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Mrs Hallowell
Miss Ralston
Mrs Richards
Mrs Jones
Mrs Simmons
Mrs Brown
Mrs J. R. Latimer
Mrs Chester
Mrs Stott
Mrs Vaux
Mrs Alsop
Mrs Hodge
Mrs Janney
Mrs Smith
Mrs Coleman
Mrs Hazlehurst

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To My Niece
Sarah L Constable

from her Aunt
Mary Lippincott.

Sarah Lippincott

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

WIDOWS AND SINGLE WOMEN'S SOCIETY

OF

PHILADELPHIA.

INSTITUTED THE NINTH OF JANUARY, 1817.

PHILADELPHIA:

PRINTED FOR AND BY ORDER OF THE SOCIETY.

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1817.

Sarah Lippincott

At a meeting convened in pursuance of public notice, at the Session Room of the First Presbyterian Church in the city of Philadelphia, on the 9th January, 1817, for the purpose of forming a Society to provide for indigent widows and single women.

The Rev. Dr. Janeway opened the meeting with prayer.

Mrs. Ralston was chosen to preside and Mrs. Griffith to act as secretary.

The advertisement inviting the meeting, was read, and the following resolution adopted.

Resolved, That the ladies present will form themselves into a Society, to be denominated, "The Indigent Widows and Single Women's Society of Philadelphia."

The draft of a Constitution was then read, which being considered by paragraphs, was adopted, and is as follows.

CONSTITUTION.

Article I.

Every female paying three dollars per annum, or thirty dollars as a Life Subscription, shall be a member of this Society.

Article II.

The business of the Society shall be conducted by twenty-four managers, who shall be chosen annually by the members present at a meeting, which shall be held on the second Thursday of January in every year, and the managers so chosen, shall within three days afterwards meet at the call of the secretary officiating at the annual meeting, and choose a First Directress, Second Directress, Secretary and Treasurer, out of their own body; and if an election shall not have been held at the time appointed, the managers in office shall continue to act until an election takes place; they shall make by-laws for their own government, and report their proceedings at every annual meeting of the Society.

Article III.

Thirteen members shall form a quorum for the transaction of all business. The notice necessary for the annual meeting, together with

the call of special meetings, shall be by the authority of the managers.

Article IV.

The managers shall have power to fill up vacancies in their own body, to serve until the ensuing annual election.

Article V.

Amendments, or additional articles, to this Constitution, may be made by the consent of two thirds of the members present at any annual meeting.

The Society then proceeded to the choice of managers, when it appeared that the following Ladies were duly elected, viz.

Mrs. B. Chew,	Mrs. Janeway,
Mrs. Ralston,	Mrs. J. Bayard,
Mrs. Griffith,	Mrs. J. Stille
Mrs. E. Thomson,	Mrs. Ewing,
Mrs. T. Latimer,	Mrs. Brodhead,
Mrs. S. W. Fisher,	Mrs. Denman,
Mrs. M. Hodge,	Mrs. Moyes,
Mrs. M. Richards,	Mrs. E. B. Sergeant,
Mrs. M. Yorke,	Mrs. Ann Warder,
Mrs. J. Guest,	Miss E. Chew,
Mrs. Finney,	Miss C. Bayard,
Mrs. S. Humphreys,	Miss Latimer.

The managers being requested to remain, the society adjourned.

The managers proceeded to the choice of Officers, when it appeared that

Mrs. Ralston was chosen First Directress,
Mrs. Chew, Second Directress,
Mrs. Hodge, Treasurer,
Mrs. Humphreys, Secretary.

RULES

FOR THE

GOVERNMENT OF THE MANAGERS OF THE ASYLUM

FOR

Indigent Widows and Single Women.

The managers shall meet on the first Thursday of every month, at such time and place as they may appoint.

Seven of the managers shall form a quorum, which shall be competent to business.

No person shall be at liberty to withdraw from the board without permission, and no conversation but such as relates to business shall be allowed.

A fine of twenty-five cents shall be incurred for non-attendance at each meeting, unless satisfactory reasons shall be given.

All reports of committees shall be in writing.

The First Directress shall preside at the meetings of the managers, preserve order, appoint committees, call special meetings, and in all equal divisions of the board give the casting vote; in her absence the Second Directress shall preside, and if both be absent a person shall be chosen from among the members present to preside at the meeting.

The Secretary shall keep a register of the names of members, record their proceedings, and the proceedings of the board of managers, prepare such reports to be laid before the Society as they shall direct, and notify all meetings of the Society, specifying both time and place.

The Treasurer shall hold the evidences of the property belonging to the Society, receive all monies and deposit the same in a Bank in her name as Treasurer, make payments agreeably to the orders of the managers, keep a fair account of all receipts and expenditures, which account shall be rendered every six months to the board, or as often as they shall appoint, and shall prepare a statement to be laid before the Society at their general meeting.

The managers shall be divided into committees of two, who in weekly rotation shall superintend the care of the Asylum, judging of the proper objects to be received into it, and shall generally direct the concerns of the

family, reporting the state of the Asylum at each monthly meeting.

Four committees, consisting of two members each, shall be annually appointed to collect the contributions and pay the same to the Treasurer.

The permanent fund will consist of the life subscriptions and donations, the whole of which shall be invested in some productive property.

The superintendant shall have the entire charge of the house under the direction of the managers and visiting committee; she must be attentive and respectful to those who reside in the house, be present at their meals, see that proper decorum is observed, and that grace is said before and after meