrs Butcher, seconded by Miss Spackman it was agreed to extend the vacations of inmates from six weeks to eight weeks.

Adjourned

Hetty V. Spackman
Secretary

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June 26th

Special meeting.

Investment in New York Central Equipment Bonds.

A special meeting of the Board of Managers of the Widow's Asylum was held on June 26th 1910. There were present, Miss Randall, Mrs Jenks, Miss Paul, Mrs Noblit, Mrs Shoemaker, Miss Comegys, Miss Spackman.

The meeting was called to consider a question of re-investment of funds.

On motion of Mrs Noblit, seconded by Mrs Jenks the following resolution was adopted.

Resolved

That the Girard Trust Co. be and hereby is authorized to invest the $15000.= Penna. R.R. General Mortgage 6's maturing July 1st next in New York Central Equipment Bonds 4½% if after proper consultation with the First Directors and Chairman of the Finance Committee, said action be approved.

Adjourned.

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Sept. 1st. A stated meeting of the Board of Managers of the Widow's Asylum was held on Sept. 1st 1910 — there were present, Miss Pearsall, Mrs Moore, Mrs Colwell, Mrs Jenks, Mrs Perot, Mrs Stryker, Mrs Longstreth, Miss Comegys.

The minutes of the June meeting were read and approved.

Death of Miss Rhoads. The First Directress spoke of the death on June 3rd of Miss Hannah Rhoads which occurred shortly after the last meeting — of her beautiful life and character and of the loss to our Society, of her counsel and interest in its work.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted and is in substance as follows.

Receipts

Total receipts from 6/1 to 6/30/10.	$2440.56
Balance from last month	2297.85
	$4738.41

Payments

Total payments from 6/1 to 6/30	$4059.81
Balance on hand	678.60
	$4738.41

Receipts.

Total receipts from 7/1 to 7/31/10.	$2607.70
Balance from last month	678.60
	$3286.30

Payments

Total payments from 7/1 to 7/31.	$1884.41
Balance on hand.	1401.89
	$3286.30

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Receipts

Total receipts from 8/1 to 8/31/10	$1343.39
Balance from last month	1401.89
	$2745.28

Payments

Total payments from 8/1 to 8/31.	$1502.67
Balance on hand	1242.61
	$2745.28

Receipts

Total receipts from 9/1 to 9/30/10	$1248.59
Balance from last month	1242.61
	$2491.20

Payments

Total payments from 9/1 to 9/30.	$1704.16
Balance on hand	787.04
	$2491.20

Lehigh Valley R.R. Second Mortgage Bonds. On motion of Mrs Jenks, seconded by Mrs Moore, a resolution empowering the Girard Trust Co. to collect the $2000.= Lehigh Valley R.R. Second Mortgage 7% Registered Bonds due at this date, was passed.

On motion of Mrs Colwell, seconded by Mrs Stryker, it was resolved that some Insurance papers of Mrs Godfrey, be kept by the House until her death.

Mrs Godfrey insurance. On motion of Mrs Jenks, seconded by Mrs Moore, it was resolved that all papers referring to Miss Wilkinson's property be passed over to our attorney, Mr Walter Penn Shipley, asking him to kindly report upon same to Board at their next meeting.

Estate of Miss Martha Wilkinson. This had reference to a letter which was read from John J. Wilkinson, nephew of Miss Wilkinson, a recently deceased inmate, enclosing

Sept. 1st. check for $469.71 balance of her estate of $744.96 after paying for funeral, grave-stone &c $246.25. Letters Testamentary - $2.00

Property of Mrs Rozelthe Carpenter. On motion of Mrs Shipley, seconded by Mrs Cotterell, Mrs Shipley was requested to write to Philip Wilcox regarding property of Mrs Rozalthe Carpenter, which he is supposed to hold.

Reports were read from Visiting Com. Matron and Head Nurse.

Purchasing Com. had no report also Supply Com.

Com. on Applications reported the admission of Mrs Thompson to fill vacancy caused by death of Mrs Tajanera, and the proposed admission of Miss Mary Rodgers as soon as she passes the examination, to fill vacancy caused by death of Mrs Rozalthe Carpenter.

Mrs Thompson admitted

Nurses, Clothing, Finance & Library Com. had no reports.

Cards of identification Miss Comegys reported that Miss Lamp and she had talked with the delinquent inmates on the subject of their refusal to carry the identification cards, and that for the time) they agree to follow the regulations of the Board.

Building & Repair Com. report walls and floor in Engine-room painted and white-washed by our own men. The electric lights were not used during July and August but will be turned on Sept. 1st. By the use of gas we have saved 50 per cents in Coal.

Electric lights in Summer.

Robert Wilcox roof requires painting. Papering in halls of third story seems very necessary. Two estimates of same obtained last Spring were - Balderston $120.= Chapman $88.= Resolved

Sept. 1st to defer for winter rates.

Deaths of Mrs Tajaneira. Mrs Humphries. Mrs Carpenter

Cemetery Com. reported three deaths - Mrs Martha Tajaneira on July 11th, aged 61 years - interred in Home Lot at Mount Moriah, Mrs Margaret Humphries, on July 10th aged 72 years - interred at Mount Moriah, Mrs Rozalthe Carpenter on August 16th, aged 82 years, interred at Lewisburg - Pa.

Com. on Grounds. Permission granted to hire Tall Ladder to cut off some dead limbs from Cedar of Lebanon. Flower beds by the wall to be moved out a foot or two to prevent damp - work to be done by Wilcox Eagle.

Cedar of Lebanon trimmed.

In reference to Mrs Johnson's plants it was moved by Mrs Jenks seconded by Mrs Longstreth that Mrs Johnson be limited to three dozen potted plants on the first floor and not to be allowed any on the second third or fourth floors. This order of the Board to be delivered to her now.

Limited number of plants Mrs Johnson.

Clothing - Entertainment & Work. Com. had no reports.

Adjourned

Clara Comegys

Sec. pro tem.

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Oct. 6th

A stated meeting of the Board of Managers of the Widow's Asylum was held on Oct. 6th, 1910. There were present - Miss Pearsall, Mrs Colwell, Mrs Perot, Mrs Shoemaker, Mrs Mickle, Miss Du Barry, Mrs Du Bois, Mrs Longstreth, Mrs Butcher, Miss Elizabeth Morris, Mrs Noblit, Mrs Jenks, Miss Vaux, Miss Sparhawk.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted and is in substance as follows.

Receipts

Total receipts from 9/1 to 9/30/10.	$1248.59
Balance from last month	1242.61
	$2491.20

Payments

Total payments from 9/1 to 9/30.	$1704.16
Balance on hand.	787.04
	$2491.20

Reports were read from Visiting Com. Matron and Head Nurse.

Purchasing & Supply Com. had no reports.

Engine-room painted.

Miss Du Barry reported that the Engine-room had been painted and that the assistant Engineer, Henderson, was satisfactory. The use of gas instead of electric lights during the summer proved a saving of $75. It was also stated that the insurance on Robert Millar's furniture had been increased 3% owing to the garage adjoining his property, this being especially liable to risk of fire because of its wooden flooring.

Com. on Applications reported the following

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list of applicants - Mrs Lizzie C. Treadway, Mrs Emma J. Myers, Miss Martha Mulliken, Miss Eliza J. McMullin, Miss Harriet Barnet, Miss Clara L. Brewer, Miss Rachel R. Marshall, Mrs Martha Brandt, Miss Mary J. Hall. Owing to the temporary absence of Miss Comegys, the First Directress appointed Mrs John Perot to serve on the Admission Committee and Miss Elizabeth Morris to act as Chairman.

Mrs Perot appointed

Church Com. reported that the Rev. Mr Wright of the Reformed Episcopal Academy had preached at the Asylum on the 3rd Tuesday of Sept. and the Rev. George D. Adams on the 4th Sunday.

Nurse & Finance Com. had no reports.

Bibles & hymn-books re-bound.

Library Com. reported that some hymn-books and Bibles had been re-bound, including a large family Bible and Dictionary.

Fire-hose in order.

Building & Repair Com. reported that the fire-hose had been examined and tested and found satisfactory.

Com. on Grounds reported that Mrs Johnson had accepted the rule of the Board limiting the number of her plants.

Clothing & Cemetery Com. had no reports.

Lecture on "Phila" by the Civic Club.

Entertainment Com. reported that the Civic Club would give an illustrated Stereopticon lecture on "Philadelphia" the following week.

Nominating Com. presented the name of Miss Helen

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Oct. 6th. R. Biddle to fill the vacancy in the Board caused by the death of Miss Hannah Rhoads. She was unanimously elected and the secretary was requested to notify her of this fact.

Miss Helen R. Biddle elected manager.

The resignation of Miss Comegys as Corresponding Secretary was on motion of Mrs Butcher seconded by Mrs Longstreth, accepted with regret. Mrs Du Bois was elected to serve in her place on motion of Miss Vaux, seconded by Mrs Jenks.

Resignation of Miss Comegys as Cor. Secretary. Mrs Du Bois elected.

It was with sincere sorrow that we received the resignation from the Board of Mrs Walter T. Moore, after many years of faithful service during which she held the positions of Treasurer, also those of First & Second Directress and also chairman of important committees.

Resignation of Mrs Moore.

On motion of Mrs Jenks seconded by Mrs Colwell, the resignation of Mrs Moore was accepted with greatest regret and the secretary was requested to send a letter informing her of this.

The case of Mrs Meade was then brought before the Board. It was stated that she had on a recent occasion been found under the influence of liquor her excuse being that she had procured it for a friend. As the rules of the Home forbid the use of stimulants except under the doctor's orders this transgression brought her case before the Board. After discussion in which her age - 81 years - her many infirmities of body and her failing sight were weighed in the balances against her failure to comply on two occasions last spring with the rules and her present transgression, a standing vote was taken as to whether she merited dismissal from the Home. Six of the managers voted in favor of dismissal and five against it. To grant her time

Case of Mrs Meade.

Vote of dismissal.

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Oct. 6th. and opportunity to find another home, though having voted against her dismissal, the secretary moved and Mrs Longstreth seconded, a resolution agreeing to grant her until the 29th of October to find another home and that she be given $50. upon leaving and the furniture which she brought into the asylum.

On motion of Mrs Butcher, seconded by Miss Morris, it was decided to place a shade upon the dining-room window because of the glare of light, a special paper being used for this purpose.

Dining-room window.

A letter was read from Mr George Vaux Jr. notifying our society of the audit of the account of the estate of the late Mr William S. Vaux Jr. in the Orphan's Court of Montgomery Co. during the week beginning the 24th inst. On motion of Mrs Butcher seconded by Mrs Noblit, it was resolved that our attorney, Mr Walter Penn Shipley be requested to represent us at this audit.

Audit of account of estate. W. S. Vaux Jr.

Mrs Butcher suggested that a small copy of the rules governing the inmates be printed in such form as to enclose in an envelope. On motion of Miss Vaux, seconded by Mrs Butcher, it was resolved that narrow moulding one inch in width be purchased and that William Nagle be authorized to make simple frames for the lists of rules for inmates.

Small copy of rules for inmates to be printed.

Adjourned

Hetty V. Sparhawk
Secretary

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Oct. 21st

Special meeting.

A special meeting of the Board of Managers of the Widow's Asylum was held on Oct. 21st 1910 - there were present Miss Pearsall, Mrs Butcher, Miss Faries, Miss Vanuxem, Mrs Longstreth, Mrs Du Bois, Miss Du Barry, Mrs Noblit Mrs Jenks, Miss Vaux, Mrs Perot, Miss Sparhawk.

Case of Mrs Meade.

The meeting was called to consider further the case of Mrs Meade from a legal stand-point, the matter having been referred to our counsel, Mr Walter Penn Shipley, who submitted the following opinion by letter.

"In view then of the fact clearly stated by Mr Shipley, that a fourth reprimand is necessary for dismissal according to the rules governing our Society, Mrs Meade having received three reprimands only it was on motion of Miss Vaux seconded by Mrs Noblit, resolved that the question in regard to Mrs Meade's dismissal be re-considered at the next meeting.

Adjourned

Hetty V. Sparhawk
Secretary.

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PHILADELPHIA October 19th, 1910.

Miss Henrietta W. Pearsall,

Dear Miss Pearsall:

I have examined the agreement signed by the inmates of your institution and also have read over the rules and regulations for the government of the Asylum.

While it is true that the agreement signed by the inmate states that the managers may at any time dismiss her from the Institution should they deem it necessary to do so, nevertheless I believe that this power of dismissal is governed by the rules and the regulations of the institution at the time such inmate was admitted and therefore consider that the agreement means that the managers may at any time dismiss an inmate from the institution provided that in acting upon this agreement, they also comply with the rules and regulations of the Asylum. The 14th rule is quite clear and provides that for the first and second violation of the rules of the Asylum there will be an admonition, for the 3rd, a complaint will be preferred to the Board and for the 4th a removal from the House.

If any of your inmates are giving trouble by violating the rules so that your Board may fear that it will be necessary to expel the inmates so violating the rules, I should advise before any definite action is taken by the Board that the 14th rule should be strictly lived up to.

The admonition does not have to be in writing and should be given by either the matron in charge of the House or by a member of the Board. A note should be made of the date of this admonition and the rule that was broken and when such rule was broken. After two admonitions have been given to one of the members and the member again violates one of the rules, the matron or whoever has charge of the discipline of the House should again give an admonition to the inmate, informing such inmate that this is the 3rd time that the rules have been broken, and that it is necessary now that a formal complaint be lodged with the Board of Managers to go upon the minutes of the Board. This complaint to the Board should be in writing and should state clearly the rules broken by the inmate and the date of the admonitions given as prescribed by the rules, so that the record of the minutes would then be complete. I think it would also be advisable to give the inmate written notice at that time that this was the 3rd admonition and that if she again violated one of the rules of the House, she would be removed.

Sincerely,

Walter Penn Shipley

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Nov. 3rd

A stated meeting of the Board of Managers of the Widow's Asylum was held on Nov. 3rd 1910. There were present Miss Pearsall, Mrs Colwell, Mrs Butcher, Miss Farris, Mrs Stryker, Mrs Shoemaker, Miss Vanuxem, Miss Biddle, Miss Vaux, Mrs Du Bois, Mrs Longstreth, Miss Morris, Mrs Noblit, Mrs Jenks, Mrs Perot, Mrs Brice, Miss Sparhawk.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and after a slight alteration approved.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted and is in substance as follows.

Receipts

Total receipts from 10/1 to 10/31/10.	$3852.14
Balance from last month	787.04
	$4639.18

Payments

Total payments from 10/1 to 10/31	$2537.76
Balance on hand	2101.42
	$4639.18

Reports were read from Visiting Committee Matron & Head Nurse.

Estate of Eliza L. B. Wagner.

A letter was read from Henry M. Du Bois to Miss Elizabeth D. Williams, Treasurer enclosing check for $550.58 being award of the Orphan's Court of Phila. County in the estate of Eliza L. B. Wagner, deceased, and also receipt and order on the Clerk of Said Court to satisfy the award of record. Request was made that the proper officers

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execute the same and return. On motion of Miss Vaux, seconded by Mrs Jenks, it was resolved that the proper officers sign the order of the Court as directed and affix the Corporate seal if requested.

Miss Vaux stated that during her week of duty beef in some form had been served at the table five times in our week, which she considered undesirable owing to its high price and the fact that variety in the food provided was necessary.

Purchasing Com. reported a few purchases.

Supply Com. had no report

Mrs Brandt, Mrs Myers, Mrs Treadway, Mrs Meade, Miss Hall, Mrs McMullin, Miss Mullikin, Mrs Marshall, Miss Brewer admitted.

Com. on Applications reported in favor of accepting the following applicants – Mrs Martha Brandt, Mrs Emma Myers, Mrs Lizzie Treadway, Mrs Adelaide Meade, Miss Mary J. Hall, Mrs Eliza J. McMullin, Miss Martha A. Mulliken, Mrs Rachel R. Marshall, Miss Clara L. Brewer. The Committee were not in favor of accepting Miss Harriet Taunt. These decisions were ratified by the Board.

Mrs Butcher stated that there were ten on the waiting list, seven on the No Hurry list.

Church, Nurse, Finance, Library & Building & Repair Com. had no reports.

Pear trees removed.

Com. on Grounds reported that one of the pear trees had to be cut off at the top – another pear tree had been removed and replaced by a Japanese maple. The old persimmon tree can be made secure by William Nagle.

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Clothing Comm. had no report.

Trees removed from lot at Mt. Moriah.

Cemetery Comm. reported that it was necessary to have the trees removed from the Home lot at Mount Moriah - one a dead tree and the other obstructing space, removal of the dead tree costing $6. and of the other $10. On motion of Mrs Jenks, seconded by Miss Morris, permission was granted for their removal.

Letters on stones to be sunken.

It was also stated that the lettering on present stones was becoming illegible so it was proposed that harder stone be substituted and that the letters be sunken instead of raised. On motion of Mrs Shoemaker, seconded by Mrs Noblit it was resolved that hereafter letters on stones shall be sunken instead of raised.

Lecture on "Old Phila." by Civic Club.

Entertainment Comm. reported that a most enjoyable lecture had been given on "Old Philadelphia" illustrated with descriptive views, by the Civic Club.

Miss Eliz. H. Haines elected manager.

Nominating Comm. presented the name of Miss Elizabeth H. Haines to serve as manager and she was unanimously elected and the Secretary was directed to inform her of the fact. ✓

Letter of appreciation to Mrs Moore.

A letter to Mrs Walter T. Moore was read expressing the sincere regret and sorrow of the Board for her resignation and their appreciation of her long and faithful years of work with us. Her reply thanking the Board for this expression of their regard and esteem, was also read.

Case of Mrs Meade.

The case of Mrs Meade was then brought up and it was stated that she had been unable

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Mrs Meade allowed to remain in the Home.

to secure a home elsewhere at the time set for her removal from our Institution. A courteous letter was read from Mrs Gleason, Secretary of the Mayor, asking for leniency in her case in view of her age and infirmities and her services to others who needed help in the past. After re-viewing her case, it was on motion of Miss Sparhawk, seconded by Mrs Noblit, proposed that the former action of the Board in Mrs Meade's case be re-considered and that she be given another opportunity and allowed to remain in the Asylum. It was further proposed by Mrs Longstreth to add that Mrs Meade be forbidden to leave the grounds for two months as a penalty for her violation of the rules of the Home. This resolution was carried by the Board and in the following form was directed to be read to Mrs Meade.

The Board of Managers desire to inform Mrs Annie P. Meade that they will allow her to remain in the Home having agreed to give her another opportunity, but in view of her violation of a strict rule of the Asylum she is forbidden to leave the grounds until the first of the year unless with the permission of the Board.

Miss Paul suggested that the Committee of each week should receive notice of faults or transgressions of the rules by inmates and report such to the Board.

John J. Wilkinson's account.

A letter was read from Mr Walter Penn Shipley in regard to John J. Wilkinson Esq's services in connection with the settlement of Miss Martha Wilkinson's estate. Enclosed also was the check of John J. Wilkinson for $469.71 drawn to the order of the Society together with his account and receipt.

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On motion of Miss Vaux seconded by Miss Faries, it was resolved that the proper officers should sign this paper and affix the corporate seal of the Society.

Suspicious packages to be reported

On motion of Mrs Noblit, seconded by Mrs Brice, it was resolved that Miss Vaux should inform the matron and assistant matron, that all suspicious people or packages received should be reported to the Committee of the week.

Mrs Moore made an Honorary manager.

Mrs Colwell moved and Miss Faries seconded the resolution, that Mrs Walter T. Moore be made an Honorary Manager of the Society which was carried unanimously.

Adjourned

Hetty V. Sparhawk
Secretary.

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A stated meeting of the Board of Managers of the Widow's Asylum was held on Dec. 1st 1910. There were present, Miss Pearsall, Mrs Colwell, Miss Vanuxem, Mrs Mickle, Miss Du Barry, Mrs Stryker, Mrs Shoemaker, Mrs Du Bois, Miss Morris, Mrs Noblit, Mrs Longstreth, Miss Williams, Mrs Jenks, Mrs Perot, Miss Vaux, Miss Sparhawk.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and after a slight alteration approved.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted and is in substance as follows.

Receipts.

Total receipts from 11/1 to 11/30/10	$2873.69
Balance from last month	2101.42
	$4975.11

Payments

Total payments from 11/1 to 11/30	$2785.87
Balance on hand	2189.24
	$4975.11

Reports were read from Visiting Com. Matron and Head Nurse.

Purchasing Com. reported the usual house-hold supplies.

Gift of 13 Thanksgiving turkeys.

Supply Com. reported the gift of 13 ten pound turkeys for Thanksgiving dinner from Mrs Wm H. Jenks - also an ice-cream treat our evening from Mrs Longstreth all of which was greatly enjoyed.

Chairman of coal supply reported that the

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coal had not been so good as usual and after investigation and attention directed to this fact, a better quality was supplied.

Death of Mrs Cicily Green.

Com. on Applications reported the death of Mrs Cicily Green and her vacant place filled by Miss Margaret J. Brown who will enter Dec. 5th. There are at present eight names on the waiting list and eleven names on the No Hurry list.

Miss Margaret J. Brown admitted

Church Com. had no report.

Nurse Com. reported that as yet Miss Beitel had had only two weeks of her month's summer holiday and it was urged that she take the additional two weeks at as early a date as possible.

Investments. New York City 4's & Electric & People's 4's.

Finance Com. reported that between $5000. and $6000. awaited investment. After consultation with Mr Purves and also with advice of Mr Ingersoll, it was suggested by them that we invest in New York City 4's or Electric & People's 4's.

On motion of Mrs Jenks, seconded by Mrs Stryker, it was resolved that the Finance Committee & the First Directress consult together as to the most desirable investment.

On motion of Mrs Colwell, seconded by Mrs Noblit, the following resolution was adopted.

Resolved

That the Girard Trust Co. be given authority to invest the surplus principal of the Society in such securities as the First Directress and the Finance Committee approve.

Purchase of periodicals.

Library Com. requested that $12.50 be granted for

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the purchase of periodicals.

Building & Repair Com. reported that Miss Dilhorn's room needed repairing. It has been plastered but requires painting. Miss Vaux also suggested that the pipes be given a coat of red lead while the other work is in progress. Mrs Mickle stated that the stained paper proposed for the windows would darken the dining-room so the question was deferred.

Pipes to be red-leaded.

Pin oak planted.

Com. on Grounds reported that one of the pear trees had been removed and a pin oak planted in its place which will give shade in three years.

Clothing Com. had no report.

Death of Mrs Cicily Green.

Cemetery Com. reported the death of Mrs Cicily Green on Nov. 22nd aged 80 years and her interment in the Home lot at Mount Moriah.

Travel talk by Mrs Butcher.

Entertainment Com. reported that Mrs Butcher had given a talk on her travels in Europe which was greatly enjoyed by the inmates.

A most appreciative letter was read from Mrs Walter T. Moore accepting her appointment by the Board as one of our Honorary Managers.

Rev. H. L. Duhring to preside at annual meeting.

It was suggested that the Rev. Herman L. Duhring be asked to preside at our annual meeting to be held on Jan. 12th 1911. and the Secretary was requested to notify him.

The Treasurer and Secretary were directed to prepare their Annual Reports.

Attention was called to the discourtesy of

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Discourtesy of Mrs Merrill.

Mrs Merrill on several occasions to the Managers. As this had become flagrant it was resolved that a reprimand from the Board be given her through Mrs Stryker, one of the Committee of the present week.

Account opened in Centennial Nat. Bank.

The Treasurer, Miss Williams, asked if an account could be opened in West Phila. at the Centennial Bank so that it would not be necessary for the Treasurer to wing out $900. from the City each month. On motion of Mrs Shoemaker seconded by Mrs Perot, it was resolved that the Treasurer be authorized to open an account in the Centennial National Bank in the name of the Society for the use of the Matron.

Adjourned

Hetty V. Sparhawk
Secretary

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Gift of Mrs Wm H. Jenks to Asylum.

$5000.=

It was announced to the Board of Managers that it was the desire of Mrs William H. Jenks to make a gift to the Home in her life-time instead of a bequest in her will. She had placed in accordance with this, in the hands of the Treasurer $5000.= in United Gas & Electric Co. First Mortgage 5's Gold Bonds due 1912.

It was her earnest request that this be not entered upon the minutes or acknowledged in any way by the Board, but the generosity of this gift is so deeply appreciated by the Managers that they desire this record.

Hetty V. Sparhawk. Sec.

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Jan. 5th

A stated meeting of the Board of Managers of the Widow's Asylum was held on Jan. 5th 1911 – there were present, Miss Pearsall, Mrs Colwell, Mrs Butcher, Miss Faries, Mrs Perot, Mrs Shoemaker, Mrs Stryker, Miss Vanuxsen, Mrs Mickle, Mrs Du Bois, Mrs Longstreth, Mrs Noblit, Miss Biddle, Miss Williams, Miss Vaux, Mrs Jenks, Mrs Randolph, Miss Sparhawk.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted and is in substance as follows.

Receipts.

Total receipts from 12/1 to 12/31/11	$2229.49
Balance from last month	2189.24
	$4418.73

Payments.

Total payments from 12/1 to 12/31.	$2710.71
Balance on hand.	1708.02
	$4418.73

Receipts.

Total receipts for 1910.	$27516.33
Balance Jan. 1st 1910.	1676.02
	$29192.35

Payments.

Total payments for 1910.	$27484.33
Balance on hand	1708.02
	$29192.35

Reports were read from Visiting Com. Matron & Head Nurse.

Purchasing Com. reported the usual supplies.

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Jan. 5th. Supply Comm. had no report.

Miss Mulliken & Miss Mc Mullen admitted.

Comm. on Applications reported that Miss Martha Mulliken had been admitted to the Asylum to take Miss Myers's place, and Miss Mc Mullen had also been admitted to take that of Miss Dickson.

Dr. Duhring to preside at Annual Meeting.

Church Comm. reported that the Rev. Dr. Duhring had consented to preside at our Annual Meeting on Jan. 12th if able, but failing this owned arrange that a substitute takes his place.

Music Comm. had no report.

$5500 = in mortgage on property on Lincoln Drive.

Finance Comm. reported through Miss Dana that as the present rate of interest is so low on investments, a mortgage bearing 5 1/10% had been chosen for the investment of $5500. belonging to the Society. In ratification of this action, on motion of Miss Randolph seconded by Miss Faries, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved

That the action of the Finance Committee in investing $5500 = in a mortgage on the property on Lincoln Drive, near Upsal Station, is hereby approved.

Periodicals.

Library Comm. reported through Mrs Colwell that the bill for periodicals was $13. and further request was made that $2.95 be also given for express incurred. Miss Runyon donated a copy of "The Rosary," this book being urgently desired by the old ladies.

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Jan. 5th. Building & Repair Comm. reported that Miss Dickson's room had been repainted and the pipes re-leaded. Mrs Brennan one of the inmates, requested that the cracks in the ceiling of her room might be mended as her nephew had offered to paint her room without charge. This request was granted by the Board.

Mrs Brennan's room painted.

Insulation of wires demanded.

Comm. on Grounds reported that the Electric Co. had not insulated the wires which injured one of our trees, in spite of a letter sent from the Board some time ago directing that this be done. Their offer to trim the tree met with the disapproval of the Board, and on motion of Mrs Jenks, seconded by Mrs Corbit the Secretary was authorized to notify them that any cutting of the tree was forbidden by the Board and that the wires must be insulated at once.

Comm. on Clothing had no report.

Death of Miss Eliza J. Myers.

Cemetery Comm. reported the death of Miss Eliza J. Myers on Dec. 16th aged 96 years and her interment in Cedar Hill.

Miss Schotts Memorial Band.

Entertainment Comm. reported that Miss Mary Schotts Memorial Band from Holy Trinity Church had sung Xmas carols on Dec. 25th and given much pleasure to the inmates.

Case of Mrs Pratt.

It was stated that Mrs Pratt who had had some trouble with her knee, had gone to Jefferson Hospital several times for treatment in direct violation of our rules. On motion of Mrs Randolph, seconded by Mrs Shoemaker, it was resolved by the Board

Jan. 5th — that she be refused permission to go to Jefferson Hospital. She had already been interviewed on the subject and agreed not to transgress again.

Case of Mrs Sill. — Mrs Sill had also proved insubordinate, refusing to go to the opticians, Wall & Echs, or to have her new glass eye put in and insisting that she would go to Dr. Risley instead. She was also to be notified that the Board refuses to allow her to consult any eye but our own physician.

New water meter required. — Statement was made that the City Water Department had informed us that we must install a new water meter at once. The cost of a new meter would be $65= but no back payment of dues would be required except for the past year.

Mrs Treadways piano. — Mrs Bradway who is soon to enter the Home, asked permission to bring her piano. On motion of Mrs Shoemaker seconded by Mrs Michler this was granted.

A letter was received from Mrs Myers offering the gift of a painting called "Sunset."

Report of Finance Com. — The report of the Finance Com. for the year was submitted stating that all the principal on hand was invested & financial affairs had been given careful attention. A list of the new investments during the past year was appended.

Annual Reports. — The Annual Reports of the Trustees and Secretary were read and approved by the Board.

Adjourned

Hetty V. Sparhawk
Secretary

Jan. 12th

Ninety-Fourth Annual Meeting.

The Ninety-Fourth Annual Meeting of the Indigent Widows' & Single Women's Society was held at the Asylum, 3615 Chestnut St. on Jan. 12th 1911 at 11 A.M.

Rev. J. Wm. Davidson, Epis. Church. — The Rev. J. William Davidson of the Protestant Episcopal Church presided and made an excellent and helpful address.

The reports of the Trustees and Secretary were read.

Trustees report is as follows.

Total receipts for 1910	$ 27516.33
Balance Jan. 1st 1910	1676.02
	$ 29192.35

Total payments for 1910.	$ 27484.33
Balance on hand	1708.02
	$ 29192.35

The following Managers were elected to serve for the ensuing year.

Mrs Charles R. Codwell
Mrs William N. Jenks
Miss Mary M. Paul
Miss Celeste Comegys
Miss Hetty V. Sparhawk
Mrs Randolph
Miss Vernilla W. Pearsall
Mrs Samuel S. Shipley
Miss Elizabeth C. Morris
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Miss Elizabeth Du Barry
Miss Anna H. Faries
Mrs Chas. A. Longstreth
Mrs Patterson Du Bois
Miss Elizabeth D. Williams
Mrs Philip Howard Brice
Mrs Charles E. Noblit
Mrs George Evety Shormaker
Mrs Robert T. Mickle
Mrs John Perot
Miss Mary Vanuxem
Miss Elizabeth D. Paxson
Miss Helen R. Biddle
Miss Elizabeth H. Haines

Adjourned meeting.

At a special meeting of the Board of Managers of the Widow's Asylum held by adjournment of the Annual meeting, Jan. 12th 1911. There were present Mrs Shormaker who presided, Miss Pearsall, Mrs Colwell, Mrs Butcher, Miss Faries, Mrs Stryker, Mrs Du Bois, Mrs Brice, Miss Vanuxem, Mrs Mickle, Miss Vaux, Miss Williams, Miss Paxson, Mrs Noblit, Mrs Perot, Mrs Jenks, Mrs Randolph, Miss Morris, Miss Sparhawk.

The following officers were elected.

First Directress	Miss Henrietta W. Pearsall
Second Directress	Miss Mary M. Vaux
Treasurer	Miss Elizabeth D. Williams
Secretary	Miss Hetty V. Sparhawk
Cor. Secretary	Mrs Charles E. Noblit

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The following Standing Committees were appointed.

Purchasing Committee

Mrs Jenks — Mrs Brice

Supply Committee

Mrs Du Bois — Mrs Shormaker
Miss Du Barry — Miss Vanuxem

Committee for Receiving Applications

Miss Morris — Mrs Longstreth
Miss Cornegys — Mrs Mickle
Mrs Butcher — Mrs Perot
Miss Vaux. — Mrs Butcher. Secretary

Church Committee

Miss Sparhawk — Mrs Perot
Mrs Stryker — Miss Faries
Mrs Noblit — Miss Haines

Committee on Nurses.

Mrs Jenks — Miss Vaux
Mrs Noblit

Finance Committee

Miss Vaux — Miss Morris
Mrs Longstreth — Miss Paxson
Miss Williams

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Library Committee

Mrs Colwell — Miss Vanuxem

Committee on Lehman Fund.

Miss Sparhawk

Committee on Building & Repairs.

Mrs Michler — Mrs Shoemaker

Miss Biddle

Committee on Grounds.

Mrs Colwell — Miss Williams

Committee on Clothing

Mrs Bois — Miss Yarnall

Miss Paxson

Cemetery Committee

Miss Du Barry — Mrs Brock

Committee on Entertainment

Mrs Butcher
Mrs Du Bois
Mrs Yarnall
Mrs Colwell
Miss Paxson
Miss Vanuxem

Nominating Committee

Mrs Shriver — Mrs Randolph

Miss Morris

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Weekly Committees

Hannah M. Jenks
Sarah D. Perot

Henrietta W. Pennell
Elizabeth D. Paxson

Mary M. Davis
Elizabeth C. Morris

Grace M. Shriver
Mary L. Shoemaker

Clara Longstreth
Hetty V. Sparhawk

Sarah P. Brice
Mary Vanuxem

Mary L. P. Butcher
Laura Colwell

Anna H. Jarvis
Agnes M. F. Noblit

Elizabeth Du Barry
Sarah E. P. Michler

Rachel L. J. Randolph
Elizabeth D. Williams

Clara G. Du Bois
Elizabeth D. Williams

Helen W. Longstreth
Helen R. Biddle

Honorary Managers.

Miss Mary Corbin
Mrs Chas. J. Hinchman

Mrs Chas. Herman Thomas
Mrs Chas. Stocker

Mrs Walter J. Morse.

500 copies annual Report.

The Board of Managers directed that 500 copies of the Annual Report be printed.

Request was made by Mrs Bradway that she be allowed to bring some furniture as well as her piano into the Home. The Board permitted the piano but no other furniture.

The meeting closed with the reading of the Constitution & By-Laws.

Adjourned.

Hetty V. Sparhawk
Secretary

1911.

Feb. 2nd

A stated meeting of the Board of Managers of the Widow's Asylum was held on Feb. 2nd, 1911. There were present, Miss Pearsall, Mrs Colwell, Mrs Butcher, Mrs Shoemaker, Mrs Mickle, Mrs Du Bois, Mrs Longstreth, Miss Morris, Miss Paxson, Mrs Noblit, Miss Vaux, Miss Williams, Mrs Perot, Miss Sparhawk.

The minutes of the last meeting and of the Annual Meeting were read and after a slight correction approved.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted and is in substance as follows.

Receipts.

Total receipts from 1/1 to 1/31/11.	$3038.47
Balance 1/1/11	1708.02
	$4746.49

Payments.

Total payments from 1/1 to 1/31	$2265.92
Balance on hand	2480.57
	$4746.49

Taxes paid by Girard Trust Co.

On motion of Miss Vaux seconded by Mrs Noblit it was resolved that the taxes on real estate be paid by Girard Trust Co. in order to take advantage of the discount.

House & table linen bought.

Purchasing Com. reported the purchase of house and table linen, also quilts.

Supply Com. had no report.

Miss McMullen admitted.

Com. on Applications reported that Miss McMullen had entered the Home on Jan. 10th. Miss Ubil had

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died before the time of her proposed entrance into the Home.

Church, Nurse & Finance Com. had no reports.

Gifts of books & magazines.

Library Com. reported several gifts to the library. German magazines from Mrs Du Bois, pictorial papers from Miss Williams, and a copy of "The Rosary", a book greatly desired by the inmates, from Miss Vanuxem.

New radiators for Asylum.

Building & Repair Com. read a letter from Mr Erskine in regard to new radiators to replace the old ones in use at the Asylum, these to carry a slightly greater pressure of steam. Mr William Anderson had offered to obtain material from manufacturers at cost and to purchase the entire amount of radiation at this time so that our Engineer and his assistant can install the radiators as required and complete the work during the summer when the plant is shut down. The cost will not exceed $300.

Estimates of wall-papering.

On motion of Mrs Noblit, seconded by Mrs Du Bois, the offer of Mr William Anderson was accepted with thanks. Estimates for wall-papering were also submitted. S. F. Balderston & Son - 1st floor halls & sitting-rooms. $100.= 2nd floor halls and sitting rooms $110.= 3rd floor halls and sitting-rooms $120.= total for three floors. $300.= Kayser & Allman. papering all floors including scraping of walls, plain felt paper. $263.=. On motion of Miss Vaux, seconded by Mrs Longstreth, it was resolved to have the halls and sitting-rooms of 1st, 2nd & 3rd floors re-papered.

Com. on Grounds & Clothing had no reports.

Death of Miss Dilhorn

Cemetery Com. reported the death of Miss Mary Dilhorn

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on Jan. 1st aged 96 years & six months. She was interred at Mount Moriah in the Lot of a relative.

Entertainment Comm. reported that a musicale had been given. This was a delightful entertainment

Musicale by Miss Butcher & friends.

arranged by Mrs Butcher and her daughter, Miss Butcher and her friends, with music of violin and piano.

It was stated that Mrs Bradway, an applicant who had been investigated by the Committee, was desirous of entering the Home now but the Committee request that they may confer again in regard to her case. The disorder of Mrs Johnsons room was again called to the attention of the Board.

Case of Mrs Bradway.

On motion of Miss Williams seconded by Mrs Butcher, it was resolved to have a Committee appointed to revise the rules, regulations and by-laws of the Society. The First Directress appointed Mrs Perot, Mrs Longstreth & Miss Lamy.

Com. appointed to revise rules & by-laws.

A letter written to Mrs Chas. Norman Thomas, by Mr. J. L. Sterrett was read by the First Directress. It called attention to the fact that there was complaint of the food provided for the inmates at the Asylum which perhaps was unknown to the managers whose administration of the affairs of the Home was otherwise admirable. In reply to this the First Directress read a letter written by her to Mr Sterrett stating that the food furnished was always of excellent quality & quantity, well-cooked and served and in variety according to season, as testified to by the Dietary Report of the United States Government which was enclosed as a record of meals furnished at the Asylum, and which they commended highly.

Letter from Mr J. L. Sterrett as to food supply.

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It was proposed that an increase of five dollars be made in Miss Ralston's salary, and on motion of Mrs Shoemaker seconded by Miss Sparhawk it was agreed that her salary be increased to $40.= a month. On motion duly seconded it was further agreed that a like increase of five dollars be made in Miss Mustead's salary, increasing it to $55.= a month.

Miss Ralston's salary increased.

Miss Mustead salary increased.

It was stated that Dr. Thayer had requested that Mrs Meade be moved down to the second floor on account of her age and infirmities.

In connection with the complaint of Mr J. L. Sterrett as to the food supply at the Asylum it was also stated that two of the managers are on duty each week and are present at one or more of the meals served so that there is constant supervision of this department.

Adjourned

Hetty P. Sparhawk
Secretary.

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Mar. 2nd

A stated meeting of the Board of Managers of the Widow's Asylum was held on May 2nd 1911. There were present, Miss Pearsall, Miss De Barry, Mrs Randolph, Mrs Noblit, Mrs Longstreth, Mrs De Bois, Mrs Michler, Miss Morris, Miss Williams, Miss Biddle, Mrs Perot, Mrs Colwell, Miss Faux, Miss Vanuxem, Mrs Shoemaker, Mrs Butcher.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted and is in substance as follows.

Receipts.

Total receipts from 2/1 to 2/28/11.	$1220.12
Balance from last month	2480.57
	$3700.69

Payments.

Total payments from 2/1 to 2/28.	$2449.74
Balance on hand	1450.95
	$3900.69

Finance, Library, Clothing, Infirmary & Purchasing Com. had no reports.

Campbell Henderson's salary increased.

On motion of Mrs Randolph, seconded by Mrs De Bois, it was ordered that an increase of five dollars per month ($40.) be given Campbell Henderson, assistant Engineer, because of his increased proficiency.

Building & Repair Com. reported papering and plastering progressing.

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Case of Miss Mc Fadden.

Mrs Elmes. Mrs Humphrey. Mrs Thomas. Mrs Mc Knight admitted.

Death of Miss Steward.

Reprimand to Mrs Davie.

Nurse Com. reported in Miss Wells case, note from Mrs Jenks who was absent, read. On motion of Miss Faux seconded by Mrs Noblit the secretary was asked to write a note to the University Hospital thanking them for their tender care of Miss Mc Fadden for which there had been no charge made.

Com. on Applications accepted the following names for admission. Mrs Elmes, Mrs Mary Humphrey, Mrs Louisa C. Thomas, Mrs Bella Mc Knight. Which see A. Cooper.

Com. on Grounds. Mrs Colwell reported that a quantity of bread in slices had been gathered on grounds near windows, of which she had spoken in the dining-room.

Cemetery Com. reported the death of Miss Maria Steward and her interment in Mount Moriah on Mar 2nd.

It was moved by Miss Faux & seconded by Miss Morris that Mrs Davie be notified by Com. by the week that the reprimand given by 1st Directress during her week of duty, because of her failure to keep the "Rules" unbroken, be considered a reprimand.

Letter from Mrs S read - Miss Faux moved and Mrs Noblit seconded that letter be answered by Secretary after consultation with the First Directress.

Adjourned

Mary S. L. Butcher
Sec pro tem -

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April 6th

A stated meeting of the Board of Managers of the Widow's Asylum was held on Apr. 6th. 1911. There were present, Miss Pearsall, Mrs Colwell, Miss Farnis, Mrs Stryker, Miss De Barry, Mrs Brice, Miss Dawson, Mrs Mickle, Mrs De Bois, Mrs Longstreth, Mrs Shoemaker, Miss Williams, Miss Biddle, Mrs Noblit, Mrs Randolph, Mrs Jenks, Miss Dark, Miss Morris, Miss Spackman.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted and is in substance as follows.

Receipts.

Total receipts from 3/1 to 3/31/11	$1179.20
Balance from last month	1450.95
	$2630.15

Payments.

Total payments from 3/1 to 3/31.	$1954.38
Balance on hand.	675.77
	$2630.15

Reports were read from Visiting Com. Matron and Head Nurse.

It was stated that a letter had been received from Mr Graff, a nephew of Mrs Mary Mc Connell recently deceased, & [illegible] appreciation of the kindness and care which she had received during the time she was an inmate of the Home.

Carpets purchased.

Purchasing Com. reported an unusual number of carpets purchased for the bed-rooms, two for the sitting-rooms in the wings and a new carpet for

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Miss Umstead's room and one also for Miss Beitel's.

Electric lights and gas.

Supply Com. referred to the question of using gas instead of electric lights during the Summer as heretofore. On motion of Miss Farnis seconded by Mrs Jenks, it was resolved to dispense with electric lights during the Summer months.

Com. on Applications reported the deaths of Mrs Mary E. McConnell on Mar. 3rd and Mrs H. A. Stech on Mar. 25th. aged 84 years

Case of Mrs Brandt.

The case of Mrs Martha Brandt was then discussed as to whether the fact that she had a cataract upon one eye which might entail subsequent blindness, should be a bar to her entrance. On motion of Miss Spackman seconded by Mrs Brice it was resolved that Mrs Martha Brandt should be admitted.

Miss Mary J. Hall admitted.

Miss Mary J. Hall was also accepted. Mrs Lizzie Bradway desires to bring in her sewing-machine as well as her piano, also to provide a new carpet for her room.

Church Com. had no report.

Allotment of Stock of Lehigh Coal & Navigation Co.

Finance Com. reported that there was to be an allotment of new stock of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Co. our holding to being 159 shares.

A letter from Girard Trust Co. stated that we were entitled to subscribe to 15 9/10 new shares or to sell warrants. On motion of Miss Dark seconded by Mrs Randolph the following resolution was adopted.

Resolved. That the Girard Trust Co. be directed to subscribe to the 15 9/10 shares of the Lehigh Coal & Navigation Co. allotted to the

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April 6th. Institution, also to buy the 1/10 share to bring up the number of shares to 16 shares.

Nurse Comm. had no report.

Gift of books. Library Comm. reported the gift of six or seven books.

Building & Repair Comm. reported that the floor in Miss Bedell's room required re-laying. Mrs Mickle chairman also submitted two bills - Kayser & Allman for paper-hanging - $306.20 and Wm H. Anderson for radiation - $294.21.

Kayser & Allman $306.20
Wm H. Anderson $294.21.

Comm. on Grounds reported through Mrs Colwell, that they had visited the parochial school to enter complaint against the wanton destruction from shrubs by the boys.

Comm. on Clothing had no report.

Deaths of Mrs McConnell and Mrs Steen. Cemetery Comm. reported the deaths of Mrs Mary McConnell and Mrs M. A. Steen.

Lecture on "Mexico." Entertainment Comm. reported a beautifully illustrated descriptive lecture on "Mexico" by Mr Engle who had personally visited that country, the photographs being made by himself.

The Lady Directress informed the Board that a second letter had been received from Mr J. E. Sterrett relative to the food supply at the Asylum. As an interchange of letters had failed to settle the question satisfactorily it was thought best to consult our Counsel, Mr Walter Evans Shipley who advised that a courteous reply be sent to Mr J. E. Sterrett acknowledging his letter which would be laid before the Board.

Decision as to letters of Mr. J.E. Sterrett.

Adjourned

Hetty F. Spackman
Secretary

1911.

May 4th. A stated meeting of the Board of Managers of the Midvale Asylum was held on May 4th 1911. There were present: Miss Pearsall, Mrs Colwell, Mrs Butcher, Miss Payne, Mrs Longstreth, Miss Du Barry, Miss Bannigan, Miss Morris, Mrs Mickle, Mrs Du Bois, Mrs Shoemaker, Miss Williams, Miss Barry, Mrs Perot, Mrs Randolph, Miss Spackman.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted and is in substance as follows.

Receipts

Total receipts from 4/1 to 4/30/11	$3865.89
Balance from last month	675.77
	$4541.66

Payments.

Total payments from 4/1 to 4/30.	$2832.36
Balance on hand	1709.30
	$4541.66

Reports were read from Visiting Com. Matron & Head Nurse.

Purchasing Comm. had no report.

Boiler inspected. Supply Comm. reported through Miss Du Barry that the boiler had been inspected and cleaned, also that gas would be used in place of electric lights during the summer.

Mr. Samuel G. Scott. Church Comm. reported that Mr Samuel G. Scott would be absent for five months and that his place must be filled on the first Tuesday

May 4th evening of each month.

House Comm. had no report.

Finance Comm. reported in regard to the Pennsylvania Rail Road Co. allotment of new stock. At the present time we hold 275 shares and on motion of Mrs Michler, seconded by Mrs Shoemaker, the following resolution was adopted.

Pa. Rail Road allotment of stock.

Resolved That the proper officers are directed to affix the corporate seal to and thereby duly execute and deliver a power of attorney to the Girard Trust Co. to sell the rights to subscribe to the new stock of the Pennsylvania Rail Road Co. authorized by its Board of Directors on April 12th /11.

Sale of allotments.

Library Comm. reported the gift of German magazines from Mrs Du Bois.

German magazines

Building & Repair Comm. reported that the walls and ceiling of the toilet-room on the first floor required plastering and painting. Estimate of Mr Sears for two coats of paint $14. On motion of Miss Barry seconded by Mrs Randolph it was resolved to have the work done. It was found necessary to re-varnish the window-shutters - estimate $1.50 a window.

Estimate for painting

On motion of Mrs Randolph seconded by Miss Du Barry, it was decided to secure other estimates for this work and submit the same at the next meeting. Robert Millar requested that three rooms in his house should be

3 rooms re-papered of Engineers house.

May 4th re-papered - On motion of Miss Barry seconded by Miss Morris, the Comm. was authorized to have three rooms re-papered as he had asked.

Comm. on Grounds reported that owing to the malicious mischief of the boys who invade our grounds, a police-man in citizens dress was detailed to watch out for them at certain hours.

Policeman detailed to watch.

Comm. on Clothing had no report.

Cemetery Comm. reported the death of Mrs Maria L. Hurtt on April 3rd, aged 91 years, and her interment in Bridgeton, N. J. funeral services having been held at the Asylum on the day previous.

Death of Mrs Hurtt.

Entertainment Comm. reported that Mr Robert Engle had given a delightful lecture on "Mexico" illustrated by his own stereoptican pictures. In view of his kindness in having given so much pleasure to our inmates both on this and another occasion it was on motion of Miss Barry duly seconded, agreed that the Secretary should send him a note of thanks. An Entertainment was also given by the Acorn Leiders.

Lecture on "Mexico" by Mr. Robt Engle.

It was stated by the Comm. on Applications that Mrs Martha Brandt had entered on Apr. 10th, Miss Mary Elmes on April 18th and Mrs Mary Humphrey on April 20th. Mrs Bradway decided not to enter and in view of the fact of her discontented and carping spirit and unwillingness to comply with the regulations of the Home, it was resolved that her name should never again be considered by the Board. On the with-drawal of her name

Mrs Brandt Miss Elmes Mrs Humphrey entered.

Decline to consider Mrs Bradway.

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her entrance fee of $200. was returned to her.

Applicants for admission to the Home were Miss Susanna McAllister, Miss Louisa Ruhe, Miss Sarah Hughes, Miss Rebecca Shinn, Miss Martha Street, & Miss Sarah E. Hitch.

Applicants
Miss McAllister
Miss Ruhe
Miss Hughes
Miss Shinn
Miss Street
Miss Hitch.

It was the wish of the Board that an expression of sympathy be extended to Mrs Noblit in her recent bereavement in the death of her brother.

A letter from the "Public Ledger" requested that we insert in their paper a statement in regard to our Institution 10 lines in length on 10 consecutive Saturdays, they pledging themselves to make a special plea as to the needs of the Home, at a later date. On motion of Miss Barry, seconded by Miss Morris, this was agreed to.

Letter from "Public Ledger."

A letter was read from George West Maffet of Lawrence Kansas, inquiring as to a former inmate of our Institution, Miss Gertrude Jane Maffett, born 1810.

G.W. Maffett. Kansas.

A request was made that William Nagle's wages be increased to $35. a month. On motion of Mrs Randolph seconded by Miss Spackman, this was granted

Mrs Nagle's wages increased to $35.

Adjourned

Wesley P. Spackman
Secretary

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June 1st

A stated meeting of the Board of Managers of the Widows Asylum was held on June 1st 1911. There were present, Miss Barry, Mrs Colonel, Miss Biddle, Miss Davis, Mrs Noblit, Mrs Randolph, Mrs Jenks, Mrs Stephen, Mrs Pepper, Mrs Michael, Mrs Shoemaker, Miss Morris, Miss Williams, Mrs Longstreth, Mrs Butcher.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Treasurers report was read and accepted and is in substance as follows.

Receipts

Total receipts from 5/1 to 5/31/11	$1909.50
Balance from last month	1709.30
	$3618.80

Payments

Total payments from 5/1 to 5/31	1985.17
Balance on hand	1633.63
	$3618.80

Reports were read from Visiting Com. Matron and Head Nurse.

Purchasing & Supply Com. had no reports

Com on Applications reported in favor of accepting the following names. Miss Sarah E. Hughes, Miss Rebecca Shinn, Miss Martha Street, Miss Louisa J. Ruhe, Miss Susanna McAllister, Miss Sarah E. Hitch.

Miss Hughes
" Shinn
" Street
" Ruhe
" McAllister
" Hitch
accepted.

Church Com. had no report

Finance Com. reported upon Stock of Lehigh Coal & Navigation Co. and the following resolution was

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adopted. Resolved

Lehigh Coal & Navigation Co. Stock.

That the Girard Trust Co. be directed to deposit the 16 shares of stock of the Lehigh Coal & Navigation Co. now standing in the name of this Society, under terms of the agreement of the voting Trustees, dated Mar. 1st 1910 and the proper officers of the Indigent Widows' & Single Women's Society are here-by authorized to sign the necessary power of attorney for that purpose and affix the Corporate Seal.

Letter was read from Lardner Howell of Girard Trust Co. concerning payment of mortgage on Lincoln Drive which owner of house wishes to pay off. The following resolution was adopted

Mortgage on property Lincoln Drive.

Resolved.

That the Chairman of Finance Committee be empowered to make the best arrangement possible for the payment of the mortgage on Lincoln Drive which the owner of the house wishes to pay off.

Gift of Mr Morris.

Library Com. reported stereopticon presented by Mr Morris.

Robert Millar's house. re-papering.

Building & Repair Com. reported the painting satisfactorily done and three rooms of Robert Millar's house scraped and papered at cost of $28.00.

Com. on Grounds reported no further trespassing on grounds.

Dispute of Miss Geiger & Miss Ogden.

Clothing & Cemetery Com. had no reports.

Matter of discord between Miss Geiger and

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Miss Ogden discussed - Miss Geiger moved to fired floor.

Trolley table.

Repair Committee given permission to purchase a table on trolley for the purpose of carrying food from dumb-waiter to end of dining-room on first floor.

Vacuum cleaner.

Moved by Mrs Shoemaker and seconded by Mrs Fenks that authority be given second Directors to arrange for new attachment of vacuum cleaner.

Three entertainments.

Entertainment Com. reported songs by Mr Patterson also an evening with a magician through the kindness of Miss Paxson. and on Decoration Day a much appreciated treat of ice-cream from Miss Vanuxem.

Adjourned

Mary S.R. Butcher

Sec. pro tem.

June 7th

A stated meeting of the Board of Managers of the Widow's Asylum was held on Sept. 7th 1911. There were present. Miss Davis who presided. Mrs Colwell, Miss Biddle, Mrs Lanstreth, Mrs Pepper, Mrs Randolph, Miss Shinkenk.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report was read and accepted and is in substance as follows.

Receipts

Total receipts from 6/1 to 6/30/11	$1799.73
Balance from last month.	1633.63
	$3433.36

Payments.

Total payments from 6/1 to 6/30	$1912.29
Balance on hand	1521.07
	$3433.36

Receipts

Total receipts from 7/1 to 7/31/11	$2957.59
Balance from last month	1521.07
	$4478.66

Payments.

Total payments from 7/1 to 7/31.	$1878.98
Balance on hand	2599.68
	$4478.66

Receipts.

Total receipts from 8/1 to 8/31/11	$1597.49
Balance from last month	2599.68
	$4197.17

Payments.

Total payments from 8/1 to 8/31	$1631.10
Balance on hand.	2566.07
	$4197.17

Reports were read from Visiting Com. received and filed. Nurse.

There was also read a beautiful tribute, prepared by Mrs Colwell, to the memory of Miss Mary Mc Clain who died last August at the age of 103 years less seven days, having been an inmate of the Home for 39 years. A quiet, gentle influence for good was this useful life, one whom all loved and who will be greatly missed. Her funeral services were held at the Asylum and conducted by her pastor who spoke of her beautiful faith and life. Her interment was in the Home lot at Mount Moriah.

Memorial to Miss Mary Mc Clain.

On motion seconded it was agreed to include the memorial of Miss Mc Clain, written by Mrs Colwell, in our Annual Report.

Woolley Table.

Purchasing Com. reported that a trolley Table for conveying dishes & food from pantry to dining-room was the gift of Mrs Wm H. Jenks.

Supply Com. had no report.

Miss Sarah E. Hitch admitted.

Com. on Applications reported the entrance of Miss Sarah E. Hitch on Sept. 5th.

Clothing of Mrs Flynn.

House Com. reported that a quantity of clothing had been discovered among Mrs Flynn's belongings and in their judgment, it seemed best to put these articles into use for others since she did not require them. The Board agreed to this.

Church & Finance Com. had no reports.

Donation.

Library Com. reported a donation of new books

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Sept. 7th — from Miss Vanuxson

Lehman Fund. — Com. on Lehman Fund reported that the usual distribution of $113. to the inmates had been made in July.

New radiators. — Building & Repair Com. reported that new radiators had been put in during the summer - twenty eight in all, the work being done by our own men there-by saving $200. which the employment of outside labor would have entailed. These radiators give a greater pressure of steam.

A combination gas and electric light fixture had also been placed in the small reception room.

New gates in Infirmary — The question of additional gates at doors in the Infirmary was discussed. On motion of Mrs Randolph seconded by Mrs Longstreth it was resolved to place three new gates in Infirmary the matter to be left in the hands of Repair Com.

Spraying of trees. — Com. on Grounds reported that the early spraying of the trees had prevented caterpillars. The ground under Cedar of Lebanon had been re-sodded at a cost of $9. and grass-seed had been sown under the copper beech.

Deaths of Mrs Meade. Miss Flones Miss Mary McClain — Cemetery Com. reported the deaths of Mrs Annie P. Meade on June 4th aged 81 years and her interment at Greenwood, Miss Mary Flones on Aug. 14th aged 91 years and her interment at Mount Moriah and Miss Mary McClain on Aug. 17th aged 102 years - 11 months and 21 days, and her interment at Mount Moriah.

4th of July. — Entertainment Com. reported a most enjoyable celebration of July 4th arranged by Mrs Colwell.

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Sept. 7th — It was stated that Robert Millar had received the offer of a position at the Union League at $100. a month, an eight hour day and meals included, with the further inducement of five dollars a month additional at a later date.

Robert Millar's salary increased. — In view of this after discussion it was on motion of Mrs Colwell seconded by Miss Sparhawk, resolved that we increase Roberts' wages five dollars a month.

Adjourned

Hetty V. Sparhawk
Secretary.

— Memorial —

of

Miss Mary McClain —

Mary McClain was born August 26th, 1808, at Whitemarsh
her Father's farm, near Norristown —

She was the daughter of David McClain and Elizabeth
Spence - who had three Sons and three daughters - Mary
being the eldest, the entire family having passed away
in Youth, except one brother who lived to middle age -

Mary was but fourteen years of age when she was left
alone in the world, and from that time she was brought
up in the family of a Minister, a friend of her Mothers,
the Rev. Frederick William Geissenhainer, whose church
was at Pikeland, Pa, Vincent Township - who in after
years removed to Philadelphia —

Through his influence her naturally pious nature was fully
developed, and she became a Member of the Lutheran
Church at the early age of sixteen - after loosing her
Father and Mother - Quoting from her own words,
she said - "When their sorrow and trouble came, I felt
I must go to church and pray, and the hymn that came
to me was Luther's old hymn, "A Mighty Fortress is
Our God" - As years passed on I looked on the
bright side and forgot my sorrow" - Following the
death of the minister and his wife, she was admitted
to the Indigent Widows' and Single Women's Asylum
in the year 1873, and there we have known her almost
forty years —

She was a model of Christian charity
and always evinced a loving appreciation of any kindness
rendered her - No harsh or unkind word ever escaped
her lips - She had a kind, helpful word for everyone with
whom she came in contact - She was always cheerful, grateful
for her many comforts, uncomplaining, and constantly
thoughtful lest she should give trouble —

When asked how she accounted for her long life, she
replied gently - "I have never had any severe illness, nor have
I had any great trials, and have always kept busily employed" -

Perhaps she suffered as much or more than any of us,
but in the spirit of the Word these afflictions were light
in comparison with the "far more exceeding weight of glory" -

She was modest, retiring, almost reticent in the most
humble manner she would speak of the goodness of God and
the glories of the future -

On her one hundred and first birthday she wrote a note
to the managers in which she said: "I always went to church
with my Mother and there I learned the lessons that guided
me in my future life" - Looking into the long ago
through Her face, which already reflected the pale
dawn of another morning, was yielded a blessed privilege —

Her mission was fulfilled, and on Thursday,
August 17th, 1911, at 3 a.m. she fell quietly asleep in
Jesus, without pain without suffering, and one
cannot but recall the passage, "He giveth His beloved
sleep" —

If she had lived but a few days longer she would
have completed her one hundred and third year -
Her death has created a wide gap in this large family;
she is mourned by all those who knew her -

The funeral services were conducted by her pastor,
the Rev. William N. Minnick, whose highest tribute to her

memory was: "This sainted one who has lived her long life so perfectly, so consistently, has been a living example of the life of our Saviour, his example to us all"—

The precious old hymn, "Rock of Ages," was sung, a hymn to which she clung— The weary body was laid to rest in Mount Moriah Cemetery, and as the casket was sinking slowly out of sight, the last glimpse was of the beautiful purple asters and lilies of the valley, a tribute of affection from the whole family—

We heard a voice saying, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord"—

Laura Williams Colwell

August 20th 1911—

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Oct. 5th

A stated meeting of the Board of Managers of the Widow's Asylum was held on Oct. 5th. 1911 There were present, Miss Pearsall, Mrs Colwell Mrs Taylor, Miss De Barry, Mrs Shoemaker Mrs Mickle, Miss Bidder, Mrs De Bois, Mrs Noblit Mrs Butcher, Miss Morris, Miss Haines, Miss Williams, Mrs Jenks, Miss Baux, Mrs Randolph, Miss Spackman.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Treasurers report was read and accepted and is in substance as follows.

Receipts.

Total receipts from 9/1 to 9/30/11.	$ 939.41
Balance from cash in hand	2566.07
	$ 3505.48

Payments.

Total Payments from 9/1 to 9/30.	$ 1793.83
Balance on hand	1711.65
	$ 3505.48

Reports were read from Visiting Committee and Head Nurse.

Raising of admission fee.

The question of raising the admission fee was discussed. On motion of Mrs Butcher, seconded by Mrs Shoemaker, it was resolved that the admission fee be increased to $500. for those between fifty five and seventy and $300. for all over seventy.

The request of the "Public Ledger" that we insert in their paper a notice in regard to our institution whose claims they would urge at greater length in a subsequent article, was again brought up. It was agreed that the Secretary should prepare and send this notice.

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Real estate un-rented.

It was stated that a number of properties owned by us still remain un-rented notably 3628 Market St. and the costs for taxes and repairs are considerable. On motion of Mrs Randolph seconded by Mrs Noblit, it was directed that Miss Williams and Miss Barr confer with Mr Miglat in regard to our real estate.

Bonds of Penna. Co.

A letter was read from Girard Trust Co. having reference to the collection of the $1000. Pennsylvania 3½% Gold Loan belonging to our Society called for redemption Nov. 1st. On motion of Mrs Jenks seconded by Mrs Du Bois, the following resolution was adopted.

Resolved That we agree to the proposition of Girard Trust Co. to purchase bonds of Pennsylvania Co. to replace those called for redemption

Purchasing Comm. reported few purchases.

Supply Comm. had no report.

New applicants
Miss Rees
Mrs Thomas
Miss Hicks
Mrs McIntyre
Mrs Taylor
Miss A. James
Miss E. James
Miss McKibben

Comm. on Applications reported that Miss Frances Cooper had entered a home up the State and Mrs Bella McDaniel had withdrawn her application. The names of new applicants were as follows - Miss Mary A. Rees, Mrs Susan Thomas, Miss Marion Hicks, Mrs Catharine McIntyre Mrs Eliza Taylor, Miss Anna A. James, Miss Ella E. James, Miss Rebecca C. McKibben.

The case of Miss Mary A. Rees was a peculiarly urgent one and the circumstances proved her great need of a shelter. On motion of Miss Sparhawk duly seconded, it was agreed that the name of Miss Mary A. Rees if accepted, be

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placed first on the waiting list.

Christian Endeavor U.P. Church.

Church Comm. reported that the Christian Endeavor Society of the United Presbyterian Church had kindly offered to conduct a service for us regularly on the third Tuesday evening of alternate months this being unsupplied at present. This offer was accepted by the Board.

To increase salary of Miss Beitel

House Comm. reported that Miss Beitel had been offered a position at a salary of $100. a month. In view of the fact that her skilled and tender care of the sick in our midst have rendered her indispensable to us the Board greatly desires to retain her in our service. On motion of Mrs Shoemaker seconded by Mrs Clayton, it was resolved that a committee be appointed to confer with Miss Beitel, with power to act. The Chair directress then named the following Committee, Miss Barr, Mrs Noblit, Mrs Clayton.

Library Comm. had no report.

Report of Mr Erskine.

Building & Repair Comm. reported a letter from Mr Erskine stating that a new kitchen boiler costing $47.50 had been put in and the water-back so arranged that in future repairing only one pipe need be drawn. Minor repairs in plumbing were made. It was suggested that the flagging in the pavement should be re-set to avoid accidents to passers-by. Also engines and dynamos should be re-painted.

Robert Millar and his assistant had during the summer, done good work in replacing radiators - 28 new radiators were re-set these

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Oct. 5th. being very heavy to lift weighing 250 lbs. each. There are six more radiators to be re-set. Miss Du Barry reported that the mangles in laundry had proved unsatisfactory.

Roots of trees in pipes. Com. on Grounds reported that the roots of trees in the rear of Asylum had filled the pipes and the cost of detaching was $32.25

Com. on Clothing had no report.

Cemetery Com. reported three deaths during the summer. Mrs Meade, Miss Lemes, Miss McClain

Re-sodding graves. It was also stated that 30 graves at Mount Moriah Home lot needed re-sodding, cost $45. Miss Du Barry was granted power to act in the matter.

Mrs Johnson flower-pots. On motion of Miss Vaux, seconded by Mrs Shoemaker, it was agreed that Mrs Johnson be limited to twelve flower-pots as complaint had been made of the great number with which she encumbered the windows.

Adjourned

Hetty V. Sparhawk
Secretary

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Nov. 2nd. A stated meeting of the Board of Managers of the Widow's Asylum was held on Nov. 2nd 1911. These were present Miss Pearsall, Mrs Colwell, Miss Faries, Mrs Brier, Mrs Shoemaker, Mrs Longstreth, Miss Vanuxsen, Mrs Du Bois, Mrs Stryker, Mrs Butcher, Miss Morris, Mrs Pirot, Miss Williams, Mrs Jenks, Miss Vaux, Miss Sparhawk.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted and is in substance as follows.

Receipts

Total receipts from 10/1 to 10/31/11	$3446.73
Balance from last month	1711.65
	$5158.38

Payments

Total payments from 10/1 to 10/31	$1868.93
Balance on hand	3289.45
	$5158.38

Reports were read from Visiting Com. Matron & Head Nurse.

Purchasing Com. reported very few articles bought.

Supply Com. had no report.

It was suggested by Miss Vaux that Heckers Cream Farina might be purchased in sacks of 100 lbs. at a cost of $3.85 only this being three times less expensive than purchasing in smaller quantities.

Miss Krewson entered. Com. on Applications reported that Miss Mary H. Krewson entered the Home on Oct. 23rd. The

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following women were deferred until the December meeting, Miss Mary Rees, Miss Maria Hicks, Mrs Susan Thomas & Mrs Eliza Taylor the latter being recommended to apply to the Methodist Home. The following women were accepted. Mrs Rebecca C. McKibben, Miss Ella F. James, Miss Annie A. James, Mrs Catherine C. McIntyre. It was agreed to return to Miss Mary Stevenson $70. which she had left aside for a stone to be placed on her grave, and which through a misunderstanding had been included in the money transferred by her to our Institution at the time of her Entrance

Mrs McKibben
Miss Ella F. James.
Miss Annie A. James
Mrs McIntyre accepted.

Owing to the fact that the attendance of the inmates at chapel services has become less and less in numbers in spite of repeated reproofs from the managers from time to time, it was on motion of Miss Sparhawk seconded by Mrs Colwell resolved that a rule be made compelling attendance at the regular religious services held in the chapel unless illness or just cause for absence can be given.

Compulsory attendance at chapel.

Church Com. reported a letter from Miss McGoffin stating that the Christian Endeavor of the United Presbyterian Church would take charge of the third Tuesday evening service at the Home for alternate Months.

U.P. Christian Endeavor

It was agreed that a further notice of the needs of our Institution should be inserted in the "Public Ledger" as requested by them and the Secretary was directed to prepare and send a statement.

Nurse Com. reported through Miss Davis

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that Miss Beitel had been interviewed on the subject of her possible resignation from the Nurse's in view of a very desirable position which had been offered her. As the feeling is very strong in the Board that she has become indispensable to us it was on motion of Miss Sparhawk seconded by Mrs Butcher, resolved to increase her Salary to $100. a month in the hope that she would remain with us.

Salary of Miss Beitel increased.

Finance Com. reported that Girard Trust Co. had offered a mortgage of $10.000 as an investment for us. On motion of Miss Davis seconded by Mrs Jenks, the following resolution was adopted

Mortgage on property 151 West Coulter St.

Resolved

That the Girard Trust Co. be directed to invest $10.000 in a mortgage on property 151 West Coulter St. Germantown.

Com. on Clothing, Building & Repairs, Grounds and Clothing had no reports.

Re-sodding graves.

Cemetery Com. reported that the order had been given for re-sodding graves in Home Lot at Mount Moriah.

Entertainment Com. had no report.

Resignation of Miss Du Barry.

The resignation of Miss Elizabeth Du Barry was read. On motion of Mrs Thompson seconded by Mrs Colwell, this was accepted with great regret.

Letter from Mrs Strickman.

A letter was read from Mrs Charles F. Strickman asking that the trunks of the two dead cedar trees on the front lawn of the Asylum, be removed. The question was deferred

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until the next meeting.

Letter from Mr. J. E. Sterrett.

A letter was read from Mr. J. E. Sterrett requesting further information in regard to food supply at the Home. On motion of Miss Williams seconded by Mrs Stryker, it was agreed to ignore his letter.

Case of Mrs Arrison.

It was stated that Mrs Arrison had gone to a physician outside the Home. On motion of Mrs Butcher seconded by Miss Vaux, it was directed that she be informed that she is breaking the rules in going to another physician than our own, & should she transgress again she may be in danger of losing her home.

Real estate to be offered at public sale.

It was decreed that the Finance Com. confer with Mr Wright in regard to our real estate. Some of which is undesirable & remains un-rented. Two of these houses are 1129-1133 Melon St. On motion of Mrs Butcher seconded by Mrs Stryker, it was proposed to offer these houses at public sale for the limit of $1400. each.

3628 Market St.

It was further moved by Miss Vaux and seconded by Mrs Butcher, that a survey be made of 3628 Market St. & it be offered for public sale in accordance with Mr Wright's recommendation. $5,500 was the proposed price.

Revision of Rules.

The Committee appointed to revise rules and regulations governing the Asylum submitted their report. It was resolved that these be compared with former rules and the vote as to their adoption be taken at the next meeting

Adjourned

Hetty V. Sparhawk
Secretary

1911.

Dec. 7th

A stated meeting of the Board of Managers of the Widow's Asylum was held on Dec. 7th 1911. There were present, Miss Pearsall, Mrs Colwell, Mrs Butcher, Miss Faries, Mrs Shoemaker, Mrs Mickle, Miss Vanuxem, Miss Biddle, Mrs Stryker, Mrs Du Bois, Miss Haines, Mrs Perot, Mrs Brice, Miss Williams, Miss Morris, Mrs Noblit, Miss Vaux, Mrs Randolph, Miss Sparhawk.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted and is in substance as follows.

Receipts

Total receipts from 11/1 to 11/30/11	$2064.61
Balance from last month	3289.45
	$5354.06

Payments

Total payments from 11/1 to 11/30.	$1977.42
Balance on hand	$3376.64
	$5354.06

Reports were read from Visiting Com. Matron and Head Nurse.

Balance of admission fees.

On motion of Miss Vaux, seconded by Mrs Randolph, it was agreed that the balance of the admission fees for this year be transferred to principal as usual.

Miss Hoopes

A request was made by the authorities of the Old Man's Home that we should give up Miss Hoopes on Tuesday mornings as they desire her services on that day. On motion of Mrs Randolph seconded by Mrs Perot it was agreed that the Board is willing to grant Miss McFadden's request that we give up Miss Hoopes on Tuesday

Dec. 7th morning to sit again on Wednesday morning.

Purchasing Comm. reported the usual supply of dry goods.

Two car-loads of coal.

Supply Comm. reported through Miss Dennison that two car-loads of coal had been delivered.

Comm. on Applications reported two deaths, Mrs Caroline Rankin and Miss Rose McFadden. Mrs Adelaide Meade has passed the doctor's examination but does not wish to enter the Home until Dec. 18th. The application of Mrs Susan Thomas was declined and that of Mrs Eliza Taylor & Miss Mary Rees was deferred.

Miss Maria Hicks accepted.

Miss Hicks was accepted.

Miss Mary H. Newson.

The $70. which Miss Mary H. Newson had collected for a stone to be placed on her grave and which through a mis-understanding had been included in the money transferred by her to our Institution, was returned to her & a receipt therefor signed by her.

Church Comm. stated that Mr Samuel G. Scott who for many years had conducted religious services at the Home, had met with a great bereavement in the loss of his wife, it was therefore agreed that the Secretary should send a letter expressing the sympathy of the Board.

Attendance at chapel services.

It was directed that the new rule enforcing attendance of inmates at the chapel services unless prevented by illness or just cause, should be read to them in the dining-room by Miss Dunn.

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Salary of Miss Beitel.

House Comm. reported that Miss Beitel was greatly touched and gratified at the confidence of the Board in her signified by the advance in her salary and her desire to be worthy of this.

To connect oculists & dentists.

On motion of Mrs Brice seconded by Miss Williams, it was resolved that the in-mates be allowed to consult their own oculists and dentists by special permission if it involves no expense to the Home.

1129-1133 Melon St.

Finance Comm. reported a letter from Girard Trust Co. in regard to disposition of properties 1129-1133 Melon St. an offer being made of $2700 net cash for both properties & advise sale as if offered at public sale would bring less owing to auctioneer's commission and advertising. On motion of Mrs Mickle seconded by Mrs Noblit, the following resolution was adopted.

Resolved That the proper officers are directed to affix the Corporate Seal to and otherwise duly execute and deliver a deed to David Cohen or his nominee, for the transfer of the properties 1129-1133 Melon St. also to affix the Corporate Seal to a copy of this minute for use in connection with the same. The price to be $2700.

Periodicals renewed.

Library Comm. requested $16. for renewal of periodicals. On motion of Miss Dunn seconded by Mrs Du Bois this was granted.

Building & Repair Comm. had no report

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Com. on Grounds reported grounds covered for the winter.

Clothing Com. had no report.

Deaths of Mrs Rankin Miss Rose McFadden.

Cemetery Com. reported the deaths of Mrs Caroline Rankin on Nov. 28th aged 82 years and her interment in Mount Moriah and Miss Rose McFadden also on Nov. 28th and her interment at Cheltenham.

Entertainment Com. reported that the Labor Church Sunshine Circle had given an entertainment.

Nominating Com. had no report.

Dead tree trunks

In regard to the question of the dead tree trunks on lawn of Asylum, which Mrs Hinchman desired to have removed, it was on motion of Miss Faries, seconded by Mrs Du Bois agreed to plant vines to cover the trunks, and we regret our inability because of this to comply with Mrs Hinchman's request for their removal.

Resignation of Mrs Wm H. Jenks.

The resignation of Mrs Jenks was received with deepest regret. Her many years of service and wise counsel have made her invaluable to us and on motion of Miss Vaux seconded by Mrs Shumaker it was resolved that her resignation be not accepted, that she be relieved of all work and only asked to attend the meetings. The Secretary was directed to notify her.

Letter to Dr. Peck.

A letter to Dr. Elizabeth Peck was read thanking the Women's West Phila. Hospital through her for their kindness and care of Mrs Newberry whom they had treated for us without charge.

The question of Mrs Anison was discussed, she preferring to give up the Home rather than her own

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doctor under whose care she had been for some time. On motion of Mrs Brice seconded by Mrs Colwell, this matter was left in Mrs Butcher's hands to report at the January meeting.

Case of Mrs Anison.

The Treasurer & Secretary were directed to prepare their Annual Reports.

Rev. John Archibald MacCallum.

It was suggested that the Rev. John Archibald MacCallum of the Walnut St. Pres. Church be asked to preside at our Annual Meeting on Jan. 11th 1912. As an alternate, the Rev. Alford Boggs was suggested.

Com. on Revision of Rules and Regulations.

The Report of the Com. on Revision of the Rules and Regulations governing the Asylum was given. On motion of Mrs Randolph seconded by Miss Williams, the rules were accepted by the Board.

Rule XIII giving authority to the managers to discharge any inmate at any time and to deduct from her entrance fee the amount of her board at a certain rate was amended to read that the question of return of entrance fee in whole or in part would be left to the decision of those in authority.

All inmates to be under care of Home physician.

On motion of Miss Williams seconded by Miss Sparhawk it was resolved that all inmates must be under the care of our own physician no other to be allowed. On motion of Mrs Chas. Noblit, seconded by Mrs Randolph it was agreed to adopt these rules as amended today. Miss Faries moved & Miss Morris seconded the proposition that the Treas. be authorized to pay for type-writing the rules.

Show-case to be sold.

It was suggested that the show-case be sold. On motion of Miss Faries seconded by Mrs Mickle, it was agreed that Mrs Colwell should dispose of the show-case at her own discretion.

Adjourned

Hetty V. Sparhawk
Secretary

Jan. 4th 1912

A stated meeting of the Board of Managers of the Widows Asylum was held on Jan. 4th 1912. There were present, Miss Pearsall, Mrs Colwell, Mrs Butcher, Mrs Shoemaker, Mrs Stryker, Miss Dannerson, Mrs Mickle, Miss Biddle, Mrs DuBois, Miss Morris, Miss Williams, Mrs Nobel, Miss Haines, Miss Bank, Mrs Randolph, Miss Spackman.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and after a slight correction approved.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted and is as follows.

Receipts.

Total receipts from 12/1 to 12/31/11	$2494.45
Balance from last month	3376.64
	$5871.09

Payments

Total payments from 12/1 to 12/31	$5166.53
Balance on hand	704.56
	$5871.09

Receipts

Total receipts for year 1911	$26513.19
Balance Jan. 1st 1911	1708.02
	$28221.21

Payments

Total payments for year 1911	$27516.65
Balance on hand	704.56
	$28221.21

Gift of 125 lbs. of candy.

Reports were read from Visiting Committees, Matron & Head Nurse.

It was stated that 125 lbs. of candy had

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been sent to the Asylum at New Years, the gift of Mrs Fox & Co. for the enjoyment of the old people.

Letter from Wilson Tyler.

A letter was read from Mrs Wilson Tyler thanking the Board of Managers for thoughtful care of Miss Elizabeth Pearson whose death occurred recently.

Purchasing & Supply Com. had no reports.

Miss Dannerson stated that another car-load of coal had been ordered on Dec. 28th.

Mrs Meade. Her Misses James admitted.

Committee on Applications reported that Mrs Adelaide Meade entered the Home on Dec. 20th and the two James sisters, Annie Augusta & Ellen F. on Dec. 13th.

Church Committee reported that the Rev John Archibald MacCallum had consented to preside at our Annual meeting on Jan. 11th.

Rev. J. A. MacCallum to preside at Annual meeting.

Music & Finance Com. had no reports.

Library Com. reported twenty hymn-books re-bound at a cost of $2.40.

Hot water pipe.

Building & Repair Com. reported a defective hot water pipe in basement, cost of repair $37.50.

Repairs to roof.

Mr Richard Perkins advises the repairing of the roof of the Asylum and also that of the Engineer's house. On motion of Miss Bank seconded by Mrs Randolph, it was resolved that these repairs should be made at once.

Com. on Clothing & Grounds had no reports.

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Death of Miss Elizabeth L. Pearson.

Cemetery Com. reported the death of Miss Elizabeth L. Pearson, on Dec. 10th aged 83 years and her interment at Mount Moriah.

Entertainment Com. reported a reading by Mrs Woodward.

Miss Eleanor L. Dana elected Manager.

Nominating Com. presented the name of Miss Eleanor L. Dana as a manager and on motion of Miss Dana seconded by Mrs Mickels she was unanimously elected.

Com. on Rules and Regulations.

On motion of Miss Dana seconded by Mrs Noblit it was directed that the Chairman of Committee on Rules and Regulations be given authority to have printed 250 copies of the Rules and Regulations 1000 copies of the leaflets and 1000 copies additional of the Rules and 250 copies of the cards of Rules to be placed upon doors of inmates.

Resignation of Mrs Jenks.

Statement was made that a letter from Mrs Jenks confirmed her resignation as final though she appreciated very much the desire of the Board that she should remain a manager even if active work were impossible. On motion of Miss Harris seconded by Mrs Colwell it was resolved that her resignation be accepted with great regret. On motion of Miss Dana duly seconded it was then resolved by the Board that she be made an Honorary Manager.

Mrs Jenks elected Honorary Manager.

Case of Mrs Arrison.

The case of Mrs Arrison was brought up. In an interview with Mrs Butcher, a niece of Mrs Arrison agreed to enforce good behaviour and to see that she conformed to the rules in regard to the employment of the House physician only.

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Sale of Show-case.

Mrs Colwell stated that she had been offered $7.00 by Mr Hughes for the show-case another person having only offered $2.00. The offer of Mr Hughes was approved by the Board.

Resolution requesting Mr. J. E. Sterrett to confer with Board.

Reference was made to a letter from Mr. J. E. Sterrett requesting the secret of investigation of food supply at the Asylum. On motion of Mrs Shoemaker, seconded by Mrs Butcher, it was resolved that Mr Sterrett be asked to meet the officers of our Board at an appointed time and place so that this question may be definitely settled without further correspondence.

Bayard Henry.

On motion of Mrs Colwell seconded by Mrs Noblit it was agreed that Mr Bayard Henry's name be dropped as one of our Counsellors-at-Law.

Annual Reports.

The Annual Reports of the Treasurer and Secretary were read and approved by the Board.

Adjourned

Hetty P. Sparhawk
Secretary.

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A special meeting of the Board of Managers of the Widow's Asylum was held on Jan. 11th 1912 at 10 A.M. – there were present. Miss Pearsall, Mrs Colwell, Mrs Butcher, Mrs Stryker, Miss Vanuxem, Miss Dana, Mrs Du Bois, Mrs Randolph, Miss Morris, Miss Williams, Mrs Perot, Miss Paxson, Miss Sparhawk.

Miss Grace A. Tierney elected manager.

The Nominating Committee presented the name of Miss Grace A. Tierney as a manager.

On motion of Mrs Colwell seconded by Mrs Perot, Miss Tierney was unanimously elected.

Adjourned

Hetty V. Sparhawk
Secretary.

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Ninety-Fifth Annual Meeting.

The Ninety-fifth Annual Meeting of the Indigent Widows' & Single Women's Society was held at the Asylum, 3615 Chestnut St. on Jan. 11th/12 at 11 A.M.

Rev. John Archibald MacCallum D.D. of the Walnut St. Pres. Church.

The Rev. John Archibald MacCallum of the Walnut St. Presbyterian Church presided and made an impressive address.

The reports of the Treasurer and Secretary were read.

The following managers were elected to serve for the ensuing year.

Mrs Charles R. Colwell
Miss Mary M. Vaux
Miss Clara Comegys
Miss Hetty V. Sparhawk
Mrs Randolph
Miss Henrietta W. Pearsall
Mrs Samuel S. Stryker
Miss Elizabeth C. Morris
Mrs Howard Butcher
Miss Anna H. Faries
Mrs Charles A. Longstreth
Mrs Patterson Du Bois
Miss Elizabeth D. Williams
Mrs Philip Howard Brice
Mrs Charles E. Noblit
Mrs George Evety Shoemaker
Mrs Robert T. Mickle
Mrs John Perot
Miss Mary Vanuxem
Miss Elizabeth D. Paxson

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Miss Helen R. Biddle
Miss Elizabeth H. Haines
Miss Eleanor L. Dana
Miss Grace A. Tierney

A special meeting of the managers of the Widow's Asylum was held by adjournment of of the Annual Meeting on Jan. 11th /12 – there were present Mrs Butcher who presided – Miss Pearsall, Miss Faries, Mrs Stryker, Miss Haines, Miss Vanuxem, Miss Dana, Mrs Mickle, Mrs Du Bois, Miss Morris, Miss Vaux, Mrs Perot, Mrs Randolph, Mrs Colwell, Miss Sparhawk

The following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year.

First Directress	Miss Henrietta W. Pearsall
Second Directress	Miss Mary M. Vaux
Treasurer	Miss Elizabeth D. Williams
Secretary	Miss Hetty V. Sparhawk
Ass. Secretary	Mrs Charles L. Noblit

The following Standing Committees were appointed.

Purchasing Committee

Mrs Brice — Mrs Perot

Supply Committee

Mrs Du Bois — Mrs Shoemaker
Miss Vanuxem — Miss Biddle

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Committee for Receiving Applications

Mrs Butcher – Secretary

Miss Morris — Mrs Longstreth
Miss Comegys — Mrs Mickle
Mrs Butcher — Mrs Perot
Miss Vaux

Church Committee

Miss Sparhawk — Mrs Perot
Mrs Stryker — Miss Faries
Mrs Noblit — Miss Haines

Committee on Nurses

Miss Vaux — Mrs Noblit
Miss Haines

Finance Committee

Miss Vaux — Miss Morris
Mrs Longstreth — Miss Paxson
Miss Williams

Library Committee

Mrs Colwell — Miss Vanuxem

Committee on Lehman Fund

Miss Sparhawk

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Committee on Building & Repairs

Mrs Michler — Mrs Shoemaker
Miss Biddle

Committee on Grounds

Mrs Colwell — Miss Williams

Committee on Clothing

Mrs Brice — Miss Paxson
Miss Faries — Miss Dana

Cemetery Committee

Mrs Perot — Mrs Du Bois

Committee on Entertainment

Mrs Butcher — Mrs Colwell
Mrs Du Bois — Miss Paxson
Miss Faries — Miss Vanuxem

Nominating Committee

Mrs Thayer — Mrs Randolph
Miss Morris

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Weekly Committees

Sarah L. P. Michler — Rachel T. T. Randolph
Eleanor L. Dana — Elizabeth N. Vaux

Clara G. Du Bois — Ellen W. Longstreth
Elizabeth D. Williams — Helen R. Biddle

Henrietta W. Pearsall — Sarah D. Perot
Elizabeth D. Paxson — Grace A. Tierney

Grace W. Thayer — Mary M. Dana
Mary L. Shoemaker — Elizabeth C. Morris

Sarah P. Brice — Clara Coxe Epps
Mary Vanuxem — Nelly T. Spackman

Anna N. Faries — Mary L. P. Butcher
Agnes M. T. Noblit — Laura Colwell

Honorary Managers

Miss Mary Leaves — Mrs Chas. Henry Thomas
Mrs Edwards T. Hinchman — Mrs Charles Hacker
Mrs Hasler T. Morris — Mrs William H. Jenks

On motion of Miss Dana seconded by Miss Morris it was agreed to have 500 copies of the Annual Report printed.

Robert Millar requested that an additional radiator be placed in the chapel. On motion seconded the question was referred to Repair Committee.

Adjourned

Nelly T. Spackman
Secretary

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February 1st

A stated monthly meeting of the Board of Managers of the Asylum for Widows and Single Women was held on Thursday February 1st. There were present Miss Earnest, Mrs Colwell, Miss Davis, Miss Dana, Miss Haines, Miss Tierney, Mrs Brice, Miss Thompson, Mrs Pickle, Miss Biddle, Mrs Shoemaker, Mrs DuBois, Miss Morris, Mrs Perot, Miss Vaux, Mrs Randolph & Mrs Koblitz.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and after a slight alteration were accepted. The Treasurer reported as follows —

Balance Jan-1st 1912	$704.56
Total receipts for January	2729.13
	3433.69
Total payments for January	$2217.95
Balance	1215.74
	3433.69

The reports of the visiting Committees, Matron & Head nurse were read.

The Purchasing Committee reported that necessary purchases for the Dressmaking had been made

Supply Committee stated that a car load of coal had been ordered.

Admission of Martha Stover

Admission Committee announced that Mrs Martha Stover passed the doctors

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examination January 29th. but will not letter the Norbe until February 12th.

Church & Nurse Committee had no report.

Finance Committee read a letter from Mr Shipley asking the Board to sign a release, which release read as follows.

Release of annuity on estate of Mary Shields

"Whereas there was presented at a regular monthly meeting of the managers of the Indigent Widows & Single Women's Society of Philadelphia a release to be executed by said Society of a payment of $2.32 as annuity in partition in the matter of the estate of Mary Shields, charged upon a lot of ground on the N.W. Side of Salmon Street, 364 feet South westward from the S.W. Side of Wheat Sheaf Lane 25th ward of the City of Philadelphia. Whereas it appears that the said annuity was duly paid to us on the 23rd. day of February 1886 by Henry Haines, as shown by his Cash Book of that date. Now, therefore resolved, that this Society execute the said release and deliver the same to the Contributors of the Penna. Hospital, and the proper Officers of this Society are hereby authorized to sign the said release and affix thereto the Corporate Seal of the said Society."

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It was moved by Mrs Shoemaker and seconded by Mrs DuBois that the release be properly signed & sealed. The Chairman of the Finance Committee also stated that a letter had been received from the National State Bank of Camden announcing that they invited a change the par value of stock from $50. to $100. per share. On motion of Mrs Randolph seconded by Mrs Nicklin the following resolution was passed. "Resolved, that the proper officers are directed to affix the Corporate seal to and otherwise duly execute the necessary papers for the exchange of fourteen shares of stock of the National State Bank of Camden in order to change the par value of them from $50. to $100. per share, also to execute the necessary papers for the sale of the allotment of stock to which this Society is entitled."

Change of par value of stock of Nat. State Bank of Camden

Library Committee made a request for the gift of a book case or set of shelves to accommodate our growing library which now numbers 1194 volumes.

Entering radiators in Chapel postponed indefinately

Building & Repair Committee stating that Mr Erskine advised postponing the addition of another radiator in the Chapel out account of expense and difficulty in placing it while the steam heat was in use. On motion of Mrs Shoemaker seconded by Mrs Colonel it was decided

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to postpone this work indefinitely -

Committee on Grounds had no report.

Committee on Clothing had no report.

Cemetary Committee reported the interment of Miss Geiger in the Home lot at Mount Moriah.

No entertainments were given during the past month.

article read by Mrs Sterrett

Mrs DuBois read part of an article from the Phila-Medical Journal written in 1895 by Mr. Sterrett on the maintenance of Charitable Institutions, which article showed that few met with his approval and also that his interest in such institutions has extended over many years -

Verbal change in approved rules -

Committee on Rules asked for a re-consideration of approval on the revised rules - A Verbal change in one rule being deemed more sound and the meaning more clearly stated by reason of the change. Miss Morris made the motion, duly seconded by Mrs DuBois, that the verbal change be made - Being a change of words only and not one of substance, the Board did not consider it necessary to defer action until the next meeting -

Miss Geiger's cross stitch work was shown also an illustrated German Bible and their disposition discussed - It was moved by Mrs Roblit seconded by Mrs Shoemaker that they be sent to Miss Geiger's niece in Zurich Switzerland. No other business the meeting adjourned -

Agnes M. F. Roblit
Secretary pro tem -

March 7th 1912

A Stated meeting of the Board of Managers of The Asylum for Widows and Single Women was held on Thursday March 7th. There were present Miss Pearsall, Mrs Butcher, Miss Haines, Mrs Shoemaker, Mrs Stryker, Mrs Nicklin, Mrs DuBois, Miss Dana, Miss Morris, Miss Tierney, Miss Vaux, Mrs Jenks, Mrs Randolph & Mrs Roblit. The minutes of the last meeting were read and with a slight correction, were approved. The Treasurer reported as follows —

Balance Feb. 1st. 1912	1215.74
Receipts for Feb-	1896.87
	3112.61
Total payments for Feb-	2108.08
Balance on hand	1004.53
	3112.61

The reports of the visiting Committees were read, also matrons & that of the

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Mrs Fraley operated on.

head nurse - It was stated that Mrs Fraley had been taken to the University Hospital and had an operation performed by Dr Frazier for tumor - It was proposed by Mrs Bentcher and seconded by Mrs DuBois that a letter of thanks and appreciation be sent to the University Hospital for their courtesy and accommodation. It was also stated that Dr Carpenter thought it inadvisable to operate at present on Miss Rogers' eye on account of her nervous mental state -

New carpets given by a friend -

Purchasing Committee reported that Carpets were urgently needed in some of the wards, but lack of surplus funds prevented their purchase - A friend greatly interested in the Home, most generously offered to supply the necessary carpets, which kind offer was thankfully accepted and warmly appreciated -

Supply Committee stated that fearing a scarcity of coal on account of the impending strike, three cars Colorado had been ordered -

Mrs Streer + Miss McAllister enter Home.

Committee on Applications reported the entrance of Mrs Martha Streer to the Home on February 12th. and Miss Susanne McAllister on February 29th

It was stated that Dr Stryker advised the careful watching of the health of Miss McAllister for a few months, as she had worked

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steadily for many years in a laboratory packing morphine - It was also reported that the Rev. Mr Appelgellen of the Dutch Reform Church, who had been largely interested in helping Miss McAllister prior to her entrance here, would be very glad to take charge of a service in the Chapel, when called upon by the Church Committee -

Valuation of Home etc asked for.

Church Committee, Finance Committee Library Committee, Clothing Committee and Committee on Grounds, had no report

Entertainment Committee reported one evening of recitations and music having been given by members of the Blind Asylum -

A letter was read from the Department of Commerce and Labor, Washington D. C., asking that our valuation in 1910 of the Home buildings grounds and apparatus be given them for statistical report. It was decided by the Board that Mr Shipley's advice be asked as to whether it was advisable to send them our computation of said values -

Building and Repair Committee and Cemetary Committee had no reports - No other business the meeting adjourned.

Agnes M. F. Nesbit

Secretary pro tem -

April 4th 1912

A stated meeting of the Board of Managers of the Asylum for Widows & Single women was held on Thursday, April 4th.
There were present Miss Pearsall, Mrs Colwell, Miss Dana, Miss Faries, Mrs Stryker, Mrs Shoemaker, Mrs Mickle, Mrs DuBois, Miss Tierney, Mrs Bryce, Miss Morris, Mrs Butcher, Mrs Perot, Miss Williams, Miss Vaux, Mrs Randolph & Mrs Noblit.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.
The Treasurer reported as follows.

Balance March 1st	$1004.53
Total receipts for March	1649.91
	2654.44
Total payments for March	$2499.90
Balance on hand	154.54
	2654.44

The reports of visiting Committees, matron and head nurse were read.

Miss Sarah D. Hughs enters Home March 21st

Committee on Applications reported that Miss Sarah D. Hughs had passed the entrance examination and had taken her place in the Home on March 21st.
The names of three new applicants for admission were read and were as follows
Miss Matilda L. Hecker
Mrs Adelaide H. Stanger
Miss Annie E. Hall

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Purchasing, Supply, Church and Finance Committees had no reports.

Case of Miss Miller

The Nurse Committee reported, that it had accidentally been discovered by a visiting manager, that Miss Miller, who had been away on a visit of several weeks' duration, had given her address as that of her niece, but had really been staying at a Homeopathic Hospital, and since her return had been visited by a physician from outside the Home.
Such flagrant deceit & disobedience and the proper method of dealing with such a case, was discussed at length.
It was finally decided on motion of Mrs Butcher seconded by Mrs Perot that Miss Miller's niece and also her reference Mrs Murphy be interviewed.
It was also decided, on motion of Mrs Shoemaker seconded by Mrs Bryce, that Miss Miller be visited and informed that never again should she seek outside medical advice or break any of the rules of the Asylum concerning such matters. Mrs Butcher & Miss Vaux were appointed a Committee of two to interview the niece and Mrs Murphy, also to visit Miss Miller and administer the reprimand and warning.

Building and Repairs Committee reported that the roof of the Asylum had been completely repaired, also stating that

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The woodwork in the Engineer's house was greatly in need of painting.

Owing the estimate of the work necessary having been obtained, it was decided to have others before giving the order for the painting. Building & Repair Committee also reported that many window sills and shutters in the home are entirely bare of varnish and should be varnished at once. A suggestion was made that varnish be purchased and a man employed by the week to do this work. On motion of Mrs Colonel, seconded by Miss Davies, it was decided to obtain a painter and begin work immediately.

Committee on Grounds and Committee on Library, had no reports.

Disposal of Miss Coburn's ashes.

It was stated that Miss Coburn had made the request that after her death and cremation her ashes be placed under a rose bush. It was decided that her request be complied with if possible and a record to that effect be filed.

Entertainment Committee reported that the Acorn Circle had given a musical evening in the Home.

Miss Paulson resigns.

It was announced and heard very regretfully by those present, that Miss Paulson had resigned from our Board of Managers. On motion of Miss Vaux seconded by Mrs Shoemaker, it was decided that her resignation be accepted with great regret. No other business, the meeting adjourned.

Agnes M. F. Roblit
Secretary pro tem

May 2nd. 1912

A stated meeting of the Board of Managers of the Asylum for Widows & Single Women was held on Thursday, May 2nd.

There were present Miss Pearsall, Mrs Colonel, Mrs Butcher, Miss Davies, Mrs Stryker, Mrs Shoemaker, Mrs Knight, Miss Morris, Miss Tierney, Miss Williams, Mrs Frost, Miss Vaux, Mrs Randolph and Mrs Roblit. The minutes of the last meeting were read and after a few changes were approved. The Treasurer reported as follows.

Balance on hand April 1st. 1912 -	$ 154.54
Total receipts for April	3171.77
	3326.31
Total payments for April	$ 1983.18
Balance on hand	1343.13
	3326.31

Gift of $100. from S. Davis Page

The Treasurer also reported that one hundred ($100.) dollars had been given to the Asylum by Mr. S. Davis Page in

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appreciation of the hospitality and care given to his old nurse Ann Neill who recently died in our institution.

The Matron's report was read also the weekly reports of the visiting committees, but owing to the absence of Miss Beitel, there was no report from the head nurse —

Purchasing Committee had no report.

Supply Committee while having no report, remarked on the excellent quality of food bought.

Miss Rebecca R. Shinn entered Home.

Committee on Applications stated that Miss Rebecca R. Shinn had entered the Home on April 20th.

Miss Annie E. Hall and Mrs Adelaide Stanger placed on waiting list.

The names of Miss Annie E. Hall and Mrs Adelaide Stanger were reported on favorably and their acceptance advised. It was moved by the Board that their names be placed on the waiting list. The name of Miss Matilda L. Hecker being unfavorably reported on by the Committee, it was voted by the Board that her wish to enter the Home be set aside —

Library Committee reported the gift of twelve books from Mrs Brice and that other volumes had been rebound.

The need for an additional book-case having really become a necessity, it was decided, on motion of Mrs Nickle seconded by Miss Faris, that a second hand book case of which Mrs Colwell had knowledge and which

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could be bought for twelve dollars, be purchased and placed in the library —

Church Committee had no report.

Nurse Committee stated that Miss Beitel had been called away suddenly by the death of her grandmother.

Finance Committee had no report.

Building & Repairs Committee reported that the engineer's house could be painted by our assistant engineer Campbell at a much less cost than any estimate given, also the shutters in the Home which need varnishing, will be done as the assistant engineer has time.

A few minor repairs were made to fence, boiler fire brick and blow off pipe.

Committee on Grounds reported that the grass had been rolled, the trees looked after and that some rose bushes had been planted.

Cemetary Committee reported the death of Miss Ann Neill and her burial in her own lot at Mt. Moriah Cemetary.

Entertainment Committee reported that an interesting illustrated lecture on Salt Lake City had been given a few evenings before in the Chapel —

Miss Mary Lea Perot elected as Manager

The nominating Committee presented the name of Miss Mary Lea Perot of 917 Clinton Street, as Manager of the Home in place of Miss Paxson.

Miss Perot was unanimously elected a member of the Board —

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The Committee of Mrs. Mrs Butcher & Miss Faut appointed to interview Miss Miller regarding her recent absence from the Home at a hospital after having given her niece Home as her address, reported that Miss Miller seemed very repentant for her offence and promised that she would never again disobey the rules of the Home. For reference, Mrs Murphy was also seen. She expressed great regret at the occurrence and hoped that the Board would use discipline Miss Miller in such fashion as they thought best. Miss Miller's niece does not live in the city. On motion of Mrs. Randolph seconded by Miss Faut, it was decided to administer punishment by not permitting Miss Miller to leave the Home to pay a visit for the space of one year beginning May 1st. 1912 and that a written copy of this motion be handed her in person by one of the Committee or a visiting manager of the week.

Case of Miss Miller

The question of lights, vacations and cold suppers came up for discussion. It was decided on motion of Miss Faut seconded by Miss Morris, that the electric lights be shut off and gas substituted from June 15th to August 1st: Air decks being thought long enough however that dynamos need make repairs.

May 2nd. The vacations, it was decided also by the Board, were to be arranged for as usual and as best suited the successful running of the household affairs. It was deemed advisable to request the matron to serve cold suppers during the summer months.

A printed notice which appeared in the Evening Bulletin of April 30th was read, which notice stated that "The Independent Widows & Single Women's Society of Phila 3615 Chestnut Street, admits without entrance fee on condition that any property possessed or obtained after admission shall be transferred to it"

To prevent the annoyance and extra correspondence by the Application Committee following such an erroneous statement the Secretary pro tem was asked to write to the Bulletin requesting them to correct such a mis-statement and to print the right amounts of entrance fees required for admission to the Home.

Annie Auschutz to enter Home in Autumn.

The case of Annie Auschutz was called to the attention of the Board and the fact that she desires, after many years of faithful service in the Home as nurse, to be admitted, in the Autumn if possible, as an inmate. On motion of Miss Williams seconded by Miss Yarnall, it was decided that on account of her long years of labor in the Asylum as an employee, she be admitted, without an entrance fee

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June 6th. as a member of the family.
No other business the meeting adjourned.

Agnes M. F. Noblit
Secretary pro tem

June 6th. A stated meeting of the Board of Managers of the Widow's Asylum was held on June 6th 1912 - there were present, Miss Pearsall, Mrs Colwell, Miss Haines, Mrs Shoemaker, Miss Tierney, Mrs Perot, Miss Morris, Mrs Noblit, Miss Biddle, Miss Vaux, Mrs Brice, Miss Spaihawk.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted and is as follows.

Receipts.

Total receipts from 5/1 to 5/31/12	$ 2009.96
Balance from last month	1343.13
	$ 3353.09

Payments.

Total payments from 5/1 to 5/31.	$ 1804.95
Balance on hand.	1548.14
	$ 3353.09

Gift of Miss Cobourn. It was reported to the Board that Miss Cobourn desired to make a gift to the Home of $31. in appreciation of the care and kindness she had received while an inmate. The Secretary was directed to send her a note of thanks.

Reports were read from Visiting Committees,

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June 6th. Matron & Head Nurse.

3 pair blankets. Purchasing Committee reported the usual purchases, including summer flannels and three pairs of blankets.

Extra allowance for Matron. Supply Committee requested an extra allowance for food supply in order to purchase fish which is cheaper than meat. On motion of Mrs Noblit seconded by Mrs Colwell, it was agreed to grant $25. as an extra allowance for this purpose until Oct. 1st.

Electric light. Robert Millar asked that the electric light be cut off at an earlier date than usual. On motion of Miss Vaux seconded by Miss Morris, it was resolved to cut off the electric light on June 7th instead of June 15th in order to have necessary repairs made.

Mrs McIntyre. Mrs McKibben admitted. Committee on Receiving Applications reported the admission of Mrs Catharine C. McIntyre on May 11th and Mrs Rebecca McKibben on May 28th. The following names are on the accepted list. Mrs Marshall, Mrs Hicks, Mrs Stanger, Miss Hall. Annie Anschutz, our faithful night nurse for many years, will be admitted in the fall.

Church Committee reported that the Rev. John Archibald MacCallum had kindly offered to assist us when occasion required, in securing ministers to conduct service for us at the Asylum.

Nurse Committee reported that Miss Beitel had

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June 6th. gone to Chicago to attend the Nurse's Convention.

The case of Mrs Arrison and her refusal to give up her own physician was discussed. A letter from Mrs Randolph stated that a visit of protest to Mrs Arrison's physician, Dr. Stewart, had proved unavailing, he having informed Mrs Randolph that he would not give up his patient & Mrs Arrison declaring that she would leave the Asylum rather than renounce her own doctor. On motion of Miss Vaux, seconded by Mrs Shoemaker, it was resolved that unless Mrs Arrison agrees to obey the rules of the Home relative to the employment of outside physicians that she be dismissed from the Asylum and her entrance fee of $100. be returned to her. On further motion of Miss Sparhawk seconded by Mrs Perot, it was resolved that Mrs Arrison be given one month from present date to find another home, in the event of her refusal to abide by the rules.

Case of Mrs Arrison.

On motion of Mrs Shoemaker seconded by Miss Vaux, it was decided to place the new copies of the Rules on the inmate's doors at once without waiting to have them framed.

Letter of apology from Miss Miller.

A letter of apology from Miss Miller, an inmate, was received expressing her regret in having transgressed the rules in consulting outside physicians.

Finance Committee reported a letter from Girard Trust Co. stating that Messrs. Bertron, Griscom & Fenks desire to purchase the $5000. United Gas & Electric Co. of New Jersey 5% Bonds due in 1922 held by us, offering for these 101 and interest. These Bonds were the gift to

Purchase of $5000. United Gas & Electric Bonds.

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June 6th. us of Mrs William H. Fenks. On motion of Mrs Shoemaker, seconded by Mrs Noblit, the following resolution was adopted.

Resolved

That the $5000. United Gas & Electric Co. of New Jersey 5's due in 1922 be sold by Girard Trust Co. at 101 and interest, and the proper officers are hereby authorized to execute all papers necessary for the transfer of said bonds.

On motion of Mrs Colwell seconded by Mrs Brice, it was also resolved that the investment of $5000. be left in the hands of the chairman of Finance Committee.

New book-case.

Library Committee requested permission to purchase a much needed book-case for library one having been offered for $12. in consideration of the fact that ours is a charitable institution, the stated price being $16. This request was granted.

Lehman Fund Committee reported distribution to be made the following week.

Building & Repair Committee had no report.

Injury to sodding.

Committee on Grounds reported that the track repairing on Chestnut St. had injured the sodding of our front pavement and the attention of the Rapid Transit Co. had been called to it.

Deaths. Mrs Pyle - Miss Neill.

Cemetery Committee reported two deaths, that of Miss Ann Neill on Apr. 5th aged 77 years and her interment in her own lot at Mount Moriah; her sister defraying the expense of cutting her name on the head-stone: also Mrs Hannah Pyle on May 1st aged 76 years - interred at Mt. Moriah.

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June 6th — Entertainment Committee had no report.

Bed & mattress purchased. — Mrs Perot reported the purchase of a felt mattress for Mrs McKibben. On motion of Miss Vaux seconded by Mrs Noblit it was agreed that Mrs Perot be given authority to purchase also an iron bed for Mrs McKibben.

Adjourned
Hetty V. Sparhawk
Secretary.

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Sept. 5th — A stated meeting of the Board of Managers of the Widow's Asylum was held on Sept. 5th 1912. There were present Miss Pearsall, Mrs Colwell, Mrs Stryker, Miss Faries, Miss Comegys, Miss Morris, Miss Vaux, Mrs Randolph, Miss Biddle, Miss Sparhawk.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and after a slight alteration approved.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted and is as follows.

Receipts

Total receipts from 6/1 to 6/30/12	$2094.80
Balance from last month	1548.14
	$3642.94

Payments

Total payments from 6/1 to 6/30.	$2596.56
Balance on hand	1046.38
	$3642.94

Receipts

Total receipts from 7/1 to 7/31/12	$2742.86
Balance from last month	1046.38
	$3789.24

Payments

Total payments from 7/1 to 7/31	$1762.00
Balance on hand	2027.24
	$3789.24

Receipts

Total receipts from 8/1 to 8/31/12	$1313.95
Balance from last month	2027.24
	$3341.19

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Payments.

Total payments from 8/1 to 8/31	$1644.32
Balance on hand	1696.87
	$3341.19

Reports were read from Visiting Committees - Matron and Head Nurse.

Extra house money continued.

On motion of Mrs Randolph seconded by Miss Morris it was agreed that the extra house money $25. monthly granted to matron be continued for another month.

Purchasing Supply - Applications - Church and Nurse Committees had no reports.

Investment $5000.

Finance Com. suggested that we place $5000. now awaiting investment, in a mortgage. On motion of Mrs Randolph seconded by Mrs Stryker, it was resolved that Miss Vaux be empowered to accept a mortgage if it prove satisfactory.

Library Com. reported the gift of an interesting book "Evolution of Hymnology", which the chairman acknowledged with thanks.

Asbestos for radiators.

Building & Repair Com. reported that Robert Millais house required minor repairs, also that the varnishing of shutters at the Asylum was in progress. It was the request of Robert that asbestos paper be procured to cover radiators in the cellar - 60 in number, in order to conserve the heat. On motion of Mrs Randolph, seconded by Miss Faries, the matter was referred to Repair Committee with power to act after consultation

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with Mr Erskine.

Com. on Grounds. reported that the trunks of the Cedar of Lebanon and the Austrian Pine were now covered with vines there-by improving their appearance.

Damage to sodding by P.R.T. Co.

Mrs Colwell stated the P.R.T. Co. in re-laying tracks on Chestnut St. last spring had piled stones upon the grass of our front pavement, damaging it. A letter of complaint to those in authority brought a promise of redress but no action on their part has resulted. In view of this it was moved by Mrs Colwell & seconded by Mrs Stryker, that the Secretary be directed to write a letter to the Co. threatening to refer the matter to our counsel unless the damage is repaired.

Clothing & Cemetery Com. had no reports.

4th of July.

Entertainment Com. reported a delightful patriotic celebration of July 4th arranged by Mrs Colwell.

Invitation of Dr. Ely.

An invitation was extended to 20 of our inmates by Dr. Ely to attend a service at Lemon Hill at which ice-cream would be served. Under the care of Miss Beitel this was much enjoyed by our old people.

Miss Edwards bed.

It was stated that Miss Edward's bed was too heavy for her to move - In view of her lameness it was agreed to exchange this bed for another if Miss Umstead can so arrange it.

Complaints of Miss Ralston.

Mrs Colwell stated that for some time past she had observed that Miss Umstead was greatly over-worked, her labors not being properly shared by Miss Ralston who had also antagonized many of the inmates by her harsh manner of speaking. Owing to this condition of affairs she felt it her duty to lay the matter before the Board.

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Oct. 3rd. On motion of Mrs Randolph seconded by Miss Faries, it was resolved that the First & Second Directress hold a consultation with Miss Umstead relative to existing conditions.

Adjourned

Hetty V. Sparhawk
Secretary.

Oct. 3rd. A stated meeting of the Board of Managers of the Widow's Asylum was held on Oct. 3rd/12 - There were present, Miss Pearsall, Mrs Colwell, Miss Faries, Miss Fierney, Mrs Bruce, Mrs Shoemaker, Mrs Mickle, Miss Biddle, Mrs Noblit, Mrs Perot, Miss Haines, Miss Perot, Miss Williams, Miss Vaux, Mrs Jenks, Mrs Stryker, Mrs Randolph, Miss Sparhawk.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted an is as follows.

Receipts.

Total receipts from 9/1 to 9/30/12	$1399.56
Balance from last month	1696.87
	$3096.43

Payments

Total payments from 9/1 to 9/30.	$1674.76
Balance on hand	1421.67
	$3096.43

Reports were read from Visiting Committees, Matron and Head Nurse.

Purchasing & Supply Com. had no reports.

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Oct. 3rd. The chairman of the Coal Committee stated that two car-loads of coal had been ordered. The coal of last spring was of poor quality.

Mrs Rachel R. Marshall admitted. Com. on Applications stated that Mrs Rachel R. Marshall had entered the Home on Oct. 31st. The following list of applicants was read - Miss Sophie Huber, Miss Georgeanna Auschutz, Miss Amanda E. Scott, Miss Sarah W. Danley, Mrs Mary Alter, Miss Matilda McMahon, Mrs Mary Stiteler, Miss Elizabeth Penny, Miss Mary E. Watson, Miss Mary E. Rainey, Mrs Katharine Mollitz, Miss Elizabeth Dark, Miss Sarah L. Mort.

Church & Nurse Com. had no reports.

Mortgage Lincoln Drive. Finance Com. reported that a mortgage for $10.000. had been obtained on a property on Lincoln Drive - this yielding 5 4/10 % interest.

A letter from Girard Trust Co. had reference to bonds called for redemption. On motion of Mrs Randolph seconded by Mrs Shoemaker, it was resolved that Miss Vaux be authorized to make transfer of $3000. Pennsylvania Co. 3½% Bonds due 1901 called for redemption to Bonds of the same denomination, if after consultation this proves desirable. On motion of Mrs Noblit seconded by Mrs Perot, it was resolved that if on investigation, Miss Vaux finds a desirable mortgage for investment she may add this to the un-invested principal in the Girard.

Transfer of bonds. Pa. Co 3½%.

Library Com. reported a few donations of books.

Building & Repair Com. reported that Mr Erskine

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and Robert Millar were experimenting with asbestos covering for pipes. It was proposed to substitute Tungsten burners for the present ones in use in the sitting-room. On motion of Miss Vaux, seconded by Miss Williams, it was decreed that the Committee be authorized to procure Tungsten burners.

Tungsten burners.

Roberts' fence was painted at a cost of $10. which expense it was suggested should be shared by the owner of the adjoining property. A new toilet for 3rd story and a new iron wheel-barrow are both required.

Kitchen garden.

Com. on Grounds reported that a bed of parsley and also of chives had been planted a saving to the kitchen expenses of 25 cts. a week. As it was stated that two old trees, a pear and a magnolia were unsafe, it was agreed to have both of these cut down.

Death of Mrs Drummond.

Cemetery Com. reported the death of Mrs Elizabeth Drummond on Sept. 12th aged 89 years. She was buried in her own lot at Mount Moriah. On motion of Miss Vaux seconded by Mrs Noblit the committee was given authority to erect a stone at her grave.

Matron's rest hours.

In view of the fact that the Matron's rest hour is subject to constant interruption it was resolved that a committee confer with her and by order of the Board appoint two to four o'clock as her hours of rest, not to be interfered with, all matters requiring attention to be referred to Miss Ralston whose hours of rest will come later.

$25. extra house money.

It was agreed to grant $25. extra house money to the Matron for another month. Increased expenses in table supplies referred to Supply Com. to confer with Matron.

1000. admission blanks.

1000 admission blanks ordered to be printed.

Adjourned Hetty V. Sparhawk. Sec.

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Nov. 7th

A stated meeting of the Board of Managers of the Widow's Asylum was held on Nov. 7th 1913. There were present - Miss Pearsall, Mrs Butcher, Mrs Colwell, Miss Morris, Mrs Perot, Mrs Shoemaker, Miss Perot, Mrs Mickle, Miss Tierney, Mrs Du Bois, Miss Williams, Miss Vaux, Mrs Noblit, Miss Sparhawk.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and after a slight alteration approved.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted and is as follows.

Receipts

Total receipts from 10/1 to 10/31/12	$3090.96
Balance from last month	1421.67
	$4512.63

Payments

Total payments from 10/1 to 10/31.	$1776.83
Balance on hand	2735.80
	$4512.63

Reports were read from Visiting Committees, Matron & Head Nurse.

Collection of old garments given away.

Purchasing Com. requested that a motley collection of old shawls, coats & bonnets & wraps which formerly belonged to deceased inmates, be given to the Salvation Army or a similar worthy charity rather than be longer hoarded uselessly. On motion of Mrs Butcher seconded by Miss Vaux, permission was given to Mrs Brice, chairman of Clothing Committee, to dispose of these in such manner as seemed best to the Committee.

Purchases for the month included a supply of winter under-wear and material for dresses, also a new iron bed for Miss Edwards.

Preserves & Jellies.

Supply Com. reported the great number of preserves and jellies which the Matron had put up during the Summer.

Com. on Applications reported the following list of names which were accepted by the Board and placed on the waiting list
Miss Mary E. Rainey, Miss Elizabeth Dark, Miss Elizabeth Penny, Miss Sarah L. Mort, Miss Mary E. Watson, Mrs Mary Alter, Miss Amanda L. Scott, Mrs Mary A. Stifelder, Mrs Matilda Mc Mahon, Miss Sarah Danley was declined and Miss Sophie Huber was deferred.

Annie Auschutz

It was stated that Miss Annie Auschutz prefers to pay her Entrance fee though this was not required in her case owing to her years of service with us.
On motion of Miss Davy seconded by Mrs Noblit it was resolved that the new names which have been accepted through exceeding the number ten on the waiting list be allowed to remain.
The list of new applicants is as follows, Mrs Annie E. Pyle, Miss Kate Heine, Mrs Elizabeth Snell, Miss Isabella Mickelly, Miss Hannah Girtler.

Death of Mrs Edwards.

Church Com. reported that Dr. Williams Ashby had conducted a service for us recently.
The death of Mrs Edwards wife of Mr Howard Edwards, was announced and as Mr Edwards has for nearly forty years held religious services

each month at the Home the Secretary was directed to send a letter of sympathy from the Board.

Nurses Com. had no report.

Transfer of Penna. Co. Bonds.

Finance Com. reported the transfer of $3000 Pennsylvania Co. 3½% Bonds due 1901 called for redemption to Bonds of the same denomination.
Reference was made to the Legacy of Laura A.F. Pinchot a share of whose estate finds left to our Institution.

Library Com. reported that eighteen books had been re-bound at a cost of $5.15.

Trees cut down.

Com. on Grounds. reported that two trees had been cut down and their roots extracted - an old pear tree still remains but will be cut down later.

Area & walls repaired

Building & Repair Com. reported the area under fire-escapes re-paired and walls re-pointed and water-proofed. Front porch repaired where cement had dis-integrated.
Walls of Engine-room require repairing in the near future. The lead pipes in the Laundry have been replaced.

Inter-communicable telephone.

On motion of Mrs Butcher seconded by Miss Williams it was resolved to install an inter-communicable telephone at the Asylum with stations in the Engine-room, the Matrons room and the upper floors.

New tanks in toilet rooms.

It was stated that eleven new tanks are needed in the toilet rooms, those of cast iron lined with enamel being recommended at a cost

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of $16. On motion of Miss Vaux seconded by Mrs Morris, the Committee was given authority to order these.

Lot at Mt. Moriah.

Cemetery Com. reported a thorough investigation of the Mount Moriah lot and some errors in records of graves rectified. Eight graves were without tomb-stones and these were ordered at a cost of $176. Reference was made to the grave of Mrs Drummond.

Rapid Transit Co. decline responsibility.

A letter was read from the Rapid Transit Co. in which they declined to be held responsible for injury to the sodding on front pavement of Asylum. It was agreed to refer the question to our counsel.

Resignation of Mrs Chas. A. Longstreth.

The resignation of Mrs Chas. A. Longstreth was received with regret. On motion of Miss Sparhawk seconded by Mrs Perot, it was resolved to request Mrs Longstreth to re-consider her resignation until such time as her health will permit her to resume her duties.

Resignation of Mrs Evan Randolph.

The resignation of Mrs Randolph brought sorrow and regret to the Board who deeply appreciate the value of her sound judgment and faithful service of years. On motion of Mrs Shoemaker, seconded by Mrs Perot, it was resolved to urge her to re-consider her resignation even if only able to attend our stated meetings where her advice is so valuable to us.

Investigation of Asylum books of entrance

On motion of Mrs Butcher seconded by Miss Sparhawk it was agreed that a Committee be appointed to investigate the books containing lists of inmates admitted to Asylum & correct errors which exist in said entries. Miss Vaux, Miss Morris & Mrs Noblit were appointed to serve on this Committee.

Adjourned. Hetty V. Sparhawk. Sec.

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Dec. 5th

A stated meeting of the Board of Managers of the Widow's Asylum was held on Dec. 5th 1912. There were present - Miss Pearsall, Mrs Colwell, Mrs Butcher, Miss Comegys, Miss Dana, Miss Faries, Mrs Brice, Mrs Stryker, Mrs Michle, Mrs Du Bois, Miss Morris, Mrs Perot, Miss Williams, Miss Perot, Mrs Noblit, Miss Vaux, Miss Biddle, Miss Tierney, Mrs Shoemaker, Miss Sparhawk.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted and is as follows.

Receipts.

Total receipts from 11/1 to 11/30/12	$1696.45
Balance from last month	2735.80
	$4432.25

Payments.

Total payments from 11/1 to 11/30	$2046.12
Balance on hand	2386.13
	$4432.25

Reports were read from Visiting Com. Matron & Head Nurse.

Estate of Miss Louisa Pichon.

A letter was read from the executor of the estate of Miss Louisa A. F. Pichon stating that the residue of her estate is to be divided into four portions. As to our portion, $500. is to be retained to place her friend, Mrs Laura Thomas, in any Home she may desire, the balance of that 1/4 to be paid to the Indigent Widows' & Single Women's Asylum of Philadelphia, located at date on

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Dec. 5th — Chestnut St. between 36th & 37th St. to be used by the Asylum for the purpose only of an endowment fund. If Mrs Thomas should die or decline this offer, the $500. is to be added to this endowment fund. The bequest will be in amount about $1500.

Gift of turkeys for Thanksgiving — It was reported that Mrs Jenks had kindly given 13 turkeys for the Thanksgiving dinner.

Purchasing Com. reported buying under-wear also 15 ash-cans for Robert at the reduced rate of $25.

Ash-cans.

Supply - Applications - Church - Nurse and Finance Committees had no reports.

Library Com. requested necessary funds for the renewal of subscriptions to periodicals. On motion of Miss Vaux seconded by Mrs Shoemaker, this was granted.

Subscriptions renewed.

Lehman Fund. — Lehman Fund Com. reported receipt of check for $113. which will be distributed among the inmates as usual.

Six signs on fire-escapes — Building & Repair Com. reported that six signs had been placed at the fire-escapes.

New trees planted. — Com. on Grounds. reported the planting of five new trees, one tree having been purchased for $6.00 the retail price being $12.00. The wood of the trees cut down was kindly purchased by Mrs Butcher for $5.00.

Clothing Com. reported the disposal of the assortment of old shawls and garments and 52 bonnets, these being distributed among three Settlement Houses and the Salvation Army.

Disposal of clothing.

Cemetery Com. suggested that $500. be set aside for a perpetual fund to keep our cemetery lot and graves in repair but this was not considered.

Musicale given. — Entertainment Com. reported an enjoyable musicale given by Miss Jackson and Mr Sullivan.

Resignations of Mrs Randolph & Mrs Longstreth — A letter was read from Mrs Randolph stating that it would be impossible for her to change her decision as to her resignation from our Board. On motion seconded it was resolved that Mrs Randolph's resignation be accepted with great regret.

It was also urged by the Board that Mrs Longstreth's resignation be not accepted on motion of Miss Sparhawk seconded by Mrs Perot.

Miss Eliz. W. Dale elected manager. — Nominating Com. presented the name of Miss Elizabeth W. Dale as a manager and on motion seconded she was unanimously elected and the Secretary was directed to notify her.

Refusal to replace sodding by P.R.T. Co. — The question of the damage to the sodding on front pavement of Asylum by employees of the Phila. Rapid Transit Co. was brought up and statement made that the Co. had refused to be held responsible. In view of the difficulty in compelling a settlement it was resolved on motion of Mrs Noblit seconded by Mrs Perot, to

Dec. 5th, let the matter drop.

Transfer of admission fees.

There was a debate as to the transferring of admission fees to principal account at the present time as the balance of funds in the Treasury at the close of this year may be very small. It was however resolved on motion of Miss Vaux, seconded by Mrs Mickle, that the admission fees at present in hand be transferred to principal account.

Annual reports.

The First Directress requested the Treasurer and Secretary to prepare their Annual Reports to be read at the next meeting.

Rev. Robert Johnston D.D to preside.

It was suggested that Rev. Robert Johnston D.D of the Episcopal Church of the Saviour be asked to preside at our Annual meeting on Jan. 9th/13 and as an alternate, Mr. Ferris of the First Baptist Church.

Case of Miss Ralston

The case of Miss Ralston and her harsh mode of speech to the inmates was discussed at length and in view of the fact that complaints are constantly heard and there has been no material change in her antagonistic attitude toward them, it was decided by the Board that she must leave our service unless there is a complete reform in her conduct at once. On motion of Miss Vaux seconded by Mrs Krotz it was agreed that the Secretary should have a talk with her and warn her of the final decision of the Board in her case.

Mrs Randolph made an Honorary Manager.

It was proposed and seconded by acclamation that Mrs Randolph be made an Honorary Manager of our Society and the Secretary was directed to notify her.

Adjourned

Nelly F. Spackman
Secretary

Dec. 16th

A special meeting of the Board of Managers of the Widows Asylum was held on Dec. 16th/12. There were present: Miss Pearsall, Miss Comegys, Miss Vaux, Mrs Du Bois, Miss Williams, Miss Dana Miss Spackman.

Sale of properties 1912 - 1914 - 1916 - N. 10th St. Phila.

A letter from Girard Trust Co. was read in regard to sale of properties belonging to our Society, namely 1912 - 1914 - 1916 North 10th St. Philadelphia said properties being valued at $2500. each. An offer of $2000 had been made and as the neighborhood was undesirable and the repairs entailed much expense they advised our consideration of the offer.

On motion of Miss Comegys seconded by Mrs Du Bois the following resolution was adopted.

Resolved

That the Girard Trust Co. be empowered to sell the three properties 1912 - 1914 - 1916 North 10th St. for the sum of $2000. each, after consultation with the Treasurer of the Indigent Widows' & Single Women's Society.

Adjourned

Nelly F. Spackman
Secretary.

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Jan. 2nd

A stated meeting of the Board of Managers of the Widows Asylum was held on Jan. 2nd/13. There were present Miss Pearsall, who presided Mrs Colwell, Mrs Butcher, Mrs Sherman Baker, Miss Dale, Miss Dannerfer, Mrs Mickle, Mrs Du Bois, Miss Comegys, Miss Perot, Miss Williams, Mrs Noblit, Miss Morris, Miss Davis, Miss Sparhawk.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and after a slight alteration approved.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted and is as follows.

Receipts

Total receipts from 12/1 to 12/31/12	$1843.95
Balance from last Month	2386.13
	$4230.08

Payments

Total payments from 12/1 to 12/31.	$4115.09
Balance in hand	114.99
	$4230.08

Receipts

Total receipts for 1912	$25640.17
Balance 1/1/12.	704.56
	$26344.73

Payments

Total payments for 1912	$26229.74
Balance on hand	114.99
	$26344.73

Reports were read from Visiting Comm. Matron and Head Nurse.

Purchasing & Supply Comm. had no reports

Two deaths. Two admissions.

Committee on Applications. reported Two deaths and two admissions.

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Rev. Robert Johnston D.D. to preside at Annual meeting.

Church Committee reported that Rev. Robert Johnston D.D. of the Episcopal Church of the Saviour had consented to preside at our annual meeting on Jan. 9th.

Mercr. Finance & Library Comm. had no reports.

Comm. on Lehman Fund. reported the distribution of $113. to the inmates in December according to the usual custom.

new galvanized pipe.

Building & Repair Comm. reported that a new galvanized iron pipe had been put in the basement. The cedar tank in attic was reported in very bad condition. On motion of Miss Davis seconded by Mrs Noblit, the Repair Comm. was authorized to purchase a new tank.

Comm. on Grounds reported in regard to tree on Sudlow St.

Clothing, Cemetery & Entertainment Comm. had no reports.

Borrow from principal account.

Miss Davis reported that the sale of the properties 1912-1914-1916-N. 10th St. belonging to our Society, had fallen through.

On motion of Miss Davis seconded by Mrs Mickle it was resolved, should it become necessary, that the Treasurer be empowered to borrow $1000. from our principal account and return it when she has the funds in hand.

Case of Miss Ralston.

A report was given of the interview with Miss Ralston in reference to her harsh mode of speech to the inmates, and the ultimatum of the Board informing her that unless a

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complete reform took place she must sever her connection with our institution.
She expressed sorrow and regret being totally unconscious of offending in this particular and agreeing to do all in her power to amend her future conduct toward the inmates.

Annual Report of Mr Erskine.

In view of this it was agreed by the Board of Managers that she be granted a probation of three months before further action is taken in her case.

The Annual Report of Mr Richard Erskine, supervising Engineer, was read. He suggested that a set of plumber's tools be purchased for the Asylum so that minor repairs may be made without entailing the cost of outside labor.

Plumber's tools purchased.

On motion of Miss Vaux, seconded by Mrs Du Bois, the Building and Repair Com. were given authority to purchase a set of plumber's tools.

Annual Reports Mad.

The Annual Reports of the Treasurer and Secretary were mad and approved.

Adjourned
Hetty V. Sparhawk
Secretary

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Ninety-Sixth Annual Meeting.

The Ninety-Sixth Annual Meeting of the Indigent Widows' & Single Women's Society was held at the Asylum, 3615 Chestnut St. on Jan. 9th /13 at 11 A.M.

Rev. Robert Johnston D.D. Epis. Church of the Saviour.

The Rev. Robert Johnston D.D. of the Episcopal Church of the Saviour presided and made an impressive and helpful address.

The Reports of the Treasurer and Secretary were mad.

The following managers were elected to serve for the ensuing year.

Mrs Charles R. Colwell
Miss Mary M. Vaux
Miss Clara Comegys
Miss Hetty V. Sparhawk
Miss Henrietta W. Pearsall
Mrs Samuel T. Stryker
Miss Elizabeth C. Morris
Mrs Howard Butcher
Miss Anna H. Faries
Mrs Charles A. Longstreth
Mrs Patterson Du Bois
Miss Elizabeth D. Williams
Mrs Philip Howard Brice
Mrs Charles E. Noblit
Mrs George Evety Shoemaker
Mrs Robert T. Mickle
Mrs John Perot
Miss Mary Vanuxem
Miss Helen R. Biddle
Mrs Wm M. C. Kimber

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Miss Eleanor L. Dana
Miss Grace A. Tierney
Miss Mary L. Perot
Miss Elizabeth M. Dale

A special meeting of the Managers of the Widow's Asylum was held by adjournment of the annual meeting on Jan. 9th /13 - there were present, Mrs Perot who presided, Mrs Strybing, Miss Comegys, Mrs Michels, Mrs Noblit Mrs Faries, Miss Dale, Mrs Colwell, Mrs Butcher, Miss Biddle, Mrs Du Bois, Miss Morris, Miss Perot, Miss Tierney.

The following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year.

First Directress	Miss Mary M. Dana
Second Directress	Miss Clara Comegys
Treasurer	Miss Elizabeth D. Williams
Secretary	Miss Hetty V. Sparhawk
Ass. Secretary	Mrs Charles L. Noblit

The following Standing Committees were appointed.

Purchasing Committee

Mrs Brice — Mrs Perot

Supply Committee

Mrs Du Bois — Mrs Shoemaker
Miss Dannison — Miss Biddle

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Committee for Receiving Applications

Mrs Butcher - Chairman

Miss Morris — Mrs Longstreth
Mrs Butcher — Mrs Michels
Miss Tierney — Miss Pearsall

Church Committee

Miss Sparhawk — Miss Perot
Mrs Snyder — Miss Faries
Mrs Noblit — Mrs Kimber

Committee on Nurses

Mrs Perot — Mrs Noblit
Mrs Kimber

Finance Committee

Miss Pearsall — Miss Morris
Miss Biddle — Miss Perot
Miss Williams

Library Committee

Mrs Colwell — Miss Dannison

Committee on Lehman Fund

Miss Sparhawk

Committee on Building & Repairs

Mrs Michels — Mrs Shoemaker — Miss Tierney

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Committee on Grounds.

Mrs Colwell — Miss Williams

Committee on Clothing

Mrs Brick — Miss Dale
Miss Faries — Miss Dana

Cemetery Committee

Mrs Perot — Mrs Du Bois

Committee on Entertainment

Mrs Butcher — Mrs Colwell
Mrs Du Bois — Miss Dana
Miss Faries — Miss Dannerson

Nominating Committee

Mrs Stryker — Mrs Brick
Miss Morris

Weekly Committees

Sarah P. Brick — Ellen W. Longstreth
Mary Dannerson — Helen R. Biddle

Anna N. Faries — Sarah D. Perot
Agnes M. F. Robeit — Grace A. Tierney

Elizabeth N. Thatcher — Mary M. Dana
Elizabeth H. Dale — Elizabeth C. Morris

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Clara Conway — Sarah L. P. Wickes
Hetty P. Sparhawk — Eleanor L. Dana

Mary L. R. Butcher — Clara G. Du Bois
Laura Colwell — Elizabeth D. Williams

Henrietta W. Pearsall — Grace M. Stryker
Mary L. Perot — Mary L. Shoemaker

Honorary Managers.

Miss Mary Coates — Mrs Chas. Herman Thomas
Mrs Charles L. Hinchman — Mrs Charles Hacker
Mrs Walter T. Moore — Mrs Wm H. Jenks
Mrs Randolph

On motion seconded it was agreed to have 500 copies of the Annual Report printed.

The meeting closed with the customary reading of the Constitution and By-Laws.

Adjourned.

Hetty P. Sparhawk
Secretary.

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Feb. 6th

A stated meeting of the Board of Managers of the Widow's Asylum was held on Feb. 6th/13 - there were present - Miss Vaux who presided, Mrs Colwell, Mrs Butcher, Mrs Shoemaker, Mrs Stryker, Miss Dale, Miss Vanuxem, Miss Biddle, Miss Conegys, Miss Faries, Mrs Du Bois, Miss Morris, Mrs Perot, Miss Williams, Mrs Noblit, Mrs Brice, Miss Dana, Mrs Randolph, Miss Spachank.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted and is as follows.

Receipts

Total receipts from 1/1 to 1/31/13	$3492.94
Balance 1st mo. 1st	114.99
	$3607.93

Payments

Total payments from 1/1 to 1/31	2134.31
Balance on hand	1473.62
	$3607.93

Reports were read from Visiting Committees, Matron and Head Nurse.

Purchasing Committee reported that a full supply of necessary house-hold linen - clothing, &c. had been purchased at a cost of $300.

clothing purchased - cost $300.

Supply Committee had no report.

Committee on Applications reported two deaths, Mrs Dow and Mrs Lake and three admissions. Mrs Maria Hicks entered Jan. 7th and Mrs

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Admissions Mrs Hicks, Mrs Stanger

Adelaide A. Stanger entered Jan. 13th. Miss Annie E. Hall passed the medical examination Jan. 27th but was granted permission to delay her entrance until the furniture which she will bring with her is done up - she will enter early in February.

Church, Nurse & Finance Committees had no reports.

14 books

Library Committee reported the gift of 14 books to the library, Mrs Noblit sending six of these.

Building & Repair Committee had no report.

Flag paving.

It was a suggestion of Dr. Stryker's that the flag paving in the grounds be repaired as its present condition renders it unsafe for the old people.

Committee on Clothing had no report.

Deaths of Mrs Dow & Mrs Eaton.

Cemetery Committee reported the death of Mrs Catharine C. Dow on Jan. 24th aged 84 years and her interment at Fernwood. also Mrs Isabella K. Eaton on Jan. 21st aged 75 years and her interment at North Laurel Hill.

Lecture by Mr J. Otto Tihlow.

Entertainment Committee reported a beautifully illustrated stereopticon lecture on "Flowers and Plants" by Mr J. Otto Tihlow.

It was stated that Mrs Eaton had requested in the event of her death that her funeral services be held at an undertaker's or a chapel in the cemetery instead of at the Asylum.

Admission Fees.

This request was not granted.

The question of the disposition of admission fees was under discussion.

On motion of Mrs Shoemaker seconded by Miss

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Feb. 6th — Fariss it was resolved that the admission fees be used for current expenses from date Jan 1st/13.

Deeds of burial lots Mrs Stanger. — Reference was made to deeds of burial lots of inmates which according to our usual custom are given into our custody for safe keeping. The deed of the burial lot of Mrs Stanger, a recently admitted inmate is at present recorded in the County Court but a copy can be secured when required.

Letter sent to Miss H.W. Pearsall. — On motion of Mrs Shoemaker seconded by all the Board it was directed that a message of appreciation be sent by the Secretary to our former First Directress, Miss Henrietta W. Pearsall for her eight years of faithful and capable leadership.

Adjourned

Hetty V. Shoemaker
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A Stated meeting of the Board of Managers of the Widows Asylum was held on Mar. 6th/13 there were present Miss Dana who presided, Miss Comegys, Mrs Colwell, Mrs Butcher, Miss Dana, Miss Fariss, Mrs Stryker, Mrs Shoemaker, Miss Dale, Mrs Michels, Miss Morris, Mrs Du Bois, Mrs Perot, Miss Williams, Miss Perot, Miss Sparhawk.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Treasurers report was read and accepted and is as follows.

Receipts

Total receipts from 2/1 to 2/28/13	$2568.56
Balance from Cash minute	1473.62
	$4042.18

Payments

Total payments from 2/1 to 2/28	$2340.49
Balance on hand	1801.69
	$4042.18

Reports were read from Visiting Com. Matron and Head Nurse.

New carpets — Purchasing Committee reported that new carpets had been purchased for ten rooms.

Miss A E. Hall admitted. Miss Eliz. Dark admitted. Miss A E. Scott admitted. — Committee on Applications reported the admission of Miss Annie E. Hall on Feb. 10th Miss Elizabeth Dark on Feb. 13th & Miss Amanda E. Scott on Feb. 26th.

Church Committee had no report.

Music Committee reported the case of Mrs Scheetz

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Case of Mrs Scheetz.

which is causing some trouble. On account of a growth on her hand which is under treatment, her presence at the dining-table is obnoxious to the other inmates, so it was arranged to serve her meals in her room. To this she strenuously objected though finally agreeing to take one meal a day in the Infirmary dining-room. The matter was left with the Nurse Committee to settle.

Finance Committee had no report.

Number of books, 1235.

Library Committee reported that old periodicals had been sent to the Mariners Mission. Number of books at present in Library 1235. In Blind Type 62 sections presented by the Blind Society. 11 large books of the Gospels purchased by the Board. 10 books were presented by Mrs Bullock and acknowledged with thanks by the chairman of the Committee.

Re-paving post-poned.

Building & Repair Committee reported that Mr Erskine advised that re-paving of flagging be post-poned until spring. Several rooms were re-painted and cedar tank in attic repaired. Lead piping in engineers house will be replaced by iron pipes. On motion of Miss Comegys seconded by Mrs Du Bois, it was resolved that the Committee be given authority to re-paint all rooms which require doing over.

Spring planting.

Committee on Grounds reported the planting of jonquils and tulips.

Committee on Clothing had no report.

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Death of Mrs Lake.

Cemetery Committee reported the death of Mrs Adelaide L. Lake on Feb. 16th aged 81 years and her interment at Wilmington.

Committee on Entertainment reported that Miss Sweezy had given an entertainment of music and recitations.

It was stated that Mrs Lake had left a bank-book but all money had been drawn out. The pension of Mrs Dow fell due a few days after her death.

Contract for telephone.

The question of telephone service-calls was discussed and on motion of Mrs Peirce seconded by Mrs Shoemaker it was agreed to accept a contract for 2400 calls at $60. a year.

Bond purchased for Lehman Fund.

There is at present in the Western Saving Fund the sum of $388. being accumulated interest on Lehman Fund belonging to the Society. On motion of Miss Comegys seconded by Mrs Michler it was resolved to add to this a sufficient amount to bring it up to $500. and then to purchase with this a bond to be added to the Lehman Fund.

Adjourned

Hetty D. Sparhawk
Secretary

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Apr. 3rd. A stated meeting of the Board of Managers of the Widow's Asylum was held on April 3rd/13. There were present Miss Vaux who presided, Mrs Colwell, Miss Dana, Miss Biddle, Mrs Kimber, Miss Tierney, Miss Dale, Mrs Stryker, Mrs Shoemaker, Mrs Du Bois, Miss Comegys, Mrs Butcher, Miss Morris, Mrs Perot, Miss Williams, Mrs Noblit, Miss Sparhawk.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted and is as follows.

Receipts

Total receipts from 3/1 to 3/31/13	$1620.82
Balance from last month	1801.69
	$3422.51

Payments

Total payments from 3/1 to 3/31	$2340.05
Balance on hand	1082.46
	$3422.51

Reports were read from Visiting Com. Matron and Head Nurse.

Purchasing & Supply Committees had no reports.

Miss Mary E. Watson Miss Mary E. Rainey admitted

Committee on Applications reported the admission of Miss Mary Emma Watson on Mar. 18th and Miss Mary Elizabeth Rainey on Mar. 26th. The following applicants will be visited this month. Miss Frances Adams, Miss Anna Fisher, Miss Sophy Huber, Miss Miskelly, Miss Harriet Weamer, Mrs Emma Guyer & Mrs Kate Klein, have been placed on the waiting list.

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Apr. 3rd. On motion of Mrs Shoemaker seconded by Mrs Perot the question of visiting additional persons was referred to the Committee.

Miss Esten removed to University Hospital.

Nurse Committee reported that Mrs Esten was to be removed to the University Hospital to be operated upon for cancer. Miss Cobourn's mind had suddenly become totally unbalanced, rendering her removal imperative at an early date. It was also stated that Mrs Hughes desired to consult a female physician.

Finance Committee had no report.

Library Committee reported that Mr Burlock had presented three books to the library one entitled "Women of War."

Front doors of Asylum.

Building & Repair Committee reported that the front doors of asylum had been scraped sandpapered and varnished and our room repainted.

Committee on Grounds reported that the grounds had been rolled and the grass cut, and requested permission to have a dead pear tree removed.

Deaths of Mrs Annie E. Trimble & Mrs Hannah Kearney.

Cemetery Committee reported the death of Mrs Annie E. Trimble on Mar. 11th/13 aged 80 years and her interment at Woodlands and of Mrs Hannah Kearney on Apr. 2nd aged 86 years and her interment at Carverville, Bucks Co. Pa.

Committee on Entertainment reported an entertainment given by Miss Sweezy, recitations & music.

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A letter was read from our dentist, Dr. Alfred P. Lee, stating that owing to the advance in prices of dental materials &c. it would be necessary for him to increase his charges for supplying artificial teeth to $12. for each plate and he desired to know if we wished his services continued on this basis, all other work to remain at the prices originally agreed upon. On motion of Mrs Shoemaker seconded by Mrs Colwell, it was agreed to continue Dr. Lee's services at the new standard of prices.

Advance in dentist's rates Dr. A. P. Lee.

New telephone contract.

Statement was made by the Treasurer that the new contract with the Bell Telephone Co. granted us 2400 calls for $60. annually.

A large box of new silk patches was donated to the Home by Schreiber & Co. for which the secretary was directed to make acknowledgment.

Case of Miss Ralston.

The question in regard to Miss Ralston's remaining in the Home was then brought up for discussion. It was stated by Mrs Shoemaker that as Miss Ralston gave very little assistance to Miss Umstead whose health was much impaired, her dismissal as assistant matron was advisable and another chosen to fill her place at once.

As Miss Ralston in the three months' probation granted her, had shown a marked improvement in her treatment of the inmates and a greater kindness of speech, it was then urged that she be allowed to remain for a time longer instead of being dismissed at once. This was agreed to by a majority vote.

On further motion of Mrs Butcher seconded by Mrs Noblit, it was resolved that a young woman be engaged who will act as a helper ~~to Miss~~

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to Miss Umstead and also to assist in the dining-room. On motion of Mrs Perot, seconded by Mrs Shoemaker, it was resolved that Miss Ralston be informed that we desire to secure a younger person in her place on the first of October.

Adjourned

Hetty V. Sparhawk
Secretary

May 1st

A stated meeting of the Board of Managers of the Widow's Asylum was held on May 1st/13. There were present, Miss Vaux who presided, Miss Pearsall, Mrs Colwell, Miss Dana, Miss Faries, Mrs Stryker, Miss Tierney, Miss Dale, Mrs Mickle, Mrs Shoemaker, Miss Biddle, Miss Comegys, Miss Morris, Mrs Butcher, Miss Perot, Miss Williams, Mrs Perot, Mrs Noblit, Mrs Du Bois, Mrs Randolph, Miss Sparhawk.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted and is as follows.

Receipts

Total receipts from 4/1 to 4/30/13	$2989.94
Balance from last month	1082.46
	$4072.40

Payments

Total payments from 4/1 to 4/30	$1962.41
Balance on hand	2109.99
	$4072.40

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Reports were read from Visiting Committees, Matron and Head Nurse.

Purchasing & Supply Committees had no reports.

Committee on applications reported in favor of admitting the following women—
Miss Isabella Miskelly, Miss Sophia Stuber, Mrs Anna Fisher, Miss Frances Adams, Miss Harriet Beamer, Mrs Mary Carey, Mrs Mary Fallon. The Committee were not in favor of admitting Mrs Sadie Undergiller. These decisions were ratified by the Board.
Miss Elizabeth Snell and Miss Martha Jordan have with-drawn their applications.

Church & Nurse Committees had no reports.

P.R.R. warrants sold.

Finance Committee stated that the question of selling our warrants to subscribe to new shares of Penna. R.R. stock was open to discussion. On motion of Mrs Michler, seconded by Mrs Shoemaker, the following resolution was adopted.

Resolved — That the Girard Trust Co. be directed to sell the warrants for 27 5/10 new shares of the Penna. R.R. to which we are entitled to subscribe and that the proper officers be directed to sign and seal the power of attorney for this purpose, and that the Secretary furnish the Girard Trust Co. with a certified copy of this resolution with seal attached.

Reducing int. on mtge. of $3000.

In regard to reducing the rate of interest on a mortgage of $3000. the motion of Mrs Shoemaker seconded by Miss Davies was adopted.

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Resolved — That the Girard Trust Co. be authorized to reduce the rate of interest on the mortgage of $3000. on premises 217 N. 16th St. from six to five per cent. at request of owner.

Investment of $7500. in loan. Wash. D.C.

The question of the investment of $7500. of un-invested principal on a loan in Washington, D.C. was brought up for discussion.

On motion of Mrs Snyder seconded by Mrs Du Bois the following resolution was adopted—

Resolved That the Girard Trust Co. be authorized to invest $7500. in a loan to be secured by first deed of trust on lots 195-199-200-201-Sq. 2674 the property of John C. Green in Washington D.C. for three years at five per cent or better. It was also suggested that the remaining money be invested in Penna. R.R. Convertible 3½% Bonds due 1915 — On motion of Mrs Shoemaker seconded by Mrs Noblit the following resolution was adopted

Investment $6000. P.R.R. Convertible 3½% Bonds.

Resolved — That the Girard Trust Co. be authorized to invest in $6000. Penna. R.R. Convertible 3½% Bonds due 1915 at 96⅞.

Mrs Cornwell stated that the price of the Public Ledger had advanced to two cents a copy and suggested that other daily papers were available at a lower figure. On motion of Mrs Shoemaker, seconded by Miss Davies it was agreed to leave this matter with the chairman of the Library Committee and also to grant her the necessary allowance for this purpose.

Building & Repair Committee had no report.

Committee on Grounds reported the strip of ground

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Kitchen garden

the front pavement in bad condition. Much satisfactory work had been accomplished in grounds the small kitchen garden amply supplying our needs.

Request to have maple tree cut down.

Reference was made to a request from Mrs Charles L. Hinchman that we cut down one of our maple trees which from her point of view was objectionable. On motion of Mrs Butcher seconded by Mrs Norbeck, it was decided not to have the tree cut down.

Clothing & Cemetery Committees had no reports.

Entertainment Committee reported an entertainment given by the Acorn Circle.

Case of Miss Ralston.

In relation to the case of Miss Ralston, the Visit Directress stated that her interview with her revealed the fact that she feels her present position keenly especially that no direct charges have been made against her. She fulfills her Task of cleaning 28 beds daily and the other duties assigned to her and she has agreed to remain at the Home until October.

Legacy of Miss Raphun.

Reference was made to the legacy of Miss Raphun which brings an annual income of about $500. which according to custom reverts usually to the Home. On motion of Miss Comegys seconded by Miss Biddle, it was resolved that Miss Raphun be granted one half of the annual interest on the legacy bequeathed to her, said interest to be paid to her through John G. Johnson Esq.

Adjourned

Hetty P. Sparhawk
Secretary

June 1st

A stated meeting of the Board of Managers of the Widows Asylum was held on June 1st /13. There were present Miss Dana who presided, Mrs Gabriel, Mrs Butcher, Miss Dana, Miss Dale, Mrs Michler, Miss Brinckerhoff, Miss Biddle, Miss Comegys, Mrs Du Bois, Miss Morris, Miss Williams, Mrs Perot, Mrs Norbeck, Miss Perot, Mrs Brice, Miss Sparhawk.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted and is as follows.

Receipts

Total receipts from 5/1 to 5/31/13	$3630.55
Balance from each month	2109.99
	$5740.54

Payments

Total payments from 5/1 to 5/31	$2122.37
Balance on hand	3618.17
	$5740.54

Reports were read from Visiting Committees, Matron & Head Nurse.

Miss Cobourn.

Mrs Butcher reported that she had visited Miss Cobourn at the Pennsylvania Hospital for the Insane and had found her peaceful & quiet.

Purchasing Committee reported the purchase of seven new carpets and three beds.

Strawberries preserved.

Supply Committee reported that three crates of strawberries had been preserved.

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$25. Extra granted matron.

It was proposed that $25. additional be granted monthly to Miss Linstead to purchase fruit & vegetables during the summer months.
On motion of Mrs Butcher, seconded by Mrs Root, it was agreed to allow Miss Linstead $25. additional each month from June 1st to November 1st to purchase fruit & vegetables.

Mrs Mary Fallon
Mrs Mary Leary admitted

Committee on Applications reported the admission of Mrs Mary Fallon on May 5th and Mrs Mary Leary on May 15th.

Miss Wyckoff

Miss Committee reported that Miss Wyckoff was very low and that Miss Eaton is suffering from a return of her trouble.

Legacy of Miss Raphun

Finance Committee reported in reference to the legacy of Miss Raphun that the check would be sent when due, a resolution having been passed at a previous meeting granting her one half of the annual interest in said legacy.

Library Committee reported library in good condition. An appeal was also made for donations of novels.

Lehman Fund.

Committee on Lehman Fund reported the usual spring distribution of $113. to the inmates.

Flagging re-set.

Building & Repair Committee reported that the flags on back street had been re-set also the walk to the front entrance of Asylum - cement to be cleaned off shortly.

Laundry Stove.

A new laundry stove holding 42 irons had been purchased at a cost of $45! as two of the nurses rooms required repairing

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and Mr. Lansing it was agreed on motion of Miss Conegys seconded by Miss Williams, to grant the Committee authority to repair during the summer any worms which need it.

Strips on front pavement re-sowed.

Committee on Grounds reported that the strips of sodding on front pavement had been re-sown with grass seed. Some perennials had also been purchased.

Clothing Committee reported necessary purchases.

Graves at Mt. Moriah

Cemetery Committee reported that the graves at Mt. Moriah had been added.

Entertainment Committee reported an evening entertainment with a magician.

Miss Ralston granted admission as in-mate

The question of admitting Miss Ralston to the House as an inmate after referring her as assistant matron, was discussed. On motion of Miss Conegys seconded by Miss Sparkawk it was resolved that Miss Ralston be admitted to the House as an inmate on November 1st.

Case of Mrs Carlson

The case of Mrs Carlson was again brought up for discussion a letter being read from Rev. Henry J. Van Etten requesting permission of the Board to permit her to consult her own physician.
On motion of Miss Sparkawk seconded by Mrs Colwell, the case was left in the hands of Mrs Batcher for adjustment.

Electric light to be turned off.

On motion of Mrs Batcher, seconded by Miss Conegys it was agreed to turn off the electric light the same time as last year.

Adjourned
Hetty P. Sparkawk
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Sept. 4th.

A stated meeting of the Board of Managers of the Widow's Asylum was held on Sept. 4th/13 - there were present Miss Vaux who presided, Mrs Colwell, Mrs Butcher, Miss Morris, Mrs Stryker, Miss Dale, Mrs Mickle, Miss Comegys, Mrs Noblit, Miss Biddle, Miss Sparhawk.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted and is as follows.

Receipts

Total receipts from 6/1 to 6/30/13	$4112.86
Balance from last month	3618.17
	$7731.03

Payments

Total payments from 6/1 to 6/30	2621.72
Balance on hand	5109.31
	$7731.03

Receipts

Total receipts from 7/1 to 7/31/13	$2513.33
Balance from last month	5109.31
	$7622.64

Payments

Total payments from 7/1 to 7/31	$1901.36
Balance on hand	5721.28
	$7622.64

Receipts

Total receipts from 8/1 to 8/31/13	1613.03
Balance from last month	5721.28
	$7334.31

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Payments

Total payments from 8/1 to 8/31	$1795.95
Balance on hand	5538.36
	$7334.31

Reports were read from visiting Committees, Matron and Head Nurse.

Miss Emma M. Guyer. Miss Sophie Huber. Miss Isabella Miskelly. admitted.

Purchasing & Supply Committees had no reports.

Committee on Applications reported the admission into the Home of Miss Emma M. Guyer on June 27th, Miss Sophie Huber on Aug. 28th and Miss Isabella Miskelly will enter on Sept. 6th.

It was stated that Miss Emma Guyer desired to set aside a fixed sum of money for care of her burial lot but in view of our rule requiring all property to revert to the Asylum on entrance she had accepted this agreement.

Burial lot of Miss Guyer.

On motion of Mrs Stryker seconded by Miss Comegys it was resolved that the sum of $100. be returned to Miss Emma M. Guyer for the care of her burial lot for ninety-nine years.

Summer supplies. chapel.

Church Committee reported that the Rev. J. Alford Boggs, Rev. E. R. Appelzeller, Rev. A. W. Brownmiller and Rev. J. W. Kretschmann had kindly consented to conduct services in our chapel in July & August.

Miss Rodger's mental condition.

Nurse Committee reported that Miss Rodger's mental condition was such that all furniture but a bed had to be removed from her room and at times she became violent. On motion of Miss Morris seconded by Mrs Colwell, it was resolved

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That the House Committee be given authority to have Miss Rodgers removed to the Insane Asylum at such time as Dr. Stryker deems necessary.

Finance Committee had no report.

Library Committee reported that the reading class led by Mrs Johnson was a source of great pleasure to the inmates.

Repair of hand-rail at entrances.

Building & Repair Committee reported that the hand-rail on front entrances required repairing. On motion of Mrs Stryker seconded by Miss Morris it was agreed that the Committee be given authority to have the steps and hand-rail on front entrances repaired permanently.

Committee on Grounds reported Grounds in fine condition.

Committee on Clothing had no report.

Deaths. Miss Wyckoff. Mrs Lippincott. Miss Fridge. Miss Esten. Miss Hughes.

Five deaths occurred at the Asylum during the summer months. Miss Sarah Wyckoff on June 5th aged 84 years - interred at Mt. Moriah. Mrs Sarah A. Lippincott on June 6th aged 74 yrs, interred at Mt. Moriah. Miss Annette M. Fridge on Aug. 7th aged 76 years, interred at Leverington Cemetery, Roxborough. Miss ~~Sarah~~ Sarah G. Esten on Aug. 14th aged 72 years, interred at Bridesburg. Miss Sarah D. Hughes on Aug. 27th aged 78 years, interred at Woodlands.

Case of Mrs Arrison.

Mrs Butcher stated that she had had an interview with Mrs Arrison's nephew informing him of our rule as to inmates

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entertaining outside physicians. Though unwilling to yield this point of view he was finally convinced that he must bow to the authority of the Home.

Insurance policy of Miss Fridge.

A check for $131. of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. on policy belonging to Miss Annette Fridge, lately deceased, was sent to us by Mrs Alfred Feeble, a friend of Miss Fridge who had kept the premiums paid up and applied to transfer to us the amount due. The Secretary was directed to acknowledge receipt of check.

Miss Ralston left Asylum.

It was stated that Miss Ralston had left the Asylum and intended to go to California for the winter. To fill her place permanently

Com. to select new Asst. Matron.

the First Directress appointed as a Committee Mrs Stryker & Miss Biddle with authority to choose a new assistant Matron whose duties are to be clearly specified.

Resignation of Miss Eleanor E. Dana.

The resignation of Miss Eleanor E. Dana was received with much regret. On motion of Mrs Butcher seconded by Mrs Noble it was unanimously resolved that we accept her resignation with extreme regret appreciating her faithful work and interest she has shown during the year of her membership.

Letter of thanks of Mrs Rapheun.

A letter of thanks was read from Mrs Rapheun for the generous action of the Board in allowing her one half of the income from her sister's estate.

Adjourned

Hetty P. Sparhawk
Secretary.

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Oct. 2nd

A stated meeting of the Board of Managers of the Widow's Asylum was held on Oct. 2nd 1913 — there were present Miss Vaux who presided — Mrs Colwell, Miss Faries, Mrs Kimber, Miss Tierney, Miss Dale, Mrs Stryker, Mrs Mickle, Miss Comergys, Mrs Longstreth, Mrs Au Bois, Miss Pearsall, Miss Perot, Miss Biddle, Mrs Perot, Miss Williams, Mrs Randolph, Mrs Noblit, Miss Sparhawk.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted and is as follows.

Receipts

Total receipts from 9/1 to 9/30/13	$1027.80
Balance from last month	5538.36
	$6566.16

Payments

Total payments from 9/1 to 9/30.	2199.44
Balance on hand	4366.72
	$6566.16

Reports were read from Visiting Com. Matron & Head Nurse.

Request to buy 10 metal beds.

Purchasing Committee had no report but requested permission to buy ten metal beds and the necessary mattresses. On motion of Mrs Stryker seconded by Miss Comergys, this was granted.

Supply Committee had no report.

Committee on Applications submitted the following

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list of applicants — Miss Emmeline A. Hawley — Miss Elizabeth S. Caulfield, Mrs Anna E. Moss, Mrs Ella A. Blez, Mrs Phoebe Nash — These women will be visited by the Committee.

Church & Nurse Committees had no reports.

Lehman Trust Fund transferred to Girard Trust Co.

Finance Committee suggested that the Lehman Trust Fund be taken from the Savings Fund and transferred to Girard Trust Co. On motion of Mrs Perot seconded by Mrs Noblit, it was resolved that action in this matter be left to the Finance Committee.

On motion of Mrs Mickle duly seconded, it was resolved that the Finance Committee be given authority to invest $5000. after consultation with the Advisory Board and the Girard Trust Co.

Rebinding library books.

Library Committee reported that Miss Hitch had been getting up clubs and receives books in return for the library. As some of the library books require re-binding it was on motion of Miss Williams seconded by Mrs Perot, agreed to grant $5. for this purpose.

Nurse's rooms re-painted.

Committee on Building & Repairs reported that the rooms occupied by the night nurses, also 63 & 75 have had the walls re-painted and the wood-work re-varnished — the work being done in September when some of the inmates are away on vacation and would not be annoyed by the odor of paint.

Mr Erskine has had work on the front stone steps begun before post sets in.

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Radiators covered with asbestos.

In order to conserve heat in the basement where it is wasted the Committee would like authority granted them to have the radiators covered with asbestos at such time as Robert Millar can undertake the work — the cost would be .50 per radiator. On motion of Mrs Stryker seconded by Mrs Longstreth, permission was granted to cover the radiators with asbestos.

Committee on Grounds. reported that Mrs Johnson's encroachments with her innumerable plants were proving troublesome.

Committee on Clothing had no report.

Death of Mrs Harriet Knecht.

Cemetery Committee reported the death of Mrs Harriet Knecht on Sept. 22nd aged 83 years and her interment in Northwood Cemetery.

Mrs Stryker stated that her Committee had received 40 personal applications in reply to their advertisement for a new assistant matron as well as numerous letters and telephone messages.

Mrs Reybold chosen as Ass. Matron.

From this number they had chosen Mrs Reybold whose attractive personality, youth and strength seemed to fit her for the position. She was engaged at a salary of $30. a month.

Legacy of $300.

A legacy of $300. from the estate of Mary Elizabeth Walker of Coleraine Township, Lancaster Co. Pas was bequeathed to our Institution upon the death of the sister of the testator.

Friend's Ass. granted use of Asylum for meetings.

The First Directress made request of the Board that the Friend's Association be granted permission to hold their monthly meetings at the Asylum at such time as will not interfere with the Home. On motion of Mrs Colwell, seconded by Miss Comegys this was granted.

Adjourned. Hetty P. Sparhawk. Sec.

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Nov. 6th

A stated meeting of the Board of Managers of the Widow's Asylum was held on Nov. 6th/13. There were present Miss Comegys, who presided Mrs Colwell, Mrs Butcher, Miss Faries, Miss Tierney, Mrs Kimber, Mrs Stryker, Miss Dale, Mrs Mickle, Mrs Longstreth, Mrs Du Bois, Mrs Shoemaker, Miss Morris, Mrs Perot, Miss Pearsall, Miss Perot, Mrs Noblit, Miss Biddle, Mrs Brier, Miss Sparhawk.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted and is as follows.

Receipts

Total receipts from 10/1 to 10/30/13	$3980.09
Balance from last month	4366.72
	$8346.81

Payments.

Total payments from 10/1 to 10/30	$2009.01
Balance on hand	6337.80
	$8346.81

Winter supply of potatoes purchased.

Reports were read from Visiting Com. Matron & Head Nurse.

On motion of Miss Morris seconded by Mrs Mickle, it was agreed that $107. additional be granted the Supply Committee for the purchase of the winter supply of potatoes.

Purchasing Committee reported the purchase of winter flannels for the inmates.

Supply Committee had no report.

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Miss Harriet Deamer, Miss Georgeanna Aushutz admitted to Home.

Committee on Applications reported the admission into the Home of Miss Harriet Deamer on Oct. 23rd. Miss Georgeanna Aushutz on Nov. 1st. The following applicants were accepted by the Board. Mrs Phoebe Nash, Mrs Anna E. Moss. Mrs Ella A. Blez. Miss Emmeline A. Hawley, Miss Elizabeth S. Caulfield was declined. The names of three new applicants were submitted. Mrs Harriet Davis, Miss Clara Woolley, Mrs Elizabeth Stephenson.

Miss Alvord fractured leg.

Nurse Committee reported that Miss Alvord had fallen and fractured her leg & Miss Siegfried had climbed over the gate which guarded her room. Mrs Kemmerer had been moved upstairs because of her enfeebled condition. On motion of Mrs Brice seconded by Mrs Du Bois, it was agreed that in securing a new night-nurse, the salary be increased if advisable.

Salary of new night nurse.

Power of attorney to collect $3000. Pa. Co. 3½'s.

Finance Committee requested the execution of a power of attorney to enable the Girard Trust Co. to collect the $3000. Pennsylvania Co. 3½'s. On motion of Mrs Shoemaker seconded by Mrs Longstreth, the proper officers were directed to sign said power of attorney.

Lehman Fund Bond purchased.

Chairman of Finance Committee further stated that a $500. Bond of the Norfolk & Western Consolidated 4's at 94 & brokerage amounting to $470.63. had been purchased as an investment for the Lehman Fund, transferred from Savings Fund $393.70 paid by Treasurer $76.93 — total $470.63.

Investments proposed.

Two investments were suggested for $1100 of un-invested funds. Pa. R.R. General Freight 4½ or Balto. & Ohio R.R. Equipment 4½.

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On motion of Mrs Noblit seconded by Mrs Stryker the Finance Committee were authorized to invest the sum of $3000.

Repairs to maid's rooms

Attention was called to the crying need of repairs in the maid's rooms in the third story. On motion of Mrs Shoemaker seconded by Mrs Butcher, it was resolved that the property on Market St. above 36th owned by the Home be placed in the hands of a local agent for sale or rent.

3620 Market St.

Library Committee had no report.

Trellis for ivy.

Committee on Grounds suggested that a trellis to support the ivy trailing in front of the Asylum be secured.

Burial lot of Miss Guyer.

Cemetery Committee reported that Miss Guyer desired permission to set aside $100. for perpetual care of her burial lot.

Clothing & Entertainment Committees had no reports.

Concrete steps.

Building & Repair Committees reported that the work on the concrete steps and iron railing of front entrances was finished and that Miss Alvord's room had been re-paired and re-painted. Mrs Micher was also requested to secure Estimates for cost of needed repairs to chapel & reception room.

Mrs Reybold Ass. matron.

Miss Biddle presented a very favorable report of the new assistant matron stating that she was alert, capable & willing and that her attractive personality added to her efficiency.

Adjourned

Hetty V. Sparhawk
Secretary.

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A stated meeting of the Board of Managers of the Widow's Asylum was held on Dec. 4th/13. There were present Miss Vaux who presided. Mrs Colwell, Mrs Butcher, Miss Fierney, Miss Dale, Mrs Stryker, Mrs Shoemaker, Mrs Mickle, Mrs Ay Bois, Miss Comegys, Miss Morris, Miss Perot, Miss Williams, Mrs Perot, Miss Pearsall, Mrs Noblit, Miss Biddle, Mrs Randolph, Miss Sparhawk

The minutes of the last meeting were read and after a slight alteration approved.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted and is as follows.

Receipts.

Total receipts from "/1 to "/30./13	1640.55
Balance from last month.	6337.80
	$7978.35

Payments.

Total payments from "/1 to "/30.	$2649.85
Balance on hand.	5328.50
	$7978.35

Reports were read from Visiting Com. Matron & Head Nurse

Thanksgiving Dinner.

Mrs Shoemaker reported that the Thanksgiving Dinner was an excellent one especially the turkeys which were the gift of Mrs William H. Jenks. The First Directress called attention to the added cares of Miss Beitel owing to the seven unclean cases at present in the Infirmary.

Purchasing & Supply Committees had no reports.

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Committee on Applications reported in favor of accepting the applications of Mrs Harriet Davis and Miss Clara Woolley which action was ratified by the Board. Mrs Elizabeth Stephenson was absent from home so will be visited during December.

Mrs Davis. Miss Woolley accepted.

Nurse Committee reported that Miss Ogden had had a heavy fall injuring her ribs.

Mortgage S.R. White.

Finance Committee reported that the mortgage of S. R. White on 151 West Coulter St. Germantown for $5000. was paid off on Nov. 13th/13.

A mortgage of 5 4/10 of $4000. on 1728 Ridge Ave. was taken.

Balance principal "/13/13.	253.75
Mortgage paid off	5000.
	$5253.75
Mortgage taken.	5253.75
Balance principal.	4000.
Balance income.	$1253.75

Invest $4000.

On motion of Mrs Perot seconded by Miss Perot it was resolved to invest $4000. in Pa. R.R. General Freight 4 1/2's.

3620 Market St. repainted & repaired.

Reference was made to a vacant property on Market above 36th St. (3620 Market St.) owned by us which the Girard Trust Co. have been unable to rent or sell in spite of effort. On motion of Miss Sparhawk seconded by Mrs Stryker, it was agreed to paint the front of the house and repair panes of glass and place the house in the hands of a West Phila. agent.

Legacy of Miss Pechin.

In regard to the bequest to us in the will of Miss Pechin it was stated that her estate will be divided into four portions - one fourth being devised to our Institution $500. to be deducted from that to defray the entrance fee of a

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friend of Miss Pechin into some Asylum chosen by herself. The total amount requeathed to us will be about $2125.

Check for periodicals. $16.60

Library Committee reported that an illustrated book on Panama the Library - Request was made for the usual check for periodicals amount required about $16.60. On motion of Mrs Shoemaker seconded by Mrs Mickle, this was granted. Mention was made of the gift of "Polly-Anna", a book presented by Mrs Elliston P. Morris.

Lehman Fund.

Lehman Fund Committee reported receipt of check for $113. the money to be distributed this month to the inmates.

Maid's rooms repainted.

Building & Repair Committee reported the re-painting and renovating of seven of the Maid's rooms - the chapel and reception room to be put in order in the Spring.

3 maple trees planted.

Committee on Grounds. reported the planting of of three maple trees and the finding of a brick pillar while digging up the roots of the maple trees. On motion of Miss Conergys, seconded by Mrs Stryker it was resolved to place a trellis 20 inches high with upsights on which the ivy in front of the Asylum can be trained to grow.

Trellis for ivy.

Clothing & Cemetery Committees had no reports.

Lecture on "Flora of Pa."

Entertainment Committee reported that Mr J Otto Tihlow had given a beautifully illustrated steri-opticon lecture on the "Flora of Pennsylvania".

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Miss Eleanor A. Scott elected manager.

Nominating Committee presented the name of Miss Eleanor A. Scott as manager to take the place of Miss Eleanor E. Dana who resigned. Miss Scott was unanimously elected and the Secretary was requested to notify her.

The question of a presiding officer to address the coming annual meeting was discussed and it was proposed to ask Mr George Vaux Jr. to fill this position.

Mr George Vaux Jr. chosen to address Annual Meeting.

On motion of Mrs Shoemaker, seconded by Mrs Mickle, it was agreed to hold the stated January meeting on Friday, Jan. 2nd /14 instead of the preceding day as this is New Years.

Adjourned

Hetty V. Sparhawk
Secretary.

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Jan. 2nd

A stated meeting of the Board of Managers of the Widow's Asylum was held on Jan. 2nd /14. There were present Miss Gaw who presided, Mrs Colwell, Mrs Butcher, Miss Yaries, Miss Scott, Miss Dale, Mrs Brice, Mrs Michler, Mrs Shoemaker, Miss Comegys, Mrs du Bois, Miss Morris, Miss Randall, Miss Williams, Mrs Read, Mrs Corbit, Miss Sparhawk.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted and is as follows.

Receipts

Total receipts from 12/1 to 12/31/13.	$ 4621.43
Balance from Cash Monthly.	5328.50
	$9949.93

Payments.

Total payments from 12/1 to 12/31.	8397.18
Balance on hand	1552.75
	$9949.93

Receipts

Total receipts for year 1913	$ 33811.90
Balance 1/1 1913.	114.99
	$33926.89

Payments

Payments for year 1913.	32374.14
Balance on hand	1552.75
	$33926.89

Reports were read from Visiting Committees, Matron & Head Nurse.

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Purchasing & Supply Committee had no reports.

Mrs Elizabeth Stephenson admitted.

Committee on Applications reported favorably as to the admission of Mrs Elizabeth Stephenson this decision being ratified by the Board.

Repairs & House Committee had no reports.

Mortgage on property 332 S. 19th St.

Finance Committee made a proposition on advice of Girard Trust Co. that we invest $5000. at 5% interest in a mortgage on property 332 S. 19th St.

On motion of Miss Yaries seconded by Mrs Brice, this action was approved.

It was also stated that the property 3628 Market St. will be re-painted and placed in the hands of a West Philadelphia agent, Girard Trust Co. assenting to this plan.

3628 Market St.

Legacy from Miss Rechie.

The legacy received from estate of Miss Rechie was $2000.

On motion of Mrs Brice seconded by Miss Comegys, it was resolved that the matter in regard to Pa. R.R. General Freights 4½'s be re-considered.

On motion of Mrs Shoemaker, seconded by Mrs Michler, it was resolved that the investment of $2000. be left in the hands of Finance Com. with power to act after consultation with Advisory Board. Report of Finance Committee is as follows.

Balance principal, Dec. 1st	$1253.75.
Admission fees transferred to principal.	3800.00
	$5053.75

Invested in mortgage 332 S. 19th St.
for five years at 5%. $5000.
Balance principal 53.75
$5053.75

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Jan. 2nd — Library Committee reported gifts of books from inmates.

Lehman Fund. — Committee on Lehman Fund reported the usual distribution of $112. to inmates.

Tungsten burners. — Building & Repair Committee stated that Mr Erskine had advocated Tungsten Burners for the Electric Lights.

Ivy Trellis. — Committee on Grounds reported that the trellis & uprights on which the ivy of the front terrace had been trained, was completed.

Clothing & Cemetery Committees had no reports.

Xmas carols. — Entertainment Committee reported that Mr & Mrs Messer-Schmidt had kindly sung Christmas Carols on Christmas Eve at the Home to the great enjoyment of the old people.

Musicale Mr & Mrs Rolfe. — Mr & Mrs Rolfe also gave a delightful musicale. On motion of Mrs Shoemaker seconded by Miss Cormeys it was agreed that a vote of thanks should be sent to Mr & Mrs Messer-Schmidt for their kindness.

Mr Graham Calvert. — Reference was made to the courtesy of Mr Graham Calvert who in settling the estate of Miss Perkins and her legacy to the Institution of $2133.95. donated his services and percentage on his commission. On motion of Mrs Butcher seconded by Miss Morris it was resolved to send a vote of thanks to Mr Calvert for his kind interest in settlement of this legacy and his donation to us.

George Vaux Jr. to address an. meeting. — It was stated that Mr George Vaux Jr. had kindly agreed to preside at the annual

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New fire-hose. — It was suggested by Mr Erskine that a new fire-hose be purchased for the Asylum to replace the present one which had become stiff. On motion of Miss Randall seconded by Mrs Noble this was agreed to.

Adjourned

Hetty P. Yarnall
Secretary.

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Ninety-Seventh Annual Meeting

The Ninety-Seventh Annual Meeting of the Indigent Widows' & Single Women's Society was held at the asylum, 3615 Chestnut St. on Jan. 8th 1914 at 11 A.M.

George Vaux Jr. Society of Friends.

Mr. George Vaux Jr. of the Society of Friends presided and gave an interesting and instructive address.

The reports of the Treasurer and Secretary were read.

The following managers were elected to serve for the ensuing year.

Mrs Charles R. Coldwell
Miss Mary M. Vaux
Miss Clara Conyngs
Miss Hetty P. Sparhawk
Miss Henrietta W. Pearsall
Mrs Samuel T. Shryock
Miss Elizabeth C. Morris
Mrs Howard Butcher
Miss Anna H. Davis
Mrs Chas. H. Longstreth
Mrs Patterson DuBois
Miss Elizabeth D. Williams
Mrs Philip Howard Brice
Mrs Charles L. Norbeck
Mrs George Fretz Shoemaker
Mrs Robert J. Nickels
Mrs John Perot
Miss Mary Bannerman
Miss Helen H. Biddle
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Miss Grace A. Tierney
Miss Mary L. Perot
Miss Elizabeth W. Dale
Miss Eleanor A. Scott.

Adjourned meeting.

A special meeting held by adjournment of the Annual Meeting was held on Jan. 8th/14 at 12 M. — There were present Miss Fairlamb who presided, Miss Vaux, Mrs Coldwell, Mrs Butcher, Miss Biddle, Miss Davis, Miss Scott, Miss Dale, Miss Bannerman, Miss Conyngs, Mrs Nickels, Mrs Longstreth, Miss Perot, Mrs Norbeck, Miss Sparhawk.

The following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year.

First Directress	Miss Mary M. Vaux
Second Directress	Miss Clara Conyngs
Treasurer	Miss Eliz. D. Williams
Secretary	Miss Hetty P. Sparhawk
Ass. Secretary	Mrs Charles L. Norbeck

The following Standing Committees were appointed.

Purchasing Committee

Mrs Brice — Mrs Perot

Supply Committee

Mrs DuBois — Mrs Shoemaker
Miss Bannerman — Miss Biddle

Committee for Receiving Applications

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Miss Morris
Mrs Butcher
Miss Tierney
Mrs Longstreth
Mrs Mickle
Miss Pearsall.
Miss Comegys.

Church Committee

Miss Sparhawk
Mrs Stephen
Mrs Noblit
Miss Perot
Miss Yarnall
Mrs Skinner

Committee on Music

Mrs Perot
Mrs Noblit
Mrs Skinner

Finance Committee

Miss Pearsall
Miss Biddle
Miss Morris
Mrs Perot
Miss Williams

Library Committee

Mrs Colwell
Miss Dannenfelser

Committee on Lehman Fund

Miss Sparhawk

Committee on Building & Repairs

Mrs Mickle
Mrs Shoemaker
Miss Tierney

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Committee on Grounds

Mrs Colwell
Miss Williams

Committee on Clothing

Mrs Brice
Miss Yarnall
Miss Dale
Miss Scott

Cemetery Committee

Mrs Perot
Mrs Du Bois

Committee on Entertainment

Mrs Butcher
Mrs Du Bois
Miss Yarnall
Mrs Colwell
Miss Scott
Miss Dannenfelser

Nominating Committee

Miss Morris
Mrs Brice
Miss Yarnall

Honorary Managers.

Mrs Charles L. Hinchman
Mrs Walter T. Moore
Mrs Charles Herman Thomas

Mrs Charles Wacker
Mrs William N. Jenks
Mrs Randolph.

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Weekly Committees

Sarah D. Perot	Henrietta W. Pearsall
Grace A. Tierney	Mary L. Perot
Mary M. Vaux	Grace M. Stryker
Elizabeth C. Morris	Mary L. Shoemaker
Clara Comegys	Sarah P. Brice
Hetty V. Sparhawk	Mary Vanuxem
Mary L. R. Butcher	Anna H. Faries
Laura Colwell	Agnes M. F. Noblit
Sarah E. P. Mickle	Elizabeth H. Kimber
Eleanor A. Scott	Elizabeth W. Dale
Clara G. Du Bois	Ellen W. Longstreth
Elizabeth D. Williams	Helen R. Biddle

500 copies Annual Report.

On motion of Mrs Noblit seconded by Miss Faries it was agreed that 500 copies of the Annual report be printed.

It was requested that the Repair Com. investigate the need of repairs throughout the house and report at the next meeting. It was reported by Mrs Colwell that one of the Blind Type books had been found on the grounds the result of careless mailing by one of the inmates. It was resolved in future to direct that these books be left with the Matron for mailing.

The meeting closed with the reading of the Constitution & By-Laws.

Adjourned
Hetty V. Sparhawk
Secretary

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Feb. 5th

A stated meeting of the Board of Managers of the Widow's Asylum was held on Feb. 5th 1914, there were present, Miss Vaux who presided, Mrs Colwell, Mrs Butcher, Miss Faries, Miss Scott, Miss Dale, Mrs Stryker, Mrs Kimber, Mrs Mickle, Miss Vanuxem, Mrs Longstreth, Mrs Shoemaker, Miss Morris, Mrs Du Bois, Miss Williams, Miss Pearsall, Mrs Brice, Mrs Noblit, Miss Sparhawk.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and after a slight correction approved.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted and is as follows.

Receipts.

Total receipts from 1/1 to 1/31/14	$3225.76
Balance 1/1/14	1552.75
	$4778.51

Payments.

Total payments from 1/1 to 1/31.	$2025.44
Balance on hand	2753.07
	$4778.51

Reports were read from Visiting Committees, Matron & Head Nurse.

Purchasing Committee reported the buying of dress-maker's supplies and linen. The dress-maker is at present employed at the House.

Supply Committee had no report.

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Miss Clara L. Brewer admitted.

Committee on Applications reported the admission of Miss Clara L. Brewer into the Home on Jan. 30th /14. It was further reported that Miss Mickelly had not received money due her from insurance. It was agreed by the Board that $25. of this be delivered to her.

Church & Music Committees had no reports.

Bond purchased, 1000. P.R.R. Genl Freight Equip. 4½'s.

Finance Committee reported that the Girard Trust Co. had purchased for us a $1000. Bond of the Penna. R.R. General Freight Equipment 4½'s due april. 1918.

Miss Dark, Reader.

Library Committee reported the gifts of books for library from Miss Vanuxem. Reference was also made to the ministry of Miss Dark who reads the Bible and other books regularly to the other inmates.

Building & Repair Committee had no report.

Magnolia.

Committee on Grounds reported the magnolia tree in very bad condition requiring to be filled in with earth at the roots. This was agreed to by the Board.

Committee on Clothing reported that the dressmaker was at work at the Home.

Deaths.
Mrs Mary Fallon.
Mrs Josephine Parke.

Cemetery Committee reported the death of Mrs Mary Fallon on Jan. 17th /14 aged 78 yrs. and her interment at Fernwood, also Mrs Josephine Parke on Feb. 1st /14 aged

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84 years and her interment in Burlington N.J.

Committee on Entertainment reported that a concert had been given through Mrs Johnson.

Bureau of Mrs Fallon.

Request was made that a bureau belonging to the daughter of Mrs Mary Fallon, deceased, be returned to her, which on motion of Mrs Shoemaker, seconded by Mrs Noble was agreed to.

Window in third floor toilet fastened.

Complaint was made that the window in the toilet room on the third floor was continually left open, causing severe draughts, every effort to have the nails removed by an unknown person. On motion of Mrs Shoemaker seconded by Mrs Snyder, it was resolved that the Chairman of Repair Committee be given authority to have the window permanently fastened to avoid draughts.

Banana Skins.

It was also stated that the kitchen sinks had been detected throwing banana skins down the toilet thereby stopping up the pipes. In view of this flagrant deficiency of rules it was resolved that the First Directress administer a reproof in the dining-room.

Miss Morris requested permission to order a Nurse's book containing a agreement to be signed by inmates, also doctors certificates. This was granted by the Board.

Estimates for papering and painting.

The Chairman of Repair Committee submitted estimates for re-papering reception room, 3rd story corridor and chapel as follows. Thayer & Allman for re-papering small reception room, $15. On motion of Miss Morris, seconded

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by Mrs Stryker, this was accepted.

Herman Sears - scraping - re-painting and re-touching walls in 3rd story corridor and servants rooms. $40. On motion of Mrs Noblit seconded by Miss Faries, this was accepted.

James Wilson & Sons. renovating of chapel walls including varnishing of wood-work and re-lettering of space over pulpit. $100. On motion of Miss Pearsall, seconded by Mrs Shoemaker, this was accepted.

In reference to 3rd story it was afterwards moved by Mrs Noblit and seconded by Miss Faries, that the re-painting of the 3rd floor corridor and the question of color be left with Repair Committee to make the best arrangement possible as the estimate of $40. was considered high.

Mantel clock in hall.

On motion of Miss Williams seconded by Mrs Du Bois, it was resolved to have the front hall mantel clock put in complete order by Riggs.

Adjourned.
Hetty P. Sparhawk
Secretary

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Mar. 5th

A stated meeting of the Board of Managers of the Widow's Asylum was held on Mar. 5th/18. There were present, Miss Vaux who presided, Mrs Colwell, Mrs Butcher, Miss Faries, Miss Scott, Miss Vanuxem, Mrs Michle, Miss Conegys, Mrs Du Bois, Mrs Perot, Miss Pearsall, Miss Williams, Mrs Noblit, Miss Biddle, Miss Morris, Miss Sparhawk.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted and is as follows.

Receipts

Total receipts from 2/1 to 2/28/14	$2444.69
Balance from last month	2753.07
	$5197.76

Payments

Total payments from 2/1 to 2/28.	$2425.66
Balance on hand	2772.10
	$5197.76

Reports were made from Visiting Committees, Matron & Head Nurse.

Cost of dress-maker $32.

Purchasing Committee reported necessary purchases made and the dress-making completed at a cost of $32. The Store-room has been cleared out and a number of garments and bonnets unsuitable for House use sent to a Settlement House.

Supply Committee had no report.

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Mar. 5th. Mrs Phoebe Nash. Mrs Mary Alter admitted.

Committee on Applications reported the entrance into the Home of Mrs Mary Alter on Feb. 14th/14 and Mrs Phoebe Nash on Feb. 21st.

Church Committee reported that the Rev. Wm Muir Aued had consented to hold a service at the Asylum on the 4th Sunday of March.

Uniforms for nurses.

Nurse Committee reported that our nurse intended leaving us. There was some discussion on the subject of Miss Beitel and it was stated that the dignity of her position required a more careful attention to neatness of appearance than she sometimes shows. This also brought up the question of providing uniforms for the under nurses and on motion of Mrs Butcher seconded by Mrs Du Bois, it was resolved that the question of uniforms for the under-nurses be left in the hands of the Nurse Committee.

Finance Committee had no report.

27 books given to Library.

Library Committee reported the gift of 27 books from Mrs Brice and several from Miss Vanuxem.

Estimates for painting 3rd floor.

Building & Repair Committee submitted an estimate from Jones & Robinson for painting in corridor of 3rd floor of Asylum – estimate for work $22.50. Encasing wooden beams at a cost of $3.00 each. this was suggested as more satisfactory than re-plastering.

Grounds & Clothing Committees had no reports.

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Mar. 5th. Death of Miss Anna M. Patterson.

Cemetery Committee reported the death of Miss Anna M. Patterson on Feb. aged years and her interment at Mount Moriah.

Musicale Mrs Utley & Mrs John Sparhawk Jr.

Entertainment Committee reported an enjoyable musicale given our afternoon with songs rendered by Mrs Utley of Brooklyn and instrumental music by Mrs John Sparhawk Jr.
Mrs William Libbey of Princeton will give an illustrated stereopticon lecture at the Home next week.

Repairs proposed by Mr Erskine.

The Chairman of Building & Repair Com. reported the receipt of a letter from Mr Erskine stating that the porch on the second floor east wing was in bad condition and needs repairing. He also suggested that linoleum be laid in Infirmary corridor as the floors are in bad shape, the material to be cemented to the floor with a molding at junction of floor & walls, thus avoiding dust or vermin and being more easily cleaned.
Plastering in basement needs repair, also roof bricks having been blown from the chimney during a storm, exposed tin-work also requiring re-painting. New tanks are also needed imperatively in toilet-rooms.
On motion of Miss Williams seconded by Miss Pearsall it was resolved that all necessary repairs be made and other repairs be referred to Repair Committee requesting an estimate for these to be brought to the next meeting.

Campbell Henderson. Leave of absence.

The Assistant Engineer, Campbell Henderson, requested permission for two months absence this summer in order that he might revisit his home in Scotland.

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Mar. 5th. On motion of Mrs Butcher seconded by Miss Pearsall, it was agreed to grant Catherine Henderson two months holiday this Summer, two weeks of this time with salary, the remaining six weeks without, a substitute to be secured in his absence.

Keys of inmates rooms. The question of allowing the inmates to retain the keys of their rooms especially when mentally unbalanced, was discussed at length and referred for settlement to a subsequent meeting.

Subscription of Mrs Hinchman. Complaint was made of certain inmates who oppose having their beds examined at stated times. It was agreed that all should submit to this rule in future.

A letter was read from Mrs Charles J. Hinchman enclosing a subscription of $20. to the Asylum.

Reference was made to the request of one of the inmates who desires to return to England for some future time to visit friends, if the Board will grant her an extended leave of absence for three months instead of the specified eight weeks. This will be granted.

Adjourned
Hetty P. Sparhawk
Secretary

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Apr. 2nd. A stated meeting of the Board of Managers of the Widows asylum was held on Apr. 2nd /14. There were present Miss Barry who presided Mrs Colwell, Mrs Butcher, Miss Leeds, Mrs Shipley, Miss Dale, Mrs Michler, Mrs Thomas, Miss Lippincott, Mrs Longstreth, Miss Biddle, Miss Morris, Miss Perot, Miss Williams, Mrs Perot, Miss Pearsall, Mrs Norris, Miss Tierney, Miss Sparhawk.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report was read and accepted and is as follows.

Receipts.

Total receipts from 3/1 to 3/31/14	$957.70
Balance from last month	2772.10
	$3729.80

Payments.

Total payments from 3/1 to 3/31.	2162.28
Balance on hand	1567.52
	$3729.80

Reports were read from visiting Committees, Matron and Head Nurse.

Rugs & Linoleum purchased. Purchasing Committee reported the purchase of rugs and linoleum.

Supply. Applications & Church Committees had no reports.

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Nurses granted 3 sets underwear & 3 uniforms a week.

Nurses Committee reported that on inquiry it was found that the nurses were only allowed the uniform and one change of clothing a week in the Home Laundry, all additional clothing being washed by their own hands. On motion of Mrs Shoemaker seconded by Miss Pearsall it was decreed that three uniforms and three sets of underwear a week be allowed the nurses the work to be done by the Home Laundry and sufficient help secured to accomplish this.

Legacy of Eleanor Gaitons.

Finance Committee reported in regard to a legacy to our Institution from estate of Eleanor Gaitons, deceased, amount of bequest $620.09 less collateral inheritance Tax of $69.05 making with interest added a total of $551.42. On motion of Mrs Shoemaker seconded by Miss Cornegys it was resolved that this paper having reference to bequest be signed by the proper officers of our Society.

1280 books in Library.

Library Committee reported 1280 volumes in Library with several of value one a large copy of the Bible published in 1804, and Scott's Bible in 6 volumes bound in calf, published in 1830, also a fine copy of Benjamin Pilgrim's Forgiveness bearing his autograph 1682.

Gift of $10. from Mrs Langhlin.

Reference was made to a gift of $10. from Mrs Edward Langhlin towards the purchase of a book-case for Library. On motion of Mrs Mickle seconded by Mrs Stryker, it was agreed to purchase a new book-case similar to the former one. An subscription of $10. from

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Miss Otto was also reported.

Second floor corridors covered with linoleum.

Building & Repair Committee submitted estimate for linoleum covering for second floor corridors 145 yds (square) at 90 cts. per square yard including moulding at cage. On motion of Miss Pearsall seconded by Mrs Mickle it was resolved that the whole second floor corridors be covered with linoleum according to estimate submitted by Mr Erskine.

It was also agreed to repair all chimneys on roof - vacuum pumps in surgical room & closet - tanks in toilet rooms, these to be cast-iron enamelled within and without. Total cost to be $186.

Committees on Grounds, Clothing & Cemetery had no reports.

Musicale.

Lecture on "West Indies." by Mrs Wm Libbey.

Entertainment Committee reported that a musicale had been given through Miss Cornegys and an illustrated stereopticon lecture on the West Indies by Mrs William Libbey of Princeton. On motion of Mrs Shoemaker seconded by Miss Cornegys it was agreed that a vote of thanks be sent to Mrs Libbey for the kindness in giving so much pleasure to our inmates.

The First Directress suggested a plan by which conditions in the Infirmary could be greatly improved and labor lessened in every way first by the installation of an electric washing machine and electric irons at a cost of $80. to $85. The electric

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Electric washing-machine & irons for Infirmary also bath-tub, toilet & lavatory.

current could be brought from the outside without charge, the wiring to switch-board being done by us. Next removing and re-setting a new bath-tub and installing a new water-closet and lavatory at a cost of $120.

On motion of Mrs Perot seconded by Mrs Longstreth, it was resolved to install electric washing-machine and electric irons - also new bath-tub, water-closet and lavatory as suggested.

On motion of Miss Comegys seconded by Mrs Stryker, it was also resolved that Miss Biddle be authorized to investigate the cost of electric lighting from outside and compare this with the cost of our own.

Adjourned

Hetty V. Sparhawk
Secretary.

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May 7th

A stated meeting of the Board of Managers of the Widow's Asylum was held on May 7th 1914 - there were present Miss Vaux who presided, Mrs Colwell, Mrs Butcher, Miss Perot, Miss Scott, Mrs Stryker, Mrs Shoemaker, Miss Comegys, Mrs Du Bois, Mrs Longstreth, Mrs Brice, Mrs Mickle, Miss Biddle, Miss Morris, Miss Pearsall, Mrs Noblit, Mrs Kimber, Mrs Randolph, Miss Sparhawk.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted and is as follows:

Receipts

Total receipts from 4/1 to 4/30/14	$4684.58
Balance from last month	1567.52
	$6252.10

Payments

Total payments from 4/1 to 4/30.	$2147.15
Balance on hand	4104.95
	$6252.10

Reports were read from Visiting Committees, Matron & Head Nurse.

Purchasing Committee reported a few articles purchased.

Steeble baker.

Supply Committee reported that Steeble, our present baker, has gone out of business. It was suggested that we try Kolb's bread for the house-

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Mrs Anna E. Moss entered Home Apr. 27th

Committee on Applications reported that Mrs Anna E. Moss had entered the Home on Apr. 27th.

Church Committee reported that the Rev. Wm Muir Aued of Calvary Church had consented to conduct the service for us on May 24th.

Nurse Committee had no report.

Payment of Mortgage Harry E. Tyler extended.

Finance Committee reported receipt of letter from Walter Penn Shipley containing application for an agreement extending the time for payment of the Mortgage of Harry W. Tyler in the amount of $13.000 with interest at 6% per annum with the privilege of obtaining release of a portion of the property upon payment of stated amount for such release. As it was imperative the Finance Committee agreed to this extension and desired to have their action approved by the Board. On motion of Mrs Longstreth, Mrs Noblit seconded by it was resolved that the action of the Finance Committee for the extension of the Tyler Mortgage at 6% per annum be approved.

Gift of books.

Library Committee reported the gift of fifteen or sixteen new books and the opportunity to purchase an old mahogany book-case for $8. the original price being $10.

Prayer-meeting organized.

Reference was made to the prayer-meeting organized and conducted weekly by Miss Lewis and attended faithfully by fifteen or twenty of the inmates, Miss Dark taking charge in the absence of Miss Lewis.

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Wood-flooring

Building & Repair Committee reported two ceilings repaired and outside chimneys nearly finished. It was decided to continue the wood flooring through-out the second floor the work being now under way.

New lawn-mower.

Committee on Grounds reported that a new lawn-mower had been purchased, the old one having been in use for fifteen years.

Committee on Clothing had no report.

Death of Mrs Belknap. Apr. 10th

Cemetery Committee reported the death of Mrs Belknap on April 10th aged 78 years and her interment at Fernwood.

Entertainment Committee had no report.

Mr Erskine advocates outside electric current to connect with present system.

A letter was read from Mr Erskine in regard to the cost of electric lighting at the Asylum and the bringing in of outside current to connect with our present system at the engine-room switch-board. This latter method he advocates, "as the building could be supplied with lights at night or during the day-time when it was found impracticable to run the generators and also supply current for any electrical apparatus which might be used in the building." This would require a different type of motor to be used on our present vacuum cleaner as the current furnished by the Phila Electric Co. is of a different type from that generated by the dynamos of the Institution.

The Electric Co. will run a main to the

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May 7th. building and supply current for ten cents per kw. with a minimum charge of $1.00 per month or $12.00 per year. The cost of switches &c. which would have to be installed by the institution would cost about $125.00.

All things considered, Mr Erskine advocates, the use of an outside current in connection with our present system of heating & lighting.

After discussion it was agreed that the question be left with Miss Biddle to consult with Mr Erskine.

New carpet for chapel. Miss Comegys suggested that a new carpet was greatly needed in the chapel the present one being much faded. It was then moved by Mrs Shoemaker and seconded by Miss Sparhawk that the furnishings of the chapel be left in the hands of a committee to report at the next meeting. The First Directress appointed the committee as follows, Miss Comegys, chairman, Mrs Perot & Mrs Mickle.

Inmates forbidden to carry dishes from dining-room. Miss Comegys urged that the custom of allowing the inmates to carry dishes from the dining-room after meals be abolished owing to the feebleness of the women and the consequent danger of accident to them. To further this end she suggested that another dining-room girl be secured to do this work. On motion of Miss Comegys, seconded by Mrs Noblit, it was resolved to secure a new dining-room girl and also to prohibit from hence-forth the custom of the inmates carrying out dishes.

Mental condition, Miss Rodgers. It was stated that Miss Rodger's mental condition had become much worse and Dr. Stryker advised her removal to

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May 7th. an Insane Asylum. On motion of Mrs Shoemaker seconded by Miss Pearsall it was agreed that Miss Rodgers be removed to an Insane Asylum.

Miss Siegfried. As Miss Siegfried is also mentally impaired it was on motion of Mrs Shoemaker seconded by Miss Pearsall, resolved that Miss Siegfried be also removed to an Insane Asylum if Dr. Stryker considers it necessary.

Adjourned
Hetty V. Sparhawk
Secretary.

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June 4th. A stated meeting of the Board of Managers of the Widow's Asylum was held on June 4th/14. There were present Miss Vaux who presided, Mrs Colwell, Mrs Butcher, Miss Faries, Mrs Kimber, Miss Tierney, Miss Scott, Miss Dale, Miss Vanuxsen, Mrs Stryker, Mrs Shoemaker, Miss Comegys, Mrs Perot, Miss Pearsall, Mrs Noblit, Miss Sparhawk.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted and is as follows.

Receipts.

Total receipts from 5/1 to 5/31/14	$2001.01
Balance from last month	4104.95
	$6105.96

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Payments.

Total payments from 5/1 to 5/31.	$2242.02
Balance on hand	3863.94
	$6105.96

Reports were read from Visiting Committees, Matron & Head Nurse.

Purchasing Committee exhibited a sample of carpet in brown and yellow shades for chapel, a Bundhar Wilton, at $1.75 a yd.

New carpet for chapel.

On motion of Mrs Shoemaker seconded by Mrs Stryker, it was agreed that this carpet be placed in chapel, in reception room and in first floor hall.

The question of new chairs for chapel was also submitted. On motion of Mrs Butcher seconded by Mrs Colwell, it was agreed that the question of chapel chairs be referred to Committee with power to act.

Wolf's head.

Supply Committee reported that Wolf's head was now in use at the Home and had proved satisfactory.

Committee on Receiving Applications, Nurse & Church Committees had no reports.

Legacy of Mrs Mary Major.

Finance Committee read a letter from Wm. Rudolph Smith notifying us of a legacy of $200. to our Society under the will of Mrs Mary Major. A further legacy of $225.77. was bequeathed to us from the estate of Mrs

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Legacy of Mrs Mary E. Walker.

Mary E. Walker of Lancaster, Pa. On motion of Mrs Shoemaker seconded by Mrs Butcher, it was resolved that the proper officers be directed to sign and execute the release of said legacy of Mrs Mary E. Walker.

New book-case.

Library Committee reported the purchase of a new book-case with money contributed by Mrs Edward R. Langdale.

Re-papering Robert Millar's house.

Building & Repair Committee reported repairing and renovating of chapel, also repapering of two rooms, bath rooms and hall in Robert Millar's house.

50 ft. hose.

Committee on Grounds reported the purchase of fifty feet of new hose.

Cemetery Committee reported that a visit had been paid to Mount Moriah Cemetery and everything was found in good order.

Death of Miss Rebecca Reeves.

The death of Miss Rebecca Reeves occurred on May 28th - her age was 88 years.

Entertainment Committee had no report.

Outside current electricity to be connected with Asylum.

Mr. Richard Erskine advised that outside electricity be brought into the house and connected with our present system. On motion of Miss Comegys seconded by Miss Dunning, it was resolved to have emergency arrangements made so that the outside current may be brought in to our engine-room switch-board as soon as possible. On motion of Mrs Nobles seconded by Miss Faries, it was decreed that

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June 4th — the outside current be employed during the summer for any necessary purpose or for the evening hours.

It was suggested that a machine for paring potatoes be secured to simplify work. this matter being left with the Committee.

Guards placed around trees. — Notification was received from the Park Commission that guards must be placed around the trees in front of the Asylum. On motion of Mrs Perot seconded by Mrs Colwell it was agreed that the money necessary for this purpose be sent to the Commission.

Resignation of Miss Eliz. D. Williams — The resignation of Miss Elizabeth D. Williams was presented to the Board. On motion of Mrs Butcher seconded by Miss Pearsall, it was accepted with great regret and earnest expression of appreciation of her past services. On motion of Miss Faries, seconded by Mrs Stryker, Miss Henrietta W. Pearsall was elected to serve in her place as Treasurer pro tem.

Summer holidays. — The usual summer holidays were appointed for the Matron, the Head Nurse and assistants.

Extra house money paid. — On motion of Mrs Shoemaker seconded by Miss Comegys, it was agreed that the Matron be given for extra house money $25. monthly for four months from June 1st.

A vote of thanks was sent to the University Hospital for their kind treatment of Mrs Krewson and this without charge.

Adjourned
Hetty V. Sparhawk
Secretary.

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Sept. 3rd — A stated meeting of the Board of Managers of the Widow's Asylum was held on Sept 3rd/14 there were present Miss Comegys who presided Mrs Colwell, Mrs Kimber, Mrs Mickle, Miss Biddle, Miss Morris, Miss Pearsall, Miss Sparhawk.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted and is as follows.

Receipts

Total receipts from 5/1 to 5/31/14	$2001.01
Balance from last month	4104.95
	$6105.96

Payments

Total payments from 5/1 to 5/31.	$2242.02
Balance on hand	3863.94
	$6105.96

Receipts

Total receipts from 6/1 to 6/30/14	$2691.04
Balance from last month	3863.94
	$6554.98

Payments

Total payments from 6/1 to 6/30.	$2607.03
Balance on hand	3947.95
	$6554.98

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Receipts.

Total receipts from 7/1 to 7/31/14	$2847.69
Balance from last month	3947.95
	$6795.64

Payments

Total payments from 7/1 to 7/31.	$2221.39
Balance on hand	4574.25
	$6795.64

Receipts

Total receipts from 8/1 to 8/31/14	$1392.85
Balance from last month	4574.25
	$5967.10

Payments

Total payments from 8/1 to 8/31.	$1760.19
Balance on hand	4206.91
	$5967.10

Reports were read from Visiting Committees, Matron & Head Nurse.

Purchase carpet for chapel.

Purchasing Committee reported that the carpet for the chapel, a Bundhar Wilton, had been purchased at a cost of $1.85 a yd. special rate, this including the making. The question of new chairs for the chapel was deferred for the present.

Supply Committee had no report.

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Mrs Davis, Mrs Stephenson admitted to Home.

Committee on Receiving Applications reported the admission into the Home of Mrs Harriet Davis on June 11th and Mrs Elizabeth Stephenson on July 27th.

Miss Rodgers removed to Norristown Asylum.

The second Directress, Miss Connegys, reported that Miss Rodgers had been committed to the Norristown Insane Asylum as her present mental condition made her removal from the Home imperative. The authorities of the Norristown Asylum stated that the cost of her board would be $1.75 a day. Discussion of this question was post-poned until the next meeting.

Church Committee reported that five vacancies had been filled during the summer months owing to the absence of the regular speakers.

Nurse Committee had no report.

Properties, 3408-3410 N. 22nd St.

Finance Committee reported receipt of letter from Mr Minturn T. Wright in regard to properties 3408 & 3410 North 22nd St. now renting for $32.50 a month. The present tenant of 3410 N. 22nd St. Mr Price, notified the Co. that he would vacate the premises unless certain repairs were made. Mr Wright submitted the following estimates - painting & varnishing $52. re-papering $33.50, repairing flues and replacing present heater $142.95. Repairs to 3408 N. 22nd St. $139.25. He advised that we place both properties in good order rather than lose present tenant of 3410 N. 22nd St. 3408 being empty.

The Finance Committee reported $21000.

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Lehigh Coal & Navigation paid off and the Sinking Fund re-invested in $21.000. Lehigh Coal & Navigation Sinking Fund 4½'s at the Suggestion of Girard Trust Co. and approved by Mr Purves and the Finch Directors.

Lehigh Coal & Navigation Co. paid off.

On motion of Miss Bidder seconded by Mrs Thimber, the action of the Finance Committee in regard to Lehigh Coal & Navigation Co. was ratified.

Miss Brewer, Librarian.

Library Committee reported that Miss Brewer had been made Librarian and Miss Wyckoff now conducts a small prayer-meeting for the inmates.

New floors laid & also linoleum.

Building & Repair Committee reported completion of new floors and laying of linoleum, also the installing in of outside electricity to operate new electric washer in Infirmary.

Committee on Grounds reported devastation by Caterpillars and army-worms so that it became necessary to sow 2½ bushels of additional grass seed to improve appearance of grounds.

Caterpillars & army-worms.

Clothing Committee had no report.

Deaths of Mrs Kemery, Mrs MacLean, Miss Arrison.

Cemetery Committee reported the deaths of Mrs Kemery on July 15th aged 89 years, Mrs MacLean on Aug. 5th, aged 76 years, & Miss Arrison on Aug. 11th aged 61 years.

Entertainment Committee had no report.

Nominating Committee had no report.

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Inmates forbidden to lock doors at night.

It was stated by Miss Comegys that the custom of allowing the inmates to lock their doors at night had been abolished owing to the risk in case of fire or sudden illness. She had further directed that at night the keys be hung outside upon the door knobs.

Water-meters.

It was stated by Miss Pleasanton that the charge for water rent this year was excessive - in 1913 the amount being $23.67 and in 1914 $160. for two water-meters.

On motion of Mrs Thicker seconded by Miss Morris, it was resolved that the question of water-meters be referred to Miss Bidder and reported at the next meeting.

Potato-parer.

It was also directed that inquiry be made as to the best potato-parer obtainable for use at the Asylum and report be made at the October meeting.

Adjourned.

Betty P. Sparhawk
Secretary

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Oct. 1st

A stated meeting of the Board of Managers of the Widow's Asylum was held at the Home on the morning of Oct. 1st. The members present were Miss Comegys, Mrs Colwell, Mrs Butcher, Mrs Stryker, Miss Scott, Mrs Michler, Mrs Du Bois, Mrs Shoemaker, Mrs Longstreth, Mrs Perot, Miss Pearsall, Miss Faries, Miss Dale, & Mrs Noblit.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and after a few slight corrections, were approved.

The Treasurer reported as follows.

Receipts

Total receipts from 9/1 to 9/30/14	$1931.98
Balance from last month	4206.91
	$6138.89

Payments

Total payments from 9/1 to 9/30.	$5453.37
Balance on hand	685.52
	$6138.89

Reports from Visiting Committees were read, also reports from the Matron & Head Nurse.

Purchasing Committee reported that a new potato-parer was to be sent to the Home on trial.

Supply Committee had no report.

Committee on Receiving applications read list of names of women to be visited as follows.

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Miss Mary E. Wattis. 79. Miss Harriet Fleech 70.
Mrs Isabel Leicester 70. Mrs Anna H. Williams 70.
Mrs Adelaide Hartley 75. Mrs Anna H. Everett. 75.
Mrs Olivia Hill 70. Miss Ella Cannon 70.
Miss Eliz. P. Adams 76. Mrs Julia Weber 67.
Mrs Lizzie E. Harley 68. Mrs Fanny E. Ross 66.
Miss Elizabeth L. Esher. 70.

Miss Frances Adams & Miss Clara Woolley admitted to Home.

Committee also reported the entrance of two women in September to the Home. Miss Frances Adams on the 7th and Miss Clara Woolley on the 9th.

Church, Nurse & Finance Committees had no reports.

Library Committee reported that the two new librarians were doing very well.

Building & Repair Committee had no report.

Committee on Grounds stated that some work was being done on grounds but that the devastation of army-worms & insects was still evident.

Clothing Committee had no report.

Death of Miss Harriet M. Earns.

Cemetery Committee reported the burial of Miss Harriet M. Earns having taken place in Great Valley Baptist Cemetery in Chester Co.

Entertainment & Nominating Committees had no reports.

Board at Norristown Asylum.

Under a mis-apprehension it was stated at the last meeting that the terms for board at the Norristown State Insane Asylum would be $1.75 a day for Miss Rodgers instead of which $1.75 a week was meant.

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Refund of water-rent.

The question of excessive water-rent for 1914 was taken to head-quarters and the promise was given to the Asylum to refund 85% making cost of meters $24.00 instead of $160.00, said deduction being made to the Home as a charitable institution.

Difficulty in computing cost of electricity from outside & from with-in.

A letter was read from Mr Erskine in which he said it was very difficult to compute the cost of electricity from outside and from our own generator, that it would take a year to find out difference in amount of coal consumed in the plant. The new electric washer on the second floor to use which the outside electricity has been brought in, is proving most convenient and useful.

It was remarked that the new linoleum laid in the halls has not been cemented and finished with a moulding as was specified. Referred to Building & Repairs Committee for investigation & correction.

Kitchen & dining-room floors.

On motion of Mrs Shoemaker seconded by Mrs Perot, it was decided to leave purchase of new chairs for the chapel to a later date.

The question of a proper covering for the kitchen cement floor was discussed, the present linoleum being badly worn. It was decided to leave the decision to the Building & Repair Committee with power to act.

It was also decided that it was necessary to procure a new covering for the dining-room floor which was referred to Repair Committee for investigation.

Case of Mrs Street.

It was stated that Mrs Street who has been an inmate of the Home for more than two years and a half was anxious to leave our care

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and obtain work outside as her health is now good. She requested that she be allowed to leave and that one half of her admission fee of $300. be returned to her. After discussion of the case a motion was made by Miss Pearsall seconded by Mrs Shoemaker, that Mrs Street be allowed to go, after deducting $3.00 a week board for the time she has been in the Home and as that would exceed the amount originally paid by her, a present of $50. be given her on her departure.

A standing vote was taken and a majority of the decided the question in favor of the motion being carried. No other business, the meeting adjourned.

Agnes M. F. Irwin
Secretary pro tem.

Nov. 5th

An stated meeting of the Board of Managers of the Widows Asylum was held on Nov. 5th 14. There were present Mrs Walcott, Mrs Colwell, Miss Faries, Miss Tierney, Mrs Longstreth, Miss Dale, Mrs Du Bois, Mrs Michler, Miss Comegys, Miss Biddle, Miss Perot, Mrs Roberts, Miss Pearsall, Mrs Randolph, Miss Morris, Miss Sparhawk.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and after a slight correction approved.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted and is as follows.

Receipts

Total receipts from 10/15 to 10/31/14	$3639.02
Balance from last month	685.52
	$4324.54

Payments

Total payments from 10/15 to 10/31.	$2105.75
Balance on hand	2218.79
	$4324.54

Reports were read from Visiting Committees, Matron & Head Nurse.

Purchasing Committee had no report.

Supply Committee stated that money owed in anticipation for the purchase of the winter supply of potatoes. 100 bushels at $80. being the amount purchased each year. On motion of Mrs Michler seconded by Mrs Longstreth it was agreed to grant supply Committee the necessary money to

Winter supply of potatoes.

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purchase potatoes.

Church & Finance Committees had no reports.

Library Committee requested money for subscriptions to daily newspapers which was granted.

Dryers in Laundry renewed.

Building & Repair Committee reported the painting of three rooms and the renewing of dryers in the Laundry which had become rusty, this work being done by Roberts at a cost of $14.

The following estimates of linoleum were submitted - For dining-room - 136 yds. at .90 cts a yd. = $122.40. For kitchen 82 yds at .90 cts. a yd. = $73.80.

Linoleum for dining-room and kitchen.

On motion of Miss Comegys seconded by Mrs Du Bois it was resolved that the dining-room floor be covered with linoleum similar to that in the halls on second floor. On motion of Mrs Roberts seconded by Miss Pearsall it was resolved that a similar linoleum be laid on the kitchen floor, the amount required to be left to the decision of Repair Committee and also the question of cementing it. A deduction of $21.60 was made from bill for laying linoleum in 2nd floor halls on account of failure to cement it as agreed, a moulding being placed at junction with wall instead.

Committee on Grounds reported the planting of bulbs and purchase of manure.

Committee on Clothing had no report.

Death of Mrs Adams.

Cemetery Committee reported the deaths of

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Mrs Adams and her interment at Mount Moriah in her own lot.

Entertainment Committee had no report.

It was suggested that the Matron's room on the first floor be painted but this matter was deferred as other needs are more urgent.

Case of Mrs Emeline A. Hawley receiving money for out-side work.

The question of Mrs Hawley a new inmate who had received money recently for work done outside before her entrance into the Home and felt it her duty to give it to the Asylum, was discussed. A letter to her from Mrs Van Rensselaer who had befriended her before-hand, enclosed a check for $50. in payment of work done before her entrance into the Home. This Miss Davis, Chairman of Admission Committee, informed her rightfully belonged to the Home according to our rules. It was however moved by Miss Conners and seconded by Mrs Michler that the $50. given by Mrs Van Rensselaer to Mrs Hawley be retained by her intact but that this case shall not be a precedent. This motion was lost.

Mrs Emeline A. Hawley entered the Home Oct. 26th

Committee on Receiving Applications reported that Mrs Emeline A. Hawley had entered the Home Oct. 26th/14. The following were accepted by the Board and their names placed upon the waiting list. Mrs Julia Weber, Mrs Elizabeth L. Esher, Miss Ella McCall Cannon, Mrs Mary E. Wattis, Miss Harriet A. Keech, Mrs Olivia Hill, Mrs Anna N. Williams, Miss Elizabeth P. Adams, Miss Hannah G. Garwood, Mrs Isabella B. Leister, Mrs Adelaide A. Hartley, Mrs Anna L. Everett. Mrs Fannie E. Ross was not accepted by the Board.

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Mrs Lizzie E. Hawley was also accepted.

It was requested by the Committee that two additional names might be added to the present waiting list of ten. On motion of Mrs Noble seconded by Miss Peirce, this request was granted.

Case of Mrs Street leaving the Home.

Miss Connors reported the case of Mrs Street a recently admitted inmate, who desired to leave the Home, the Board agreeing to this and also to allowing her $50. on her departure. As Mrs Street refuses to accept these terms it was suggested that she be persuaded to remain, as at 70 she would be left homeless and unable to care for herself if she left the Asylum.

Funeral arrangements Miss Annie J. Hall.

A letter from Binghurst stated that all future funeral arrangements for Miss Annie J. Hall had been made by him.

Plan for inmates mentally unbalanced

Miss Pearsall brought before the Board the question of solving the problem as to the disposition of those mentally unbalanced among the inmates. Owing to the increasing difficulty of caring for them properly she suggested that we follow the plan at the Home for Incurables, all on entrance having a paper signed by two persons who pledge removal in the event of insanity developing. As this problem is a grave one the First Directress appointed a committee, Miss Pearsall, Miss Connors and Miss Biddle, to investigate the question and report at the next meeting

Adjourned

Nelly P. Sparhawk
Secretary.

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A stated meeting of the Board of Managers of the Widow's Asylum was held on Dec. 3rd 1914 - there were present, Miss Conegys - Mrs Colwell, Mrs Butcher, Miss Biddle, Miss Tierney, Miss Scott, Miss Dale, Mrs Michler, Mrs Longstreth, Miss Perot, Mrs Noblit, Mrs Perot, Miss Pearsall, Miss Sparhawk.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and after a slight correction approved.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted and is as follows.

Receipts

Total receipts from "/1 to "/30/14	$1065.99
Balance from last month	2218.79
	$3284.78

Payments

Total payments from "/1 to "/30.	$2607.57
Balance on hand	677.21
	$3284.78

Reports were read from Visiting Committees, Matron & Head Nurse.

Gas & water turned off from vacant properties.

The question of having the water turned off from vacant properties belonging to our Society was discussed. On motion of Mrs Noblit, seconded by Mrs Perot it was resolved that both water & gas be turned off from empty houses belonging to our Society after Miss Pearsall has consulted with Girard Trust Co. as to the matter.

Purchasing Committee reported that a potato-parer

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made by a New York firm at a cost of $35. could be sent on trial for ten days no obligation to purchase being incurred. On motion of Miss Sparhawk seconded by Miss Tierney, it was agreed to give this a trial and that the Second Directress and the chairman of Purchasing Committee decide as to its merits.

Mrs Brice sent in her report as to purchases stating that necessary articles were bought as reasonably as possible with the advance in all prices.

Out-fit for Miss Cobourn.

An out-fit had been prepared and sent to the Pennsylvania Hospital for Miss Cobourn consisting of one serge and two wash dresses, a sweater and necessary under-clothing, the three dresses having been made in one day's work at the Asylum.

Supply Committee had no report.

Mrs Esher & Mrs Everett entered Home.

Committee on Receiving Applications reported that Mrs Esher had entered the Home on Nov. 21st and Mrs Everett on Nov. 30th.

Church & Nurse Committees had no report.

Mort-gage on 2569 Coral St.

Finance Committee reported receipt of letter from Girard Trust Co. having reference to $1800. of un-invested principal. A mort-gage of $1100. at 5 4/10 interest on property 2569 Coral St. being offered it was decided to take it at once and this action of the Finance Committee was ratified by the Board.

Reference was made to a transfer of real estate, a lot at Boothwyn, Del. Co. Pa. belonging

Dec. 3rd. to Harriet C. Raphun, assessed value of lot being $75. in 1909. Mr Van Dam wished to purchase this lot offering $350. which offer was accepted and arrangements made to sign an agreement of sale which will have a clause in it making the sale subject to ratification of Board. The title to the property is in the name of Harriet C. Rapheun. On motion of Mrs Mitchell seconded by Mrs Longstreth, the following resolution was adopted.

Transfer of real estate at Boothwyn Del. Co. Pa. belonging to Harriet C. Rapheun.

Resolved That the Board of Managers of the Indigent Widows' and Single Women's Society ratify the action of the Finance Committee in the transfer of real estate situate at Boothwyn, Del. Co. Pa. belonging to Harriet C. Rapheun, to Mr Van Dam for the sum of $350. and that the proper officers be and are hereby directed to sign the agreement of sale and affix the corporate seal.

Periodicals renewed. Library Committee requested the sum of $16.25 for the renewing of periodicals, which was granted. On motion of Mrs Butcher seconded by Miss Dale, it was agreed to subscribe for the Garden Magazine.

New fire-hose purchased. Building & Repair Committee reported that the refrigerator room and the adjoining pantry in the basement had been repainted. It was also stated that there was imperative need for a new fire-hose for the asylum and Miss Biddle was appointed to attend to the matter at once.

Committee on Grounds reported that William Nagle was ill with rheumatism so a temporary arrangement had been made with another man to take his place at $1.00 a day.

Committee on Clothing was reported by Mrs Brick.

Cemetery & Entertainment Committees had no reports.

Miss Helen R. Biddle elected Treasurer. Nominating Committee proposed the name of Miss Helen R. Biddle as Treasurer to succeed Miss A. M. Pearsall, Treasurer pro tem. On motion of Mrs Mitchell seconded by Miss Longstreth, the Secretary was directed to cast a vote electing Miss Biddle to this position which was done.

Mrs Cabrey reported that complaints of the food served had come from several inmates. Miss Morrison and Miss Shinn being the worst offenders. Miss Compagni, as Second Directress, agreed to reprove both.

Question of disposition of insane in-mates. Miss Pearsall, as Chairman of Committee appointed to investigate as to the disposition of insane inmates at other institutions reported the result of her inquiries. At the Presbyterian, the Methodist and the Old Mans Home the custom is to send such to an hospital for the insane. At the Home for Incurables, on entrance of patients a warrant is always signed by two persons agreeing to removal of said patient if insanity developes.

Mrs Butcher stated that at the Presbyterian Home there is a separate and distinct ward for those who are sick, feeble-minded or mentally impaired. On motion of Mrs Sparhawk seconded by Mrs Perot, it was resolved to defer action on this question for the present.

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Presiding officer for annual meeting.

The resignation of the First Directress, Mrs Charles D. Walcott, formerly Miss Mary M. Vaux, was received. On motion of Mrs Noblit, seconded by Miss Sparhawk, this was accepted with deep regret since her distant home, Washington, now made her absence inevitable. As a tribute to her long and faithful years of service and the high regard of her fellow-members, she was elected an Honorary manager of our society by acclamation.

Resignation of Mrs Chas. D. Walcott.

Adjourned

Hetty S. Sparhawk
Secretary.

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Jan. 7th. A stated meeting of the Board of Managers of the Widow's Asylum was held on Jan. 7th/15 there were present Miss Comegys, Mrs Colwell, Mrs Butcher, Miss Faries, Miss Tierney, Miss Vannyson, Miss Dale, Miss Scott, Mrs Stryker, Mrs Shoemaker, Mrs Mickler, Mrs Perot, Mrs Longstreth, Miss Moms, Miss Biddle, Miss Pearsall, Mrs Noblit, Mrs Brice, Miss Sparhawk.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted and is as follows:

Receipts.

Total receipts from 12/1 to 12/31/15	$2403.73
Balance from last month	677.21
	$3080.94

Payments.

Total payments from 12/1 to 12/31	$2515.87
Balance on hand	565.07
	$3080.94

Receipts

Total receipts for 1914	$29150.04
Balance 1st mo. 1/14	1552.75
	$30702.79

Payments

Total payments for 1914.	$30137.72
Balance on hand	565.07
	$30702.79

Jan. 7th. Reports were read from Visiting Committee, Matron and Head Nurse.

Purchasing Committee reported their purchases.

Supply Committee had no report.

Mrs Esher & Mrs Everett entered Home. Committee on Receiving Applications reported the entrance into the Home of Mrs Elizabeth L. Esher on Nov. 21st/14 and Mrs Anna L. Everett on Nov. 30.

Church Committee reported that the Rev. William Muir Anes of Calvary Presbyterian Church had consented to preside at the annual Meeting of Jan. 14th/15.

Increase in Salaries of Nurses. Nurse Committee reported that Miss Bieber had requested an increase in the salaries of the under-nurses. Miss Howard might merit to be advanced from $20. a month to $25. Mamie Moore 1st assistant from $20. to $25. her record being fifteen years of service in the Home. Miss Hopkins from $14. to $18. a month. There is also imperative need of a surgical mattress in the Infirmary. On motion of Miss Pearsall seconded by Miss Morris it was resolved to increase the salaries of Miss Howard, Miss Moore, Miss Hopkins & Miss Flynn as requested and also to purchase a surgical mattress. Surgical mattress purchased.

Finance Committee reported that Girard Trust Co. did not consider it necessary to have the water turned off in vacant houses belonging to our Society.

Library Committee had no report.

Jan. 7th. Committee on Lehman Fund. The annual distribution of this money before Xmas gave pleasure to the inmates.

Building & Repair Committee reported a small leak in basement toilet-room.

Committee on Grounds reported that a compost heap had been made by Penrose, the new man.

Committee on Clothing reported that the dress-maker had been at work for three days and will later come for two weeks.

Mount Moriah. Cemetery Committee reported that the lot at Mount Moriah is kept in order and the grass cut at an annual cost of $10.

Entertainment Committee reported that three Entertainments had been given - one a Lecture on flowers by Mr J. Otto Tehlow.

Mrs Frazier Penn Shipley & Mrs Theodore A. Fox elected Managers. Nomination Committee presented the names of Mrs Frazier Penn Shipley & Mrs Theodore A. Fox to fill the vacancies caused by the resignations of Miss Elizabeth D. Williams and Mrs Charles D. Walcott. They were unanimously elected as managers and the Secretary was directed to so notify them.

The new potato-peeler at $35. has been sent on trial and is proving satisfactory.

William Nagle. It was stated by Mrs Colwell that Wm Nagle is so incapacitated by rheumatism that he is unable to do outside work. On motion of Mrs Longstreth seconded by Mrs Perot, it was resolved that Wm Nagle be granted keep his present

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Jan. 7th. wages without board for the ensuing three months.

Resignation of Mrs Patterson Du Bois. The resignation of Mrs Patterson Du Bois was received. On motion of Miss Pearsall, seconded by Miss Morris, it was accepted with deepest regret.

Mrs Charles S. Hinchman sent a request that we refrain from having carpets shaken on the lawn adjoining her property. This difficulty will be remedied.

Budget box in manager's room. On motion of Mrs Mickle seconded by Mrs Longstreth it was agreed to place a budget box in the manager's room so that any suggestions which occur to each weekly committee may be left for the chairman of the respective committees.

The Annual reports of the Treasurer and Secretary were read.

Adjourned

Hetty V. Sparhawk
Secretary

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Ninety-Eighth Annual Meeting.

The Ninety-Eighth Annual Meeting of the Indigent Widows' & Single Women's Society was held at the Asylum, 3615 Chestnut St. on Jan. 14th 1915 at 11 A.M.

Rev. John Allan Blair D.D. Tabernacle Pres. Church. The Rev. John Allan Blair D.D. of Tabernacle Presbyterian Church presided and made an earnest and eloquent address.

The reports of the Treasurer and Secretary were read.

The following managers were elected to serve for the ensuing year.

Mrs Charles R. Colwell
Miss Clara Conegys
Miss Hetty V. Sparhawk
Miss Henrietta W. Pearsall
Mrs Samuel T. Stryker
Miss Elizabeth C. Morris
Mrs Howard Butcher
Miss Anna H. Faries
Mrs Charles A. Longstreth
Mrs Philip Howard Brice
Mrs Charles E. Noblit
Mrs George Evety Shoemaker
Mrs Robert T. Mickle
Mrs John Perot
Miss Mary Vanuxem
Miss Helen R. Biddle
Mrs William M. C. Kimber
Miss Grace A. Tierney
Miss Mary L. Perot

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Miss Elizabeth W. Dale
Miss Eleanor A. Scott
Mrs Theodore A. Fox
Mrs Walter Penn Shipley
Mrs Charles Heebner.

A special meeting held by adjournment of the Annual meeting on Jan. 14th/15 at 12 M. at which Mrs Shoemaker presided. There were present, Miss Scott, Mrs Brice, Miss Vanuxem, Miss Dale, Mrs Stryker, Miss Tierney, Mrs Longstreth, Miss Morris, Mrs Perot, Miss Pearsall, Miss Perot, Mrs Noblit, Mrs Butcher, Miss Faries, Mrs Shipley, Mrs Colwell, Mrs Fox, Mrs Mickler, Mrs Kimber, Miss Sparhawk.

The following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year.

First Directress	Miss Clara Comegys
Second Directress	Mrs Howard Butcher
Treasurer	Miss Helen R. Biddle
Secretary	Miss Hetty V. Sparhawk
Assistant Secretary	Mrs Chas. E. Noblit

The following Standing Committees were appointed.

Purchasing Committee

Mrs Brice — Miss Scott
Miss Vanuxem.

Supply Committee

Mrs Butcher — Miss Dale

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Miss Faries — Mrs Fox.

Committee for Receiving Applications

Mrs Butcher - Secretary

Miss Morris	Mrs Longstreth
Mrs Butcher	Mrs Mickler
Miss Tierney	Miss Pearsall

Church Committee

Miss Sparhawk	Mrs Heebner
Mrs Stryker	Miss Faries
Mrs Noblit	Mrs Kimber

Finance Committee

Miss Pearsall	Miss Morris
Miss Perot	Miss Biddle

Mrs Shipley

Committee on Nurses.

Mrs Shoemaker	Miss Dale
Mrs Perot	Mrs Kimber

Library Committee

Mrs Colwell — Miss Vanuxem

Committee on Lehman Fund.

Miss Sparhawk

Committee on Buildings & Repairs

Miss Scott
Miss Tierney
Miss Bannerman
Mrs Shipley

Committee on Grounds

Mrs Colwell
Miss Tierney

Committee on Clothing

Mrs Brice
Miss Faries
Miss Dale
Mrs Fox

Cemetery Committee

Mrs Perot
Mrs Heebner

Committee on Entertainment

Mrs Roblich
Miss Perot
Mrs Colwell
Miss Faries
Miss Bannerman
Mrs Fox

Nominating Committee

Mrs Hughes
Mrs Brice
Mrs Michels
Mrs Shoemaker

Honorary Managers.

Mrs Chas. T. Hinchman
Mrs Chas. Wacker
Mrs Walter J. Moore
Mrs Wm. H. Jenks
Mrs Chas. Hermon Thomas
Mrs Randolph
Mrs Chas. D. Walcott.

Weekly Committees

Anna K. Fox
Ellen W. Longstreth
Alice T. Heebner
Helen R. Biddle

Henrietta W. Pearsall
Sarah D. Perot
Mary L. Perot
Grace A. Tierney

Grace M. Hughes
Elizabeth G. Morris
Mary L. Shoemaker
Anna L. Shipley

Sarah P. Brice
Eleanor Conyngs
Mary Bannerman
Hetty V. Sparhawk

Anna N. Faries
Mary L. R. Butcher
Agnes M. T. Roblich
Laura Colwell

Elizabeth N. Winter
Sarah L. P. Michels
Elizabeth W. Dale
Eleanor A. Scott.

On taking the chair as Irish Directress, Miss Conyngs brought an earnest message to the Board of Managers urging that we be faithful to the duties and responsibilities laid upon us all endeavoring conscientiously to fulfill the least as well as the greater.

The rules & Regulations governing the Board of Managers were read.

Miss Pearsall suggested adding an explanatory note to an item in the Treasurer's Annual Report to which the Board agreed.

It was resolved to print 500 Annual Reports.

Adjourned

Hetty V. Sparhawk
Secretary.

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Feb. 4th

A stated meeting of the Board of Managers of the Widow's Asylum was held on Feb. 4th/15. there were present, Miss Comegys who presided, Mrs Colwell, Mrs Butcher, Miss Faries, Mrs Kimber, Miss Tierney, Mrs Brice, Miss Vanuxem, Miss Dale, Miss Scott, Mrs Shoemaker, Mrs Fox, Miss Morris, Miss Biddle, Miss Pearsall, Mrs Perot, Mrs Noblit, Miss Perot, Miss Sparhawk.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted and is as follows.

Receipts

Total receipts from 1/1 to 1/31/15	$3241.69
Balance 1/1/15.	565.07
	$3806.76

Payments.

Total payments from 1/1 to 1/31.	$2194.81
Balance on hand	1611.95
	$3806.76

Reports were read from Visiting Committees Matron & Head Nurse.

Purchasing Com. reported the purchase of dress materials and trimmings.

Supply Committee reported through Mrs Butcher that our present method of coal supply requires three separate items of

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Coal Supply. Proposition of George B. Newton Co.

expense. the initial cost at the mines, the weight rate and the further cost of hauling from the Yards their being loss in transit and in weight. She submitted the following proposition from the George B. Newton Co. by which they agree to deliver and the Home for Indigent Widows & Single Women agrees to receive white ash Buckwheat coal for its boiler plant, 36th & Ludlow Sts. whatever coal is needed from date until December 31st/15. at the price of $3.20. per ton of 2240 lbs. To this agreement the Board gave assent.

Mrs Lizzie Harley entered Home.

Committee on Applications reported that Mrs Lizzie E. Harley had entered the Home on Feb. 2nd/15.

Church Committee had no report.

Repairs to 3628 Market St. Proposed sale of property.

Finance Committee reported that the vacant property, 3628 Market St. belonging to us had a leaking roof repairs to which would entail a cost of $50. which also included new glass in sky-light. On motion of Mrs Shoemaker, seconded by Mrs Perot, it was resolved to accept Girard Trust Co's estimate as to cost of repairs to property, 3628 Market St. On further motion of Mrs Butcher seconded by Mrs Colwell it was agreed to notify Girard Trust Co. that we desire to dispose of this property even at a low figure.

Nurse Committee reported that another maid

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Feb. 4th. is urgently needed as there are twenty-six helpless women in twenty-six rooms requiring constant attention. On motion of Mrs Butcher, seconded by Miss Faries, it was agreed to provide an extra maid for Miss Beitel to assist in the cleaning and to continue in service as long as the Nurse Committee think necessary.

Extra maid for Infirmary.

Building & Repair Com. reported the re-painting and re-varnishing of two rooms one of which was also dis-infected, and the door of another repaired. There is imperative need of a new pantry sink on first floor. An estimate for this was secured - cost $125. which includes all fixtures, removing wainscoting & enclosure of present sink and necessary change of piping in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Board of Health. This estimate was from Andersen. On motion of Miss Sparhawk seconded by Mrs Noblit, it was agreed to have the work done leaving the matter in the hands of Repair Committee.

New sink for pantry, first floor, ordered.

Committee on Grounds reported that the new man, Penrose, is proving faithful in the duties required of him.

Committee on Clothing reported that the dressmaker, Miss Steele, had made twenty dresses and five sacks in the three weeks of sewing at the Asylum. The Secretary was instructed to send her a letter ~~expressing~~ appreciation of her services.

Work of Miss Steele, dressmaker, commended.

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Feb. 4th. Cemetery Committee reported the death of Miss Mary L. Siegfried on Jan. 18th aged 89 years and her interment at Sellersville Pa. Arrangement was made to place a tomb-stone at her grave at a cost of $15. the money being left by her for this purpose.

Death of Miss Mary Siegfried.

Entertainment Committee reported that an entertainment was given on Feb. 3rd through the courtesy of Miss Elizabeth Morris & Mrs Theodore Fox consisting of recitations by Mrs Albert Buckley & banjo, mouth-organ and piano solos by Mr T. H. Fox. It was greatly enjoyed by the inmates.

Recitations & music.

Library Committee reported increased interest in reading.

It was suggested by Mr Richard Erskine that we install on trial in two rooms a Thermostatic Temperature Regulator which automatically maintains the temperature in any room, being accurate with-in one degree; cost of installation on trial $200. This system insures a saving of coal and equalizes temperature of rooms. It was requested that a list of over-heated rooms be presented to the Board.

Suggestion to install Thermostatic Temperature Regulator.

Mrs Brice stated that Mrs Barker complained constantly of her neighbor, Mrs McKibben whose coughing annoyed her. Mrs Cary and Mrs McIntyre also proving refractory. It was suggested that Mrs Stephenson, a new inmate, be moved into

Complaints of Mrs Barker.

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Feb. 4th. Mrs Sill's former room and that Miss Comegys inform Mrs Barker that unless her complaints cease she is to be moved into room 100.

Increase of salary of Miss Hoopes. It was stated by the Treasurer that Miss Hoopes had asked for an increase in her salary from $15. to $20. a month. Miss Biddle urged that this be granted as her services to us are invaluable. On motion of Mrs Shoemaker seconded by Mrs Butcher, it was agreed to pay her $225. a year, an arrangement which was satisfactory to her.

Class of servants. All committees were requested to look into the question of the class of servants most desirable for us also the method and plan of their work.

Miss Keyser, Mrs Godfrey & Mrs Cary's rooms were reported in bad condition and the matter was referred to Repair Committee.

Adjourned

Hetty V. Sparhawk
Secretary.

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Mar. 4th. A stated meeting of the Board of Managers of the Widow's Asylum was held on Mar. 4th 1915. There were present, Miss Comegys who presided, Mrs Colwell, Mrs Butcher, Mrs Brice, Mrs Shipley, Miss Faries, Miss Scott, Miss Vannixen, Miss Tierney, Mrs Stryker, Mrs Shoemaker, Mrs Heebner, Miss Morris, Miss Dale, Miss Biddle, Mrs Perot, Mrs Fox, Mrs Noblit, Miss Sparhawk.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and after a slight correction approved.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted and is as follows.

Receipts.

Total receipts from 2/1 to 2/28/15.	$1722.89
Balance from last month	1611.95
	$3334.84

Payments.

Total payments from 2/1 to 2/28.	$2605.53
Balance on hand	729.31
	$3334.84

Purchasing Committee had no report.

Coffee purchased at Garretson's New York. Supply Committee reported that coffee is now purchased at Garretson's in New York at a cost of 21 cts. a lb. instead of 25 cts. and is proving entirely satisfactory. This grade of coffee is in use at the Presbyterian Home and other similar institutions.

The gift of two thermometers from Miss Vannixen to regulate the temperature in the halls was also reported.

Committee on Applications reported that Miss Rebecca

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Miss Rebecca Ralston to enter Home Mar. 29th.

Ralston, our former assistant matron, had passed the required examinations and would enter the Home as an inmate on Mar. 29th. She requested permission to have her room painted at her own expense which was granted.

Church Committee reported that at the urgent desire of the inmates of the Home the chairman had made an effort to secure the Rev. William Sunday to speak at the asylum. Failing this, Mrs Sunday kindly consented to come in his place if it were possible to so arrange her engagements.

Finance Committee had no report.

Question of new night watch-man.

Nurse Committee reported the advisability of securing another method of night watching at the Home as under present conditions, the night nurse is forced to leave patients at any time in order to let in belated servants and also to inspect all parts of the house every hour and a half. Mrs Shoemaker also reported that the amount of food sent up to the Infirmary dining-room was often insufficient.

Library Committee reported the gift of a book, "Billy Sunday, the Man and his Message."

Many rooms requiring re-painting.

Building & Repair Committee reported that all the rooms in the Home had been inspected and many required re-painting and re-pairing whenever it is practicable to do the work: on 1st floor 11 rooms in west wing and 15 rooms and pantry in east wing. On 2nd floor 9 rooms and library in west

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wing, 8 rooms in Infirmary east wing also hall and toilet. On 3rd floor 4 rooms in west wing, 7 rooms, sitting-room, back hall and toilet in east wing. A few electrical fixtures require repairs which can be done by Robert, also a change is necessary in the motor of vacuum cleaner in order to suit the city current, at a probable expense of $10. perhaps $15.

Exhaust fan in kitchen

Mr Erskine suggested that an exhaust fan be placed in the kitchen window to relieve heated conditions. A new sink has been placed in the pantry but the removal of the old filter and reservoir has damaged the walls which require re-pairing and painting.

A new gas-light has been placed in the basement near the kitchen - the work being done by Robert.

New motor in vacuum cleaner.

On motion of Mrs Shoemaker seconded by Mrs Brice it was resolved that a new motor be placed in the vacuum cleaner in order to use the city current. A letter was read from Miss Wright asking permission to have the room of her aunt, Mrs Marshall, painted and also whether she might have a table which had belonged to her, which was granted.

Mrs Marshall table.

The question of an electric fan for the kitchen was on motion of Miss Faries seconded by Mrs Shoemaker left in the hands of Repair Committee for investigation with power to act.

Dining-room pantry painted

On motion of Miss Biddle seconded by Mrs Noblit the Repair Com. was given authority to have the dining-room pantry repaired and painted.

Army-worm destruction.

Committee on Grounds reported that owing to the destruction of grass by the army-worm two loads of rich earth and fertilizer would be required to restore

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former conditions. The wire fence dividing the laundry green is in bad order and it is imperative that some repairs be made.

Clothing Committee had no report.

Death of Mrs R. R. Marshall.

Cemetery Committee reported the death of Mrs R. R. Marshall on Feb. 26th aged 84 years and her interment in her own lot at Mount Moriah.

Entertainment by Matinee Musical Club.

Entertainment Committee reported that a delightful entertainment was given at the Home on Feb. 24th by the Matinee Musical Club, Miss Katharine Wolff in charge, Mrs Walter Golz played on the violin accompanied on the piano by her husband, Miss Helen Chouse sang soprano songs and Miss Bretta Crapster told amusing stories.

Permanent night-watch man to be secured for Asylum.

The question of a permanent night-watch-man was then discussed, his duties to visit each floor of the Asylum every hour during the night & to assist in any emergency which may arise. On motion of Mrs Shoemaker seconded by Miss Sparhawk it was agreed to offer the position of night-watch-man to Samuel Carter at a salary not to exceed $16. a month with board and should he prove not available, to secure a suitable man or woman for this position at the Asylum. Mrs Butcher was appointed to interview Samuel Carter on the subject.

Food supply in Infirmary also gas-stove & metal dishes.

The food question in the Infirmary was then debated and the suggestion made that a new gas-stove and metal dishes in which food can be kept hot, be procured for the Infirmary dining-room and that a sufficient quantity of

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food be provided for all. On motion of Miss Faries seconded by Miss Fierney it was agreed to secure a new gas-stove and metal dishes for the Infirmary dining-room. It was also directed that each weekly cont. look into this matter & report progress.

Telephone in Infirmary.

On motion of Miss Sparhawk seconded by Miss Biddle it was resolved to place a telephone connection in the Infirmary in such place as Miss Beitel may select.

Bread. Freihofer.

The bread supplied to the Home by Kolb's Bakery was of very poor quality so a change has been made to Freihofer instead.

All employees must return to Asylum not later than 12 mid-night.

On motion of Mrs Brice seconded by Mrs Shoemaker it was resolved that all employees of the Home must be in by twelve midnight no one being allowed to remain out after that time without written permission from the Matron.

The First Directress recalled an ancient custom of the managers of the Home, the celebration of a May party which she suggested might be revived if in accordance with the wishes of the Board, the question to be decided at a subsequent meeting.

Adjourned

Hetty V. Sparhawk
Secretary

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Apr. 1st

A stated meeting of the Board of Managers of the Widow's Asylum was held on Apr. 1st 1915 - There were present Miss Comegys who presided Mrs Colwell, Mrs Butcher, Miss Dale, Miss Tierney Miss Scott, Mrs Shoemaker, Mrs Fox, Mrs Shipley, Mrs Longstreth, Miss Morris, Miss Biddle, Miss Perot, Miss Pearsall, Mrs Noblit, Miss Sparhawk.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted and is as follows.

Receipts

Total receipts from 3/1 to 3/31/15	$1715.30
Balance from last month	729.31
	$2444.61

Payments

Total payments from 3/1 to 3/31.	$2384.37
Balance on hand	60.24
	$2444.61

Reports were read from Visiting Com. Matron & Head Nurse.

Rubber door-mats.

Purchasing Committee reported the purchase of three rubber door-mats and a rack for the pantry sink.

Miss Rebecca Ralston entered Mar. 29th.

Supply Committee stated that a new refrigerator was greatly needed in the Infirmary, the present one being worn-out and unsatisfactory.

Committee on Applications reported that Miss Rebecca Ralston had entered the Home as an inmate on

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Church & Finance Committees had no reports.

Night watch-man.

Nurse Committee reported that the new night-watch-man, Mr Wentz, was proving entirely satisfactory, his presence in the house relieving the Matron of all responsibility at night.

1777 books in library.

Library Committee reported 1777 books now in the library. 40 sections of the Moon type for the blind also the regular periodicals which at the close of each year are sent to the Seamen's Mission where they afford comfort and cheer to lonely sailors both in port and on the sea. The careful over-sight of our faithful chairman, Mrs Colwell, has brought a systematic management of the library which adds greatly to its usefulness and the pleasure it brings to the inmates.

Four rooms re-painted.

Building & Repair Committee reported the re-painting and varnishing of four rooms and the first floor pantry, Mrs Marshall & Miss Ralston's rooms being done at their own expense.

Telephone.

The telephone for Miss Beitel's use has been placed at her suggestion in her room.

Electric fan & extension wires estimate.

Mr Erskine states that the cost of an electric exhaust fan for the kitchen, to be installed in upper sash of window near the range and connecting with the outside current, will be $40. The estimate, he also states, for extending the Phila. Electric wires and providing out-let boxes at eight points on each floor for the vacuum cleaner will amount to $110. A new motor and new valves

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have been put in the vacuum cleaner so it is now in working order.
Mr Erskine informs the Board that an electric iron was not included in the estimate of the work done last summer. A six pound electric iron can be purchased for $3.50.
It was suggested that Mrs Sullivan's & Mrs E. A. Pratt's rooms be re-painted as soon as possible and the electric fan placed in kitchen.

Six posts for wire fence.

Committee on Grounds reported that 100 wheel-barrow loads of earth had been removed from the lawn. The cost of six posts to support the wire fence of laundry green was $15. The work to be done by our own men.

Committee on Clothing had no report.

Deaths of Mrs Sill. Miss Huber Mrs Thomas Miss Orr.

Cemetery Committee reported the deaths of Mrs Eliza Sill on Mar. 12th aged 82 years & her interment at Atglen. Miss Sophie Huber on Mar. 21st aged 74 years - interred at Mount Moriah. Mrs Louise Thomas on Mar. 25th aged 83 years & Miss Isabella Orr on Mar. 31st aged 89 years, - interred in her sister's lot at Mount Moriah.

Musicale.

Illustrated Lecture on California by Wyllis T. Sparhawk.

Entertainment Committee reported that an enjoyable entertainment was given on Mar. 17th through Mrs Theodore Fox which included songs-chouses, zither and mandolin solos.
An illustrated, steriopticon lecture on "The Heart of the Sierras" with beautifully colored pictures of California and the Big Trees, was also given on another evening by Rev. Wyllis T. Sparhawk of Vermont.

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Mrs Shoemaker was authorized to purchase a new refrigerator and a gas stove for the Infirmary, two greatly needed articles.

Insurance of employees against accident.

Owing to a recent accident to a workman repairing an elevator at the Home, the First Directress called the attention of the Board to the imperative necessity of insuring the employees in case of injury to them. After discussion this matter was deferred until next meeting after thorough investigation had been ordered.
The bad condition of the flooring at the Asylum was a subject of comment and request was made that this be looked into and reported at the May meeting.
On motion of Mrs Butcher seconded by Miss Sparhawk it was agreed that we continue to employ the second man until the May meeting and then decide whether two are required.

Letter from Mrs Van Rensselaer in regard to Miss Hawley.

A letter was read from Mrs Van Rensselaer in regard to Miss Hawley who formerly was employed by her to take charge of a summer country-week home. She again desired her services if the Board agreed to this arrangement. This was approved by the Board. It was then proposed that the rule of eight weeks absence during the year be extended for all inmates - deferred to next meeting for settlement.
It was directed that the chapel melodion be repaired.
It was resolved to post-pone for the present the proposed revival of the Annual May Day Party, an ancient custom celebrated by the Board of Managers.

Adjourned

Hetty V. Sparhawk
Secretary

May 6th

A stated meeting of the Board of Managers of the Widow's Asylum was held on May 6th 1915. There were present Miss Comegys who presided, Mrs Batcheller, Mrs Cadwell, Mrs Fleetner, Mrs Hingham, Mrs Birch, Miss Booth, Miss Dale, Mrs Fleetmeyer, Mrs Shipley, Mrs Longstreth, Mrs Fox, Miss Thomas, Mrs Hirlich, Miss Bidder, Miss Peart, Miss Janvier, Mrs Peart, Miss Pearsall, Mrs Randolph, Miss Spackman.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The agents report was read and accepted and is as follows.

Receipts

Total receipts from 4/1 to 4/30/15	$ 4419.68
Balance from last month	60.24
	$ 4479.92

Payments.

Total payments from 4/1 to 4/30.	3439.84
Balance on hand	1040.08
	$ 4479.92

Reports were read from Visiting Com. Matron & Head Nurse.

Carpeting bed-steads. Mattresses, irons. Toilet sets purchased

Purchasing Com. reported necessary purchases, carpeting for eight rooms, five new iron bed-steads, some mattresses, irons for laundry, & five enamelled toilet-sets. Repairs to furniture. $13.75. It was also stated that Miss Marshalls nieces, Miss Wright and her sister had paid $70. for

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the re-painting and re-furnishing of the room formerly occupied by their aunt.

Trichoferi Beds.

Supply Com. reported that the new beds from Trichoferi was much superior to the former supply.

Mrs Watters. Miss Adams Mrs Hill Miss Reech entered Home.

Com. on Applications reported the entrance into the Home of Miss Mary E. Watters on Apr. 9th Miss Elizabeth C. Adams on Apr. 13th Mrs Olivia Hill on Apr. 26th. Miss Harriet A. Reech on Apr. 19th.

Case of Miss Character.

The case of Miss Sarah C. Character, owing to the request of Mrs Jenks, was brought before the Board. Upon motion of Mrs Shoemaker seconded by Mrs Batcheller it was resolved that she be admitted to the Home without the formality of the usual visiting at the earliest possible moment.

Church Com. had no report.

Mortgage on property 5029 Springfield Ave.

Finance Com. reported that a mortgage had been offered us by the Girard Trust Co. for $ 3500. on premises 5029 Springfield Ave. for three years at 5½% interest. Upon motion of Mrs Shoemaker seconded by Miss Peart it was resolved that the question of accepting the decision of the Girard Trust Co. be left with the Committee. Balance of principal at present time $ 3214.09. Legacies transferred $ 967.19. Total $ 4181.28.

Sufficient food supply for Infirmary.

House Com. reported that plenty of food is now supplied to the Infirmary. Driving-horse and Driving-Chaise is working satisfactorily. The night watchman is proving his worth in many ways and is invaluable.

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Library Com. reported that 26 books had been presented to the Library by Mrs Trull and 6 books by Miss Scott. Miss Stanley was appointed Assistant.

Gifts of books.

5 rooms re-painted.

Building & Repair Com. reported the re-painting of three more rooms - two additional rooms will be finished this week. A new fire-plug for the front has been ordered, the old one being out of commission. New vacuum pumps in connection with the heating apparatus are a necessity and will cost $295.00. New floor-coverings are under consideration for the 1st & 3rd floors. Estimate for wood-floors was given similar to one on 2nd floor, $375.00 for main hall $368.00 for each of west wings. Linoleum was suggested also for the wings - estimate for best inlaid German linoleum $1196.21 for 1st & 3rd floors. Estimate for re-varnishing and finishing front-door $10.00. The walls of verandahs, dining-room in basement are in bad condition having been formerly whitewashed - three coats of paint would cost $29. Exclusive of necessary plastering, white-washing walls was also proposed. An electric fan has been placed in the kitchen in addition to the exhaust fan and fulfils all requirements. Suggestion was made that a spring be placed on kitchen door to keep it closed and avoid odors of cooking, also a pane of glass be placed in one of the door panels.

Estimates for wood flooring & linoleum.

Electric fan in kitchen.

Wire fence

Com. on Grounds. reported that the wire-fence of laundry green was not in order and the grounds were in fine condition.

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Com. on Clothing had no report.

Deaths of Mrs Thompson & Mrs Flynn.

Cemetery Com. reported the death of Mrs M. A. Thompson on Apl. 20th, aged 74 years, and her interment at Mount Auburn; also Mrs A. E. Flynn on Apl. 25th aged 85 years, and her interment at Mount Auburn.

Entertainment Com. reported an entertainment of recitations and impersonations by Mrs Watson assisted by Mr Harold Fox, with music.

Time of vacations for inmates extended to 3 months.

The question of extending the term of the annual eight weeks vacation granted the inmates, was proposed by the Irish Directress. After some discussion a standing vote resulted in extending the leave of absence for inmates during the year, to three months.

Case of Miss Raphum - receipt of legacy.

The case of Miss Raphum was brought before the Board and her desire to leave the Institution since she had inherited a legacy. On motion of Mrs Peirce seconded by Miss Morris it was agreed that Miss Raphum be allowed to leave the Home relinquishing her admission fee of $500. and taking with her her own furniture.

The question of retaining the services of Mrs Mean at the asylum was discussed and decision reserved for a subsequent meeting.

Note of sympathy to Mrs Wm H. Jenks.

It was suggested that a note of sympathy and appreciation be sent to Mrs William H. Jenks of whose critical illness the Managers had heard with much sorrow.

It was proposed by the Irish Directress that it was

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Insurance of employees against accident.

imperative that we should insure our employees against accident liable to occur at any time or place. On motion of Mrs Shoemaker seconded by Miss Pearsall, it was resolved to take out a General Liability Insurance with Stokes and Packard for the term of three years at a cost of $74.33. This policy will protect our Society against claims made on account of injuries of any of their employees with a limit of $5000. for any individual injured by an accident and of $10,000. for any one accident wherein more than one person was injured. This policy also covers against claims which might be made by those not regularly in our employ who might be working temporarily on premises: this also covers litigation.

Adjourned

Hetty V. Sparhawk
secretary.

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June 3rd

A stated meeting of the Board of Managers of the Widow's Asylum was held on June 3rd/15 - there were present Miss Comegys who presided, Mrs Colwell, Mrs Butcher, Miss Faries, Miss Scott, Miss Tierney, Miss Vanuxem, Mrs Brier, Miss Dale, Mrs Mickler, Mrs Shoemaker, Mrs Shipley, Mrs Longstreth, Mrs Noblit, Miss Biddle, Miss Pearsall, Mrs Perot, Miss Morris, Miss Sparhawk.

Death of Mrs Wm H. Jenks.

The First Directress announced the death of Mrs William H. Jenks who for over thirty years had been a manager of our Institution and on her resignation owing to failing health, had been appointed an Honorary Manager.

On motion of Mrs Longstreth seconded by Mrs Shoemaker, it was resolved that the Board express their deep sympathy and sorrow in the loss of one who for many years had been a guiding and controlling force in our midst and whose faithful years of service can never be forgotten.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and after a slight correction approved.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted and is as follows.

Receipts

Total receipts from 5/1 to 5/31/15	$2013.75
Balance from last month	1040.08
	$3053.83

Payments.

Total payments from 5/1 to 5/31	2598.23
Balance on hand	455.60
	$3053.83

Reports were read from Visiting Com. Matron & Head

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June 3rd. Nurse

Purchasing Com. reported only a few articles purchased – summer under-wear for women and three new beds complete for maids to replace those in use for twenty years.

Supply Com. had no report.

Miss Sarah C. Charter entered Home.

Com. on Applications reported that Miss Sarah C. Charter entered the Home on May 18th /15, this having been the earnest desire of Mrs William H. Jenks who had been interested in securing her admission.
The following women were approved by the Board Miss Mary Nudd, Miss Margaret Barton, Miss Mary E. Freeborn, Miss Anna C. Huff, Mrs Sarah Wilson, Mrs Ellen M. Trull, Mrs Kate Johnston, Mrs Josephine B. Sprowles, Miss Rebecca N. Uhler, Mrs Mary E. Warne. Miss Lillian Robertson was not approved.

Dr. E. Morris Ferguson preached.

Church Com. reported that Rev. E. Morris Ferguson D.D. had kindly consented to conduct service for us on the first Sunday in June, his mother having been a former First Directress of the Asylum. Rev. Dr. Ely also spoke at the Home assisted by his choir.

Finance Com. reported the acceptance of the $3800. mortgage.

Nurse Com. reported that a new refrigerator and gas stove were greatly needed, the purchase of which was discussed.

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June 3rd. Two rooms re-painted.

Building & Repair Com. reported the painting of two rooms on the 3rd floor, the cleaning of boilers of the heating plant and placing of new tubes in connection with boilers at an approximate cost of $300.

Two magnolia trees planted

Com. on Grounds reported that two new magnolia trees costing $6.00. had been planted.

Clothing Com. had no report.

Deaths of Miss Alvord, Mrs Alford, Mrs Godfrey.

Cemetery Com. reported the deaths of Miss Mary Alvord on May 7th aged 89 years & her interment at Orange, New Jersey. Mrs Carrie Alford on May 24th aged 80 years & her interment at Woodlands, and Mrs S. S. Godfrey on May 30th aged 80 years and her interment at Swanton – New Jersey.

Musicale.

Entertainment Com. reported an enjoyable evening through the kindness of Miss Faries. Songs by Miss Ella D. Blair & Miss Marie Faries – a sketch "The Crystal Gazer" by Miss Balverney & Mrs Geddes, & recitations by Miss Balverney.
A request of the Matron that the floor of the small reception room be stained, was granted. The question of the walls in the servants dining-room was deferred.

Renovation of Matron's & Head Nurse's rooms.

On motion of Miss Faries seconded by Miss Tierney it was resolved that the Matron's and Head Nurses rooms be re-painted and put in order. Estimates being secured for the cost of flooring for these rooms. On motion of Mrs Shoemaker seconded by Mrs Perot it was resolved that the renovation of these two rooms during the summer be left with the Repair Com. in consultation with

1915.

June 3rd

Miss Biddle.

On motion of Miss Pearsall seconded by Miss Faries it was agreed to grant the usual Summer vacations according to schedule.

Penrose engaged for Summer.

The question of the employment of two men at the Asylum was discussed. On motion of Miss Sparhawk seconded by Mrs Brice, it was resolved to engage Penrose for the Summer at his present wages, $1.00 a day.

On motion of Miss Biddle seconded by Mrs Shoemaker, it was resolved that William Nagle's employment and wages for the Summer be left in the hands of the First & Second Directresses.

It was proposed that a new insecticide of proved worth costing $10. be procured for use in our Institutions. On motion of Mrs Noblit seconded by Miss Faries, it was agreed to give this a trial.

Electric lights continued during Summer.

On motion of Miss Faries seconded by Mrs Noblit it was decided to allow the electric lights used during the Summer.

A letter of appreciation from Mrs Henry S. Grove was read in which she thanked the Board for their kind care of Mrs Carrie Alford who had been for many years a faithful employee in their family & who had recently died at the Home.

Letter of thanks from Mrs Chas. D. Walcott.

A letter also was received from Mrs Chas. D. Walcott acknowledging her appointment as Honorary Manager and expressing her appreciation and thanks.

Adjourned
Hetty V. Sparhawk
Secretary

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Sept. 2nd

A stated meeting of the Board of Managers of the Widow's Asylum was held on Sept. 2nd /15 - there were present, Miss Comergys who presided, Miss Biddle, Miss Pearsall, Mrs Longstreth, Miss Sparhawk.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted and is as follows.

Receipts

Total receipts from 6/1 to 6/30/15.	$4341.26
Balance from last month	455.60
	$4796.86

Payments

Total payments from 6/1 to 6/30	$3285.82
Balance on hand	1511.04
	$4796.86

Receipts

Total receipts from 7/1 to 7/31/15	$2500.14
Balance from last month	1511.04
	$4011.18

Payments

Total payments from 7/1 to 7/31.	$2401.71
Balance on hand	1609.47
	$4011.18

Receipts

Total receipts from 8/1 to 8/31/15	$1324.04
Balance from last month	1609.47
	$2933.51

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Payments

Total payments from 8/1 to 8/31 $1953.54
Balance on hand 979.97
$2933.51

Reports were read from Visiting Comm. Matron and Head Nurse.

Four pieces mgs to two carpet mgs for Matrons room.

Purchasing Committee reported through Miss Lennegs that four pieces mgs had been purchased for summer use in the Matrons room at a cost of a little over $10. Two carpet mgs 9X12 & 8X10. for winter use were also bought and three small ones required.

Safe with alarm attachment for Matrons use.

A small safe for the Matrons use in keeping money was purchased. This contains an alarm which rings at the slightest movement of the safe and as fires must also be opened by tampered with.

Office established on 1st floor.

The hat for of Hannah Farr placed in the kitchen early in the summer was removed as it proved unsatisfactory - a small fan replaced it.

A small office room has been established on the first floor for the transaction of business relating to the Home.

Roof for Infirmary porch.

A wooden roof has been placed over the Infirmary porch to replace the awning which was destroyed by storm.

Supply Committee had no report.

Entered Home. Mrs Huff Mrs Troill Miss Uhler

Committee on Applications reported the entrance into the Home of the following women. Mrs Anna C. Huff on June 17th, Mrs Ellen M. Troill on June 23rd, Miss Rebecca K. Uhler on June 30th, Mrs Sarah Wilson on June 30th, Miss Mary E. Freebourne on July 7th. Miss Margaret Barton was to have entered the Home on June 26th but withdrew her application and requested return of entrance fee.

Mrs Wilson. Miss Freebourne.

Finance Committee reported that the lot in Booth wyn belonging to Miss Rapheun for which an offer of $350. had been made, had fallen through, also the sale of a property on Hancock St. for which an offer of $4800. had been made, had also come to naught.

Eleven ministers supplied.

Church Committee reported that eleven ministers had been secured to fill the vacancies caused by the absence of regular supplies during the Summer.

Deaths of Miss Ellen Cutting Newkirk & Mrs Eliz. Pennell.

Cemetery Committee reported the deaths of Miss Ellementine Newkirk on Aug. 2nd aged 71 years and her interment in Woodside Mausoleum and Mrs Elizabeth Pennell on July 22nd aged 76 years and her interment in her own lot at Mt. Moriah.

On motion of Miss Peacock seconded by Miss Sparhawk it was ordered to include the length of residence in Asylum in the record of the deaths of inmates.

Length of residence of inmates in Report.

It was suggested that a short paragraph giving history of Asylum be added to each annual Report.

Short history of Asylum in Report.

It was agreed that both Messrs Pearson & William Hagle should remain as employees of the Home.

Adjourned

Wesley P. Sparhawk
Secretary

1915.

Oct. 7th 15. A stated meeting of the Board of Managers of the Widow's Asylum was held on Oct. 7th 1915. There were present Miss Comegys who presided, Mrs Colwell, Mrs Butcher, Miss Faries, Mrs Heebner, Miss Scott, Mrs Brice, Miss Tierney, Mrs Stryker, Miss Dale, Mrs Shoemaker, Mrs Mickle, Mrs Longstreth, Mrs Fox, Mrs Perot, Miss Pearsall, Mrs Noblit, Miss Sparhawk.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted and is as follows.

Receipts

Total receipts from 9/1 to 9/30/15	$1735.32
Balance from last month	979.97
	$2715.29

Payments.

Total payments from 9/1 to 9/30.	2544.00
Balance on hand	171.29
	$2715.29

Reports were read from Visiting Com. Matron & Head Nurse.

Purchasing Com. had no report.

40 bushels of potatoes purchased. Supply Com. reported the purchase of 40 bushels of potatoes for winter use, also the fact of much preserving of fruit done by the Matron.

Church Com. reported that all the vacancies in the summer months had been filled and services regularly conducted.

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Finance Com. reported the sale of properties on Hancock St. belonging to our Society, with the approval of Girard Trust Co., who desired a resolution of the Board confirming this action. On motion of Mrs Shoemaker, seconded by Mrs Mickle, the following resolution was adopted.

Sale of properties 1710-1712-1714-1716 North Hancock St.

Resolved

That the agreement signed by the Girard Trust Co. for the sale of properties 1710-12-14-16 N. Hancock St. Phila. belonging to the Indigent Widows' and Single Women's Society of Philadelphia to John F. Doyle, for the sum of $4200. be confirmed.

J. Lardner Howell of Girard Trust Co. advised against sale of property, 3628 Market St. by auction.

Early supper. Nurse Com. reported that the serving of supper in the Infirmary dining-room at 4.30 P.M. was a cause for protest in their judgment. It was agreed that this should be investigated and reported upon at a subsequent meeting.

Gift of books. Library Com. reported the gift of three books from Miss Pearsall.

Repairs to Engineer's house. Building & Repair Com. reported that Robert Millar's house needed repairs - glazing and painting of roof. It was suggested by Mr Erskine that the fire-escapes of the House be re-painted. William Nagle having touched up the places requiring immediate attention.

Fire-escapes. On motion of Miss Pearsall, seconded by Miss Faries, it was agreed that the question of Robert's roof, also

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Oct. 7th. re-painting of fire-escapes, be left with Committee with power to act.

Com. on Grounds had no report.

Deaths of Miss Mary A. Newkirk. Mrs Sarah A. Dickinson. Miss Emily R. Banes. Mrs Theodosia T. Aurentz. Mrs Phebe Nash.

Cemetery Com. reported the deaths of Miss Mary A. Newkirk on Sept. 8th aged 79 years and her interment in Odd Fellow's Cemetery.
Mrs Sarah A. Dickinson on Sept. 9th aged 91 years & her interment in Southampton Baptist Church Grave-yard. Miss Emily R. Banes on Sept. 10th aged 82 years and her interment in Southampton Baptist Church Grave-yard.
Mrs Theodosia T. Aurentz on Sept. 12th aged 78 years & her interment in Home Lot Mount Moriah.
Mrs Phebe Nash on Oct. 4th aged 79 years & her interment in Northwood Cemetery.
The chairman also reported that a space had been left on the tomb-stone of Miss Wyckoff for the name of her sister who desires to be buried in the same grave.

Entertainment by Mr H. Fox

Entertainment Com. reported an enjoyable Entertainment given by Mr Harold Fox.
It was suggested that an entertainment of moving pictures would give great pleasure to the old people if it can be arranged.

Com. on Applications reported that the following women will be visited by the Committee.
Mrs Elizabeth T. Freeburger, Mrs Lucy F. Smith, Mrs Louisa Wagner, Mrs R. C. Carr, Miss Catarina Ehrlicher, Miss Anna E. Welsh, Mrs Mary A. Walker, & Mrs Margaret L. Steiner.

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Oct. 7th. The First Directress suggested that owing to the many and unwearied services which the Rev. Wm Davidson D.D. had rendered to the Home in his capacity as Minister of the Gospel - conducting services on Sunday and week-days and officiating constantly at funerals, it was incumbent upon us to show some appreciation of this, other than by a vote of thanks. It was then proposed that the members of the Board should contribute as inclined at the next meeting and a check for the sum realized should be sent to Dr. Davidson with a letter expressing our gratitude for his kindness.

Gift of check to Rev. Wm Davidson D.D. in appreciation of his services to us.

It was stated that the night watch-man had requested an increase in his salary. On motion of Mrs Perot seconded by Mrs Nobelt it was agreed to increase his salary to $18. a month instead of $16. as heretofore.

Salary of night watch man increased.

Report was made that the large dining-room bell was badly cracked - the question of replacing it with a new one was deferred until next month.
Mrs Butcher suggested that it would be well to say a few words in the dining-room in regard to those inmates who are willing and able to assist in house-hold tasks of various kinds according to their ability. This suggestion was unanimously endorsed.

Miss Mary J. Hall mends 48 carpets at the House.

Mrs Fox reported that Miss Mary J. Hall had mended forty-eight carpets belonging to the Home. On motion of Mrs Fox seconded by Miss Pearsall, it was resolved that a letter of appreciation of her industry and neepfulness be sent to her from the Board.
Mrs Shoemaker stated that new table silver was greatly needed in the Infirmary dining-room.

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New silver for Infirmary.

On motion of Mrs Butcher seconded by Mrs Colwell, it was decided to purchase new forks and spoons of plated silver and other needed supplies for the Infirmary dining-room.

Gift of clock from Mrs M. T. Wright.

Mention was made of a gift of a mantel clock and ornaments which had belonged to Mrs William H. Jenks and had been presented to the Home by her daughter Mrs Minturn T. Wright. This gift was accepted by the Board and the Secretary was directed to write a note expressing our thanks.

Managers to serve one, two or three years.

Miss Pearsall suggested that Mr Shipley be consulted in regard to the possibility of dividing the managers into three classes to serve for one, two or three years respectively instead of an annual election of the whole Board of Managers.

The following Committee was appointed to confer with Mr Shipley - Miss Pearsall, Mrs Michler & Mrs Shoemaker.

The resignation of Penrose was reported. At present he is substituting for Robert Millar at $1.50 a day at the House and William Nagle is now doing the work of both Penrose and his own.

Adjourned

Hetty V. Sparhawk
Secretary

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Nov. 4th

A stated meeting of the Board of Managers of the Widow's Asylum was held on Nov. 4th/15. There were present Miss Comegys who presided, Mrs Colwell, Mrs Heebner, Miss Scott, Miss Tierney, Mrs Brice, Mrs Stryker, Miss Dale, Mrs Shoemaker, Mrs Michler, Mrs Shipley, Miss Morris, Mrs Butcher, Miss Perot, Miss Biddle, Mrs Fox, Mrs Perot, Miss Pearsall, Mrs Longstreth, Mrs Noblit, Miss Sparhawk.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and after a slight correction approved.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted and is as follows.

Receipts.

Total receipts from 10/1 to 10/31/15	$4356.34
Balance from last month	171.29
	$4527.63

Payments.

Total payments from 10/1 to 10/31	$2067.76
Balance on hand	2459.87
	$4527.63

Reports were read from Visiting Committees, Matron and Head Nurse.

New china for Infirmary & silver-plate.

Purchasing Committee reported the buying of winter supplies of clothing and kitchen articles also a new rug for the office. The Infirmary has been fitted out with new china and silver-plated wear, also glass cream pitchers, sugar-bowls & pepper & salts, all greatly needed.

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The total cost of this necessary equipment was $48. which was more than ordered by the last Court as the journal was not engaged for this Summer by Miss Beetle who phoned me to have this expended in order to ask for Other Supplies

On motion of Mrs Shoemaker seconded by Miss Pearsall it was agreed that the question of suitable Winter clothing for the inmates be left with the Committee with power to act.

Supply Committee had no report.

Committee on applications reported that Miss M. J. Grady was entered the Home on Oct. 20th and Mrs Kate Johnston on Oct. 30th.

Miss M. J. Grady & Mrs Kate Johnston entered.

The following names were approved by the Committee and ratified by the Board:

Mrs Elizabeth V. Freeburger, Mrs Mary A. Walker, Mrs Lucy F. Smith, Mrs Louisa Wagner, Mrs A. Elizabeth Welch, Mrs Rebecca C. Carr.

Investments paid off.

Finance Committee reported investments paid off Oct 1st $6000. Penna. R.R. 3 1/2's
" Nov. 1st $3000. Penna. Co. 3 1/2's -
balance of principal at Girard Trust Co. $466.88.
There is also a possibility of a mortgage of $5000. on property 2031 Spruce St. being paid off by William L. Dumont and the probable sale of properties 1710-12-14-16 North Hancock St.

On motion of Mrs Longstreth seconded by Mrs Nesbit the following resolution was adopted.

Purchase of P.R.R. Gen'l 4 1/2% bonds.

Resolved

That the Girard Trust Co. be authorized to purchase for the Indigent Widows' & Single Women's

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Society $9000. of Penna. R.R. General 4 1/2% Bonds at or about 98.

On motion of Mrs Rent seconded by Mrs Nichols the following resolution was adopted.

Resolved

That the Girard Trust Co. be empowered to accept from Mrs William L. Dumont the sum of $5000. or $6000. in payment on account of mortgage on property 2031 Spruce St.

Mortgage Mrs L. Dumont on 2031 Spruce St.

On motion of Mrs Boericke seconded by Mrs Stephen it was further resolved that the investment of the money to be paid subsequently be left in the hands of Committee with power to act.

Gift in memory of Mrs Garrie Alford.

Statement was made that friends of Mrs Garrie Alford, a recently deceased inmate, had made a gift to the Society of $200. and a certificate for 10 shares Preferred Stock of Hess Mills Co. par value $100. per share. Through Girard Trust Co. we have informed that this stock is worth $90. per share, paying a dividend of 7%. The Hess Mills is a Knit Goods Corporation and Woolen cloth. The stock is to be transferred to the Indigent Widows' & Single Women's Society.

Church Committee had no report.

Library Committee reported several books given by Mrs O'Brien, Miss Pearsall & Miss Dale.

Fire-escapes painted.

Building & Repair Committee reported the painting of fire-escapes at asylum, painting of roof and glazing of windows of Retreat, Mileaus House and two rooms in Asylum re-painted and varnished.

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A new cylinder was required in the laundry stove and a new rope in elevator near laundry.

Repairs at Engineer's house.

Reference was made to the bad condition of bath-tub (enameled iron) in Robert Millar's house and his request for a new one, also the need of re-painting outside wood-work and re-papering parlor in same house.

On motion of Mrs Butcher, seconded by Mrs Shoemaker it was agreed that authority be given Repair Committee to have this work done.

Old pear tree cut down.

Committee on Grounds reported the cutting down of an old pear tree and the planting of a new magnolia to replace one which had died. Also the purchase of a mountain ash.

Committee on Clothing had no report.

Death of Miss Ellen A. Crockett.

Cemetery Committee reported the death of Miss Ellen A. Crockett on Oct. 28th aged 88 years and her interment in Monument Cemetery.

Entertainment Committee reported that an entertainment would be given on Nov. 9th by Dr. & Mrs Anthony & Mr Moneypenny of the choir of St. Stephen's Church, Phila.

Annual Elections of Managers.

Miss Pearsall, chairman of Committee to confer with Mr Shipley as to changes in method of annual election of managers, reported that this would require a change in our Constitution and the cost would be from $50. to $100. or $200. It would be necessary for us to accept the Constitution of Pennsylvania which requires a majority to form a quorum. It was agreed by the Board to drop the matter for the present.

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Gift to Dr. T. William Davidson from Board.

Reference was made to the proposed gift in the form of a check from the Managers to Dr. Davidson in appreciation of his long and faithful services and many kindnesses to the Home and an opportunity was given to the Managers to contribute at this meeting or to send later to the Secretary.

New china ordered for dining-room.

New dining-room china is imperatively needed at the Home. On motion of Mrs Noblit seconded by Mrs Mickler it was resolved that our recent gift of $200. be used for the purchase of china for the Home.

The question of purchasing either a bell or a gong to summon inmates to meals was left until the next meeting for decision.

It was agreed not to allow the Manager's room to be kept locked for a month.

Additional bath-rooms required.

Complaint was made that the bathing facilities of the Asylum are totally inadequate for the large number of inmates. It was suggested that another bath-room be placed in the third floor and a bath-room for the servants in the basement. A committee consisting of Mrs Noblit, Miss Dale & Mrs Shipley was appointed to investigate the matter and report at the next meeting.

Adjourned

Hetty V. Sparhawk
Secretary

1915.

Dec. 2nd.

A stated meeting of the Board of Managers of the Widow's Asylum was held on Dec. 2nd/15 there were present Miss Conegys who presided Mrs Colwell, Miss Faries, Miss Scott, Mrs Shipley, Miss Dale, Mrs Fox, Mrs Mickle, Mrs Shoemaker, Mrs Longstreth, Mrs Butcher, Miss Moore, Miss Perot, Miss Biddle, Mrs Perot, Miss Pearsall, Mrs Noblit, Miss Sparhawk.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted and is as follows.

Receipts.

Total receipts from 11/1 to 11/30/15	$3362.11
Balance from last month	2459.87
	$5821.98

Payments.

Total payments from 11/1 to 11/30	$2201.41
Balance on hand	3620.57
	$5821.98

Reports were read from Visiting Committee Matron & Head Nurse.

$50. for Thanksgiving & Christmas expenses.

On motion of Miss Sparhawk seconded by Mrs Noblit it was agreed to appropriate $50. to the Supply Committee for Thanksgiving and Christmas expenses.

New china for dining-room.

Purchasing Committee reported the purchase of new china for the dining-room at the Asylum.

Supply Committee had no report.

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Mrs Stiteler, Mrs Williams, Mrs Smith, Mrs Wagner, Mrs Freeburger and Mrs Carr admitted.

Committee on Receiving Applications reported the entrance into the House of Mrs Mary A. Stiteler on Nov. 9th, Mrs Anna H. Williams on Nov. 11th, Mrs Lucy F. Smith on Nov. 18th, Mrs Louisa Wagner on Nov. 19th, Mrs Elizabeth T. Freeburger on Nov. 19th, Mrs Rebecca C. Carr on Nov. 30th.

Church Committee reported that the gift of money from the managers to Dr. T. William Davidson had almost reached the amount desired $25. and would shortly be sent to him.

Property 2130 North Uber St. to be sold.

Finance Committee reported that the house belonging to Mrs Carr 2130 N. Uber St. was in poor condition, property assessed at $3400. now valued at $3100. and mortgaged for $2750, fore-closure proceedings being instituted because principal was not paid on demand. On motion of Mrs Shoemaker seconded by Mrs Perot it was resolved to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee and allow the mortgage fore-closed on property, 2130 N. Uber St.

Property 919 Green St. to be sold.

Statement was also made in regard to property 919 Green St. acquired by us in 1907 under fore-closure of mortgage of $6000. An offer of $5500. has been made for it. On motion of Mrs Mickle seconded by Mrs Longstreth the following resolution was adopted.

Resolved

That the Girard Trust Co. be authorized to sell the premises 919 Green St. to David F. Weaver for the sum of $5500. less a two per cent commission. Also resolved. That the

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proper officers be and they hereby are authorized to sign the necessary papers and affix the corporate seal.

Nurses Committee had no report.

Library Committee reported that Miss Bixby had given twelve books, Miss Lane eleven and Miss Sparhawk two to the Library.

25 books given to Library.

Scribner's & The Saturday Evening Post have been added to the periodicals and the chairman made request for an appropriation of $18.77. for the yearly payment of current magazines. Ten votes & Miss Nesbit seconded by Miss Perry this appropriation was granted.

appropriation $18.77 granted.

Building & Repair Committee reported estimates for painting outside wood-work and fences of Engineers house. 3629 Sudlow St.

Painting of Engineers house.

Estimate J. F. J. Wilson $57. Estimate J. H. M. Anderson for removing old bath-tub & replacing with new one $38. Finish around tub, white varnish and kalsomine $7.75. Repainting of two rooms at Asylum $24.

Committee on Grounds reported that a white pine tree had been planted where a Persian lilac tree formerly stood.

White pine planted.

Clothing & Cemetery Committee had no reports.

Entertainment Committee reported three entertainments given - a musicale on Nov. 9th through Miss Nesbit at which Mr. & Mrs. Reginald C. Sutherland & Mr. Harry Penny Sang accompanied by Miss

Three entertainments given.

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Blair. On Nov. 17th through Miss Lane's kindness an entertainment & amusing stories, songs and duets was given by Mr. & Miss Bradley and Mr. Young. On Nov. 24th through the kind & much loved and instrumental music was given by fourteen members of the Good Fellowship Club and four young girls.

The question of a minister to preside at our annual meeting on Jan. 13th '16. was then discussed. Rev. John M. Horton & the Methodist & the Evening Fellowship was proposed and as an alternate. Rev. John Mackenzie D.D. of St. James Prot. Epis. Church. Chelsea.

Ministers for annual meeting.

An estimate for the new bath-tubs to be placed on the 3rd floor was submitted by W. M. Anderson, Plumber.

The proposition to do away to installing bells or gongs to announce meals was debated and two estimates were submitted. To install 6 bells two on each floor - $76. second estimate for the same $39. It was then suggested that a gong be given trial before final decision.

Bells & gongs.

It was proposed that a moving picture entertainment be given for the inmates of the Home - This matter was left with the Committee to arrange.

On motion of Miss Butcher seconded by Miss Davis it was agreed that the sum to be transferred to our Capital account be left to the discretion of the Treasurer.

Adjourned

Betty P. Sparhawk
Secretary

1916.
Jan. 6th

A stated meeting of the Board of Managers of the Widows Asylum was held on Jan. 6th/16. There were present Miss Comegys who presided, Mrs Butcher, Mrs Colwell, Mrs Shoemaker, Miss Faries, Miss Scott, Miss Tierney, Miss Dale, Mrs Mickle, Mrs Longstreth, Mrs Fox, Mrs Shipley, Miss Pearsall, Miss Biddle, Miss Perot, Mrs Noblit, Mrs Perot, Miss Morris, Miss Sparhawk

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted and is as follows.

Receipts.

Total receipts from 12/1 to 12/31/16	$2214.60
Balance from last month.	3620.57
	$5835.17

Payments

Total payments from 12/1 to 12/31.	3781.86
Balance on hand	2053.31
	$5835.17

Receipts

Received in 1915	$32947.12
Balance 1/1/15.	565.07
	$33512.19

Payments.

Payments in 1915.	31458.88
Balance on hand	2053.31
	$33512.19

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Reports were read from Visiting Com. Matron and Head Nurse.

With-drawal of Miss Raphun from Asylum.

It was decided by the Board that the voluntary with-drawal of Miss Raphun from the Asylum, upon receipt of a legacy from a relative, be recorded in the annual report. A motion to this effect was moved by Miss Pearsall and seconded by Mrs Shipley.

Purchasing and Supply Com. had no reports.

Mrs Blinckthorn - Miss Porter, Mrs Victoria Smith approved.

Com. on Applications reported that the following names had been approved by the Committee. Mrs Sarah Blinckthorn, Miss Annie F. Porter, & Mrs Victoria Smith and these were ratified by the Board.

A note from Mrs Smith, a recently admitted inmate, requested to know if she could make disposition of her jewelry.

Rev. William Muir Auld for Annual meeting

Church Committee reported that the Rev. John M. Groton had declined to preside at our annual meeting. It was then suggested that the Rev. William Muir Auld of Calvary Presbyterian Church of Phila. be asked to take his place and make the address.

$7000. awaiting investment.

Finance Committee reported that $7000. was now awaiting investment either in mortgage or bonds. On motion of Mrs Shoemaker seconded by Miss Faries it was resolved that the Finance Committee be given authority to invest the principal on hand.

Nurse Committee reported that the nurses had done wonderful work in caring for so many patients

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72 out of 112 inmates being ill in the recent prevalence of grip. It was agreed that they be given extra pay for the additional labor.

Extra pay for Nurses.

On motion of Miss Pearsall seconded by Mrs Butcher it was resolved that it be left to the Nurse Committee to make reward to those whose work had been so faithful.

Gift of Magazines.

Library Committee reported that magazines had been sent by Mrs Charles D. Walcott and a Polly Anna Calendar from Mrs Morris.

Lehman Fund.

Com. on Lehman Fund reported the usual distribution of $112. to the inmates.

Engineer's house finished.

Building & Repair Committee reported that the truck in the laundry was in need of repair. It was also stated that the work had been finished at the Engineer's house.

Com. on Grounds & Clothing had no reports.

Deaths of Miss Caroline Wyckoff. Miss Josephine Newkirk. Mrs Eliz. Zener

Cemetery Committee reported the following deaths. Miss Caroline Wyckoff on Dec. 16th aged 87 years and her interment in the same grave with her sister at Mount Moriah. Miss Josephine Newkirk on Dec. 19th aged 78 years and her interment in Odd Fellows Cemetery. Mrs Elizabeth Zener on Dec. 23rd aged 80 years and her interment at Fernwood Cemetery.

Entertainment Com. had no report.

Action was deferred in regard to the use of a

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gong in announcing meals.

The question of constructing a potato bin was left with Building and Repair Committee.

The estimate of cost of new bath-room on 3rd floor was $138.50. this being submitted by Mr Wm Mayberry. This question was deferred for decision.

Purchase of coal. Geo. B. Newton.

George B. Newton & Co. advised that we invest in extra coal in view of the probable strike in the spring when the price will be advanced. To this the Board agreed.

Letter of thanks from Rev. T. Wm Davidson for gift.

A letter was read from Rev. T. William Davidson D.D. expressing his deep appreciation of the gift of $30. from the managers in recognition of his long and faithful services in our behalf.

The Annual Report of Mr Wm Erskine in regard to repairs at Asylum was read

Adjourned

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Ninety-Ninth Annual Meeting.

The Ninety-Ninth Annual Meeting of the Indigent Widows' and Single Women's Society was held at the Asylum, 3615 Chestnut St. on Jan. 13th 1916 at 11 A.M.

Rev. William Muir Auld Calvary Pres. Church

The Rev. William Muir Auld of Calvary Presbyterian Church presided and made a beautiful and impressive address.

The Reports of the Treasurer & Secretary were read.

The following managers were elected to serve for the ensuing year.

Mrs Charles R. Colwell
Miss Clara Comegys
Miss Hetty V. Sparhawk
Miss Henrietta W. Pearsall
Mrs Samuel J. Stryker
Miss Elizabeth C. Morris
Mrs Howard Butcher
Miss Anna H. Faries
Mrs Charles A. Longstreth
Mrs Philip Howard Brice
Mrs Charles E. Noblit
Mrs George Evety Shoemaker
Mrs Robert J. Michler
Mrs John Perot
Miss Mary Vanuxem
Miss Helen R. Biddle
Mrs William M. C. Kimber
Miss Grace A. Tierney
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Miss Elizabeth W. Dale
Miss Eleanor A. Scott
Mrs Theodore A. Fox
Mrs Walter Penn Shipley
Mrs Charles Heebner

Adjourned meeting.

A special meeting of the Managers of the Indigent Widows' and Single Women's Society was held by adjournment of the Annual Meeting on Jan. 15th/16 - There were present - Miss Pearsall who presided, Mrs Colwell, Miss Faries, Miss Scott, Miss Tierney, Mrs Kimber, Mrs Brice, Miss Dale, Mrs Fox, Mrs Shoemaker, Mrs Shipley, Miss Sparhawk.

The following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year.

First Directress.	Miss Clara Comegys
Second Directress	Mrs Howard Butcher
Treasurer	Miss Helen R. Biddle
Secretary	Miss Hetty V. Sparhawk
Ass. Secretary	Mrs Charles E. Noblit

The following Standing Committees were appointed

Purchasing Committee.

Mrs Brice — Miss Scott
Miss Vanuxem

Supply Committee

Mrs Butcher — Miss Dale
Miss Faries — Mrs Fox

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Committee for Receiving Applications

Mrs Butcher, Secretary

Miss Morris
Mrs Butcher
Miss Tierney
Mrs Longstreth
Mrs Mickle
Miss Pearsall

Church Committee

Miss Sparhawk
Mrs Stryker
Mrs Noblit
Mrs Heebner
Miss Faries
Mrs Kimber

Finance Committee

Miss Pearsall
Miss Perot
Miss Morris
Miss Biddle
Mrs Shipley

Committee on Nurses

Mrs Shoemaker
Mrs Perot
Miss Dale
Mrs Kimber

Library Committee

Mrs Colwell
Miss Vanuxem

Committee on Lehman Fund

Miss Sparhawk

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Committee on Building & Repairs

Miss Scott
Miss Vanuxem
Miss Tierney
Mrs Shipley

Committee on Grounds

Mrs Colwell
Miss Tierney

Committee on Clothing

Mrs Brice
Miss Dale
Miss Fox
Miss Faries

Cemetery Committee

Mrs Perot
Mrs Heebner

Committee on Entertainment

Mrs Noblit
Mrs Colwell
Miss Vanuxem
Miss Perot
Miss Faries
Mrs Fox

Nominating Committee

Mrs Stryker
Mrs Mickle
Mrs Brice
Mrs Shoemaker

Honorary Managers

Mrs Charles S. Hindman
Mrs Walter T. Moore
Mrs Charles Hermon Thomas
Mrs Charles Hacker
Mrs Randolph
Mrs Chas. D. Walcott

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Weekly Committees.

Anna H. Faries	Mary L. R. Butcher
Agnes M. F. Noblit	Laura Colwell
Elizabeth H. Kimber	Sarah E. P. Mickle
Elizabeth W. Dale	Eleanor A. Scott
Ellen W. Longstreth	Anna K. Fox
Helen R. Biddle	Alice S. Heebner
Sarah D. Perot	Henrietta W. Pearsall
Grace A. Tierney	Mary L. Perot
Elizabeth C. Morris	Grace M. Stryker
Ann E. Shipley	Mary L. Shoemaker
Clara Comegys	Sarah P. Brice
Hetty V. Sparhawk	Mary Vanneen

Then followed the customary reading of the Constitution and By-Laws.
The chairman of Finance Committee stated that she desired instructions as to the investment of $11,000. On motion of Miss Shoemaker seconded by Miss Butcher it was resolved that the matter of the investment of this money be left in the hands of the Finance Committee with power to act.
It was agreed to print 500 copies of the Annual Report.

Adjourned

Hetty V. Sparhawk
Secretary.

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A stated meeting of the Board of Managers of the Indigent Widows' and Single Women's Society was held on Feb. 3rd/16 – there were present: Miss Comegys who presided, Miss Biddle, Miss Colwell, Miss Heebner, Miss Scott, Miss Tierney, Miss Brice, Miss Dale, Miss Mickle, Miss Shoemaker, Miss Longstreth, Miss Fox, Miss Butcher, Miss Noblit, Miss Perot, Miss Pearsall, Miss Morris, Miss Perot, Miss Sparhawk.
The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted and is as follows.

Receipts.

Total receipts from 1/1 to 1/31/16	$2606.23
Balance 1/1/16.	2053.31
	$4659.54

Payments.

Total payments from 1/1 to 1/31.	$2492.44
Balance on hand	2167.10
	$4659.54

Reports were read from Visiting Committees, Matron and Head Nurse.

House-hold supplies.

Purchasing Committee reported many necessary supplies purchased – house linens – toweling 6 pairs of blankets, stockings and notions, also kitchen pots and pans including a few aluminum kettles.

Supply Committee stated that as vegetables were

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new chairs were had been purchased. Carpet rags are being made up into balls and sold, and this gives occupation to many of the women.

Committee on Applications reported in favor of admitting Mrs E. Josephine Crosthwaite who was accepted by the Board.

Mrs E. Josephine Crosthwaite admitted.

The following list of applicants were then balloted upon: Miss Fannie J. Fairbanks, Mrs Augusta Fletcher, Mrs Elizabeth Neill, Miss Katharine Morris.

Church Committee had no report.

$5000. P.R.R. Gen'l Mortgage 4½'s. purchased.

Finance Committee reported that the Treasurer should be authorized to purchase $5000. Pennsylvania R.R. General Mortgage 4½'s at 101½. The Board also accepted a mortgage of $5500. on property, 5406 Chester Ave. at 5½ per cent.

Mortgage on property, 5406 Chester Ave.

The negotiations for the sale of 919 Green St. have fallen through.

Music Committee had no report.

Light of Europe given by Mrs Corbett.

Library Committee reported that Mrs Corbett had sent as a gift to the Asylum a beautiful volume of pictures known as "The Light of the World Column of Expositions". Mrs Tuell explains these pictures to groups of inmates to their great enjoyment.

Repairs to roof &c.

Building & Repair Committee reported the painting and varnishing of room 94. Necessary repairs were also made to gutters on roofs and a new conducting pipe placed

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on front of building from roof to ground.

It was suggested that the steam tables in the dining-room pantry be enlarged and steam pipes laid, the present pantry be cleaned and shelves to hold dishes to be kept not. Estimated cost of work $75.

Steam tables in pantry enlarged.

The kitchen of Mrs Butcher was recommended by the Committee as it was a great convenience to install this equipment.

Two new bath-tubs on 3rd floor.

Mrs Tuell and Mrs Butcher were appointed by Mrs Corbin for planning for additional bath-tubs on 3rd floor by re-adjusting and changing positions of present tubs and shower.

The invitation of Miss Bidder was accepted by the Visitors to be held a week from Friday next.

Changes in Infirmary proposed

Important changes in the Infirmary were discussed. The present dining-room to be enlarged by throwing the present Nurses room with adjoining cut through. The work-room to be transformed into the present Nurses room and the Nurses room on 3rd floor to be used as a work-room, additional light being secured by placing a skylight there. A small gas radiator is also to be purchased to heat the Nurses bath-room.

It was also stated that our present drug-room is too small. These questions were deferred for further information until our next meeting and Mrs Butcher was appointed to serve on the Committee in place of Mrs Paumgarten whose absence is the result of illness.

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Complaint of trespass on lawn.

Committee on Grounds reported that mischievous boys have been trespassing on our lawn. But a telephone message to those in authority at the Newton and the parochial schools had resulted in better behaviour.

Committee on Clothing reported that preparation is being made for the advent of the dress-maker.

Death of Mrs Barbara Scheetz.

Cemetery Committee reported the death of Mrs Barbara Scheetz on Jan. 27th aged 89 years and her interment at Reading.

Entertainment Committee reported that Mrs William Libbey of Princeton will give an illustrated stereopticon lecture & Mrs Fox would also give an entertainment.

Owing to complaints of managers it was decided that in future the key of drawer in secretary be placed in desk on table in managers room.

Adjourned

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Secretary.

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Mar. 2nd

A stated meeting of the Board of Managers of the Indigent Widows' and Single Women's Society was held on March 2nd/16 - there were present Miss Cornegys who presided, Mrs Colwell, Miss Faries, Miss Scott, Miss Tierney, Mrs Stryker, Mrs Shoemaker, Mrs Mickle, Mrs Shipley, Mrs Fox, Mrs Butcher, Mrs Bruce, Miss Morris, Miss Dale, Miss Pearsall, Mrs Noblit, Miss Sparhawk

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted and is as follows.

Receipts.

Total receipts from 2/1 to 2/29/16	$2023.69
Balance from last month	2167.10
	$4190.79

Payments.

Total payments from 2/1 to 2/29	$2355.02
Balance on hand	1835.77
	$4190.79

Reports were read from Visiting Com. Matron and Head Nurse.

Eight carpets & two rugs purchased.

Purchasing Committee reported the buying of eight carpets, two carpet rugs and supplies for dressmaker. Suggestions were made in regard to linoleum for 1st floor halls and it was agreed to have estimates submitted.

Supply Committee had no report.

Mrs Ella A. Blez entered Feb. 29th

Com. on Applications reported that Mrs Ella A. Blez

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had entered the Home on Feb. 29th
The following names were favorably reported by the Committee and ratified by the Board. Miss Fannie T. Fairbairn & Miss Eliz. McNeill. Mrs Augusta Krischker was declined.

Mr Chas. T. Bates preached

Church Committee reported that Mr Charles T. Bates, a student of theology, had preached at the Home on the 4th Sunday of the month.

Mortgage of Harry W. Tyler

Finance Committee reported that a letter had been received from Girard Trust Co. in regard to mortgage of Harry W. Tyler for $13000. on property at Ridley Park, owner of property requesting an assignment by our Society instead of satisfying the mortgage. On motion of Miss Faries seconded by Mrs Fox it was resolved that the Finance Committee be empowered to invest this money on Mr Purves' recommendation.

Mrs Pinchot's bequest for Mrs Thomas.

The question of Mrs Pinchot's bequest of $500. to her friend, Mrs Thomas, to defray the expense of her entrance into our Home if at any time she so desires, was discussed. Miss Morris was appointed to confer with Mr Shipley as to the matter.

Nurse Committee reported that Miss Beitel had requested permission to spend Sunday at her home.

Five rooms painted.

Building & Repair Committee reported five rooms painted & varnished and laundry truck and steam driers in laundry repaired. The large closet in attic for

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overflow from the work-room is nearing completion. A galvanized sky-light will be placed in the work-room at a cost of $30. and work on the steam table in the pantry will be commenced at once.

Sky-light in work-room

Repairs are needed to lamp in front of building and suggestion was made that a lamp be placed over the front door.
Estimates are to be secured for new flooring in Miss Beitel's room.

Committee on Grounds had no report.

Old clothing disposal.

Committee on Clothing requested permission to dispose of old clothes. It was also stated that Miss Hawley's room was very untidy owing to the quantity of old clothing which she accumulates. The matter was left with Mrs Brice.

Death of Mrs Caroline A. Rankin.

Cemetery Committee reported the death of Mrs Caroline A. Rankin on Feb. 29th aged 86 years, and her interment at New London - Chester Co. Pa.

Mr Avis Bird Ventriloquist.

Entertainment Committee reported that by the generosity of Miss Morris, Mr Avis of Conn. the Bird Ventriloquist gave a delightful lecture on birds illustrated with lantern slides and with imitations of their notes and calls and accompanied this also with his violin.

Gingham dresses.

It was agreed to provide simple gingham

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dresses for the dining-room girls in order to insure a neater appearance.

It was suggested that vacuum carpet-sweepers be purchased for the Home.

Three vacuum carpet-sweepers ordered.

On motion of Mrs Fox seconded by Miss Faries it was agreed to purchase three new vacuum carpet-sweepers so that each floor may be provided with one and instructions given that these are not to be removed from said floors.

Adjourned

Hetty V. Sparhawk
Secretary

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Apr. 6th

A stated meeting of the Board of Managers of the Indigent Widows and Singer Women's Society was held on April 6th 1916 — there were present Miss Comegys who presided Mrs Colwell, Miss Bidder, Miss Faries, Mrs Kimber, Miss Tierney, Miss Scott, Mrs Heebner, Miss Dale, Mrs Fox, Mrs Shoemaker, Mrs Shipley, Miss Morris, Mrs Butcher, Miss Pearsgel, Mrs Noblit, Mrs Perot, Mrs Randolph, Miss Sparhawk.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted and is as follows.

Receipts.

Total receipts from 3/1 to 3/31/16	$ 2370.28
Balance from last month	1835.77
	$4206.05

Payments

Total payments from 3/1 to 3/31	$ 2433.90
Balance on hand	1772.15
	$4206.05

Reports were read from Visiting Committees Matron & Head Nurse.

Vacuum carpet-sweeper purchased

Purchasing Committee reported the purchase of one vacuum carpet-sweeper.

Supply Committee reported estimates for canned goods to be secured owing to the rise

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Entrance of Miss Fannie T. Fairbairn

Committee on Applications reported that Miss Fanny T. Fairbairn had entered the Home on Mar. 20th/16. Mrs Susanna T. Briggs & Mrs Jane Beswarick were approved by the Committee and this decision was ratified by the Board.

Rev. Oswald T. Allis preached.

Church Committee reported that the Rev. Oswald T. Allis of Princeton Seminary had preached at the Asylum on Mar. 25th.

Finance Committee reported in regard to the proposed sale of stock of the National Bank of Northern Liberties to the Bank of North America at $295 per share. On motion of Mrs Shoemaker seconded by Mrs Butcher the following resolution was adopted.

Sale of five shares stock Nat. Bank of Northern Liberties.

Resolved

That the Girard Trust Co. be authorized to sell the five shares of stock of the National Bank of the Northern Liberties, belonging to the Indigent Widows' & Single Women's Society to the Bank of North America for $295 per share and the proper officers be and they hereby are directed to sign the necessary papers and affix the corporate seal. Finance Com. also reports a balance of principal on Mar. 6th of $14048.69. At the suggestion of Girard Trust Co. and approval of the Purves investment has been made of $10,000 Pennsylvania Co. 4's of 1931 at about 96 and it is proposed to buy $5000. Allegheny Valley

Investment $10.000 Penna. Co. 4's.

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Leave of absence Miss Beitel.

Nurse Committee reported receipt of letter from Miss Beitel stating her mother's improved condition and requesting a further leave of absence of three weeks. On motion of Mrs Noblit seconded by Miss Tierney it was agreed to grant Miss Beitel's request for further leave of absence.

Gift of books.

Library Committee reported the gift of books from Mrs Fox and Miss Sparhawk and the establishment of a singing class among the old people.

Steam-table & bath-room fixtures completed.

New work-room, 3rd floor.

Drain pipes renewed.

Building & Repair Committee reported steam-table in dining-room pantry completed and in use, connection being made also for use in summer. Steam connection was also made for radiator in bath-room adjoining new room for Head Nurse with connecting door cut through and closets added to room: new floor laid and walls painted to correspond with Matron's room. A door was also cut into toilet on west wing. The new work-room on 3rd floor has been completed. Toilet-room in basement to be painted and ground glass placed in window. Drain-pipes have been renewed from roof to street on rear of building. Laundry stove has had new grate-shaker put in and new cables in dumb-waiter replace the old ones.

Five rooms have been re-painted and

apr. 6th furnished. Estimates for mottled linoleum were submitted - main hall, first floor $198.00. plain linoleum $148.00.

Hand-rail for Infirmary. A hand-rail has been recently placed in the halls of the Infirmary.

Committee on Grounds reported that William Nagle was constantly employed both inside and outside the house and his work was most satisfactory.

Linen-room. Committee on Clothing reported that the new store-room was a credit to all concerned. A lot of old clothes have been disposed of.

Deaths of Mrs Mary E. Watts & Miss Mary E. Watson

Cemetery Committee reported the death of Mrs Mary E. Watts on Mar. 11th aged 81 years and her interment in Chester Hills Cemetery also Miss Mary E. Watson on May 20th aged 74 years and her interment at Boothwyn, Chester Co. Pa.

3 entertainments given 2 concerts 1 illustrated lecture.

Entertainment Committee reported three entertainments given at the Home last month. Through the kindness of Miss Fox, a musicale with Violin, Piano and vocal music. The performers, a boy prodigy who played beautifully and with remarkable skill.

Through the kindness of Miss Colwell, an illustrated description lecture on "My trip to the Fair" by Miss William Libbey of Princeton, New Jersey.

Through the kindness of Miss Noblit. Music and recitations by several members of the Matinee Musical Club. All these entertain-

apr. 6th ments deserving of high praise and giving great pleasure.

Wm Nagle as workman.

The question of engaging a man both for necessary outside and inside work at this time was discussed.

An motion of Miss Pratt seconded by Miss Shipley it was resolved that William be at the Matron's disposal for work in the house and that a man be engaged as required for outside work during the month of April.

Two managers, it was suggested, might look into the work done by the women and form a small organization of these to be rewarded from time to time by a simple entertainment.

Miss Flynn, nurse, to be dismissed.

The interest felt & dislike felt by many of the inmates against Miss Flynn, compelled the Board to decide upon her removal. On motion of Mrs Shoemaker seconded by Mrs Hoopes it was agreed to request Miss Beitel to fill Miss Flynn's place.

Case of bequest of $500. from Mrs Pinchon to Miss Thomas for entrance to Home.

Miss Morris reported as to the case of Mrs Pinchon and her bequest to her friend, Miss Thomas, of $500. as entrance fee to our Institution should she desire to enter it upon the death of her benefactress. She submitted an agreement prepared by Mr. Fraley from Shipley, Fraley & Fraley to this effect, said agreement to be made whereby $500. can be paid to our Treasurer so that at any time thereafter she Miss Thomas is eligible to enter our Home without payment of further sum. Should she

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die before this or not wish to enter any Home, said money is to belong absolutely to our Home. Should said Laura Thomas desire to enter any other home and her application be accepted the Indigent Widows' & Single Women's Society are forthwith to pay over the sum (to such Home) of $500. together with one half of the accumulated income derived from such investment as the said Indigent Widows' & Single Women's Society may invest this $500. our Society to use our own Judgment in investment and to pay over only $500. and half of what-ever that sum may have netted to the Society after the amount was duly transferred to our Treasurer. This is a suggested tri-party agreement between the Home, Mr Gordon Calvert, Executor of estate of Laura A. F. Pinchon & Miss Laura Thomas and if accepted by other parties, the Home is willing to sign it.

On motion of Miss Biddle seconded by Miss Pearsall, this agreement was accepted and it was decided to invest the sum of $500. in one bond of $500.

Adjourned

Hetty P. Sparhawk
Secretary.

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May 4th

A stated meeting of the Board of Managers of the Indigent Widows' and Single Women's Society was held on May 4th/16. There were present, Miss Comegys who presided, Mrs Colwell, Mrs Butcher, Miss Faries, Miss Dale, Mrs Heebner, Miss Tierney, Mrs Stryker, Mrs Mickle, Mrs Shoemaker, Mrs Shipley, Mrs Fox, Miss Morris, Miss Pearsall, Miss Perot, Miss Scott.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted and is as follows.

Receipts

Total receipts from 4/1 to 4/30/16	$3757.26
Balance from last month	1772.15
	$5529.41

Payments.

Total payments from 4/1 to 4/30/16	$2740.48
Balance on hand	2788.93
	$5529.41

Reports were read from Visiting Com. Matron & Head Nurse.

Clothing rugs & vacuum sweepers purchased.

Purchasing Committee report having brought 18 dresses & 3 dozen aprons for the maids, 3 hand vacuum sweepers, one for each floor, & 3 rugs for new room of Head Nurse.

Supply Committee. usual ordering of canned goods

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Committee on Applications reported two entrances during the month. Miss Ella McCall Cannon on Apr. 14th/16 & Mrs Susanna Taylor Briggs on Apr. 17th/16

Miss Ella McCannon & Mrs Susanna Briggs entered Home.

Mrs L. M. Quinn was accepted by the Committee and this decision was ratified by the Board.

There are still three vacancies to be filled. The names of Miss Mary Emma Rose, Mrs Eleanor Lynch, Miss Catharine A. Maples are now before the Committee.

Miss Hannah P. Morris held service.

Church Committee report a service held on Apr. 30th by Miss Hannah P. Morris; her sermon and prayer appealed to all present. About forty were there.

Sale of Northern Liberties Bank stock.

Finance Committee report the sale of Northern Liberties Bank stock and purchase of Pennsylvania R. Road & Allegheny Valley R.R. Bonds leaving a balance of about $1000.

It was suggested the real estate mortgages held by the Home be examined into and appraised again as property in some localities depreciates greatly. There are about 20 of them; the charge for this is $3.00 each property.

It was moved by Mrs Shoemaker, seconded by Miss Faries, the Girard Trust Co. be asked to examine these with the Finance Committee and report.

Departure of Miss Flynn.

Nurse Committee had no report other than the departure of Miss Flynn.

Building & Repair Committee report the

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New room for Head Nurse.

completion of the new room for the Head Nurse. Progress is being made with the plumbing work on the 3rd floor and beginning of the changes in Infirmary dining-room. One room in the Infirmary has been repainted and varnished.

Attic spaces for trunks.

The part of the attic where trunks are kept has been arranged in sections alphabetically and marked with a large letter so locating trunks can be readily done.

New panes of glass have been put in one attic window and in transoms of 2nd & 3rd story toilet rooms. There will probably be a necessity of new water-closets on 1st, 2nd & 3rd floors west side, during the summer — the ones in use now are of the old type and require constant repairing.

Our engineer asks to have three rooms in his house re-papered.

Steel-enameled medicine closet.

The subject of a steel-enameled medicine closet and a few additional furnishings of same material for the new drug-room was discussed: the steel closet was favored as being more sanitary than a built-in wooden one, and being more moveable could be used anywhere, the difference in price between the two being small, it was moved by Mrs Butcher, seconded by Miss Faries, the steel one be purchased and the Committee decide about additional furnishings.

Dress-maker employed.

Committee on Clothing reports the dress-maker having accomplished wonders during her stay. 10 serge dresses, 21 lawn

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dresses and wrappers, 7 serge skirts and 12 shirt-waists for the sum of $36.00. The old ladies gave cheerful and willing help.

New work-room.

The new work-room is in order: before moving quantities of trash was burned (3 elevator loads) a lot of clothing disposed of that was unfit to use, and in addition to this the Matron had 3 large bags of rags to sell.

Death of Miss Elizabeth Toome.

Cemetery Committee reported the death of aged 94 years. Miss Elizabeth Toome the last of the family from the old Home on Cherry St. The interment was in Mount Moriah Cemetery.

Resignation of Mrs Reybold.

Entertainment Committee report a very pleasant evening through Mrs Johnston Mrs Thos. Watson sang very delightfully assisted by some young ladies who sang a number of old songs which were thoroughly enjoyed by the old ladies.

Our Assistant Matron, Mrs Reybold sent in her resignation to take effect June 1st; it was suggested it be accepted as written as it seems to be a question between the departure of the Assistant Matron or Head Nurse. It was moved by Mrs Stryker seconded by Miss Dale the resignation be accepted to take effect June 1st, it was so ratified by the Board. A special committee was appointed to secure a well qualified woman as Practical Housekeeper and abolish title of Assistant Matron. Mrs Butcher, chairman, Miss Dale and Mrs Perot.

Adjourned. Eleanor A. Scott sec'y pro tem.

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June 1st

A stated meeting of the Board of Managers of the Indigent Widows' and Single Women's Society was held on June 1st/16. There were present Mrs Shoemaker who presided, Mrs Colwell, Miss Faries, Miss Scott, Miss Tierney, Mrs Bruce, Miss Dale, Mrs Stryker, Mrs Mickle, Mrs Fox, Mrs Shipley, Miss Morris, Miss Biddle, Miss Pearsall, Mrs Novelt, Miss Sparhawk.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted and is as follows.

Receipts.

Total receipts from 5/1 to 5/31/16	$2629.86
Balance from last month	2788.93
	$5418.79

Payments

Total payments from 5/1 to 5/31	$3055.86
Balance on hand.	2362.93.
	$5418.79

Reports were read from Visiting Com. Matron and Head Nurse.

$10.000. legacy from Ellwood Davis.

Statement was made of a $10.000. legacy received from estate of Ellwood Davis, this to be added to capital account and income only to be used.

Purchasing Committee reported the purchase of a new rag rug for Miss Beitle's room.

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Supply & Church Committees had no reports.

Finance Committee reported securing mortgages on a list of properties. On motion of Miss Faries seconded by Mrs Stryker it was resolved that we leave with the Finance Committee the power to make any adjustment of the properties after conferring with the Girard Trust Co. On motion of Miss Dale seconded by Mrs. Mickle it was resolved that upon the receipt of legacy of Ellwood Davis, the proper steps be taken for its investment.

Library Committee reported that two prayer meetings are held each week and that Mrs Trull reads morning and evening prayers. A baptismal service was held at which Dr. Davidson officiated. A confirmation service will be held at the Asylum next week when Bishop Garland will confirm three of our inmates.

Building & Repair Committee reported three rooms painted and varnished, also toilet in basement painted & window in 2nd floor toilet room painted. Three rooms in Engineer's house re-papered and the request that he be allowed to paint interior wood-work himself furnishing materials granted.

Rooms re-painted.

New tubs in laundry

Three new tubs are urgently needed in the laundry, the present ones rusting the clothes because of bad condition, new spigots in tubs also needed. A gas range for the main kitchen was suggested, the U. G. I.

Gas range.

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offering such a one as is used in institutions for $200. in monthly payments extending over a year. It would also be desirable to place a hood over the range to obviate the odor of cooking. also a broiler at an additional cost. These suggestions were made because of the probable advance of price of coal in the fall.

Donation enameled chair & table for drug-room.

It was also reported that one of the managers had kindly donated an enameled steel table and chair for use in the new drug-room.

Committee on Grounds reported the purchase of two evergreen trees and two or three boxwoods.

Committee on Clothing had no report.

Death of Miss Mary Woolley.

Cemetery Committee reported the death of Miss Mary Woolley on May 6th aged 85 years and her interment in her own lot at Mount Moriah.

Committee on Applications reported the entrance into the Home of Mrs Elizabeth MacNeill on May 31st/16.

Mrs Eliz. MacNeill entered Home.

Entertainment Committee had no report.

After discussion it was agreed that a new gas range be purchased for the Infirmary also one for the main kitchen at an approximate cost of $200.

On motion of Mrs Noblit seconded by

1916.

June 1st — Mrs Shipley it was resolved to purchase three new slate tubs for the laundry and make necessary repairs to the fixtures.

It was agreed to give the Matron $25. additional each month from June until October for extra fruit.

Extra house money.

It was stated that Miss Jeadon had been engaged as practical house-keeper and would enter on her new duties on June 1st.

Miss Jeadon engaged as house-keeper.

On motion of Miss Faries seconded by Mrs Stryker it was agreed to grant Miss Umstead and Miss Beitel their usual holidays and to allow Miss Jeadon two weeks and the servants the regular vacations which have heretofore been given them.

Adjourned

Hetty S. Spankaroh
Secretary.

1916.

Sept. 7th — A stated meeting of the Board of Managers of the Widow's Asylum was held on Sept. 7th/16 — there were present Miss Comegys who presided, Mrs Colwell, Mrs Fox, Miss Biddle, Mrs Butcher.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and with a slight correction approved. (not to purchase Kitchen gas range)

Treasurer's report was read and accepted and is as follows:

Receipts.

Total receipts from 6/1 to 6/30/16	$2829.40
Balance from last month	2362.93
	$5192.33

Payments

Total payments from 6/1 to 6/30	3197.65
Balance on hand	1994.68
	$5192.33

Receipts

Total receipts from 7/1 to 7/31/16	$2559.38
Balance from last month	1994.68
	$4554.06

Payments

Total payments from 7/1 to 7/31	$2332.90
Balance on hand	2221.16
	$4554.06

Receipts

Total receipts from 8/1 to 8/31/16	$1214.05
Balance from last month	2221.16
	$3435.21

Payments

Total payments from 8/1 to 8/31.	$3282.35
Balance on hand	152.86
	$3435.21

1916.

Sept. 7th — Reports were read from Visiting Com. Matron & Head Nurse. Mrs Merrill, Miss Deemer, Mrs Humphries & Miss Carmichael very ill.

Purchasing Committee had no report.

Committee on Grounds reported extra work had been caused by caterpillars.

Death of Mrs Hill. — Cemetery Committee. Mrs Hill died July 13th aged 71 years.

Committee for Receiving Applications reported Miss Mary Emma Rose entered the Home June 14th/16.

Miss Mary Emma Rose entered.

On motion of Mrs Butcher seconded by Mrs Fox the Finance Committee was authorized to invest money which has been received from Mr Ellwood Davis' estate to be turned into principal account.

Ellwood Davis estate.

Moved by Mrs Fox, seconded by Mrs Colwell, that $3000 be borrowed from principal account by Treasurer, to meet expenses of alterations and improvements to Asylum, same money to be returned at discretion of the Board.

Library Committee reported that the fine list of books gave great comfort to our Family during the very hot days.

Secretary asked to write a note of thanks to Dr. Radcliffe for coming to rescue July 4th.

Resignation of Mrs W.M. C. Kimber.

Glasses are to be purchased so that each person at the table may have a drink of water if she wishes.

Resignation of Mrs Kimber read, on motion of Mrs Butcher seconded by Mrs Fox the Secretary was asked to write Mrs Kimber accepting her resignation expressing the regret of the Board of Managers.

On motion of Miss Biddle seconded by Mrs Butcher, the meeting adjourned.

Mary L. R. Butcher.
Secretary pro tem.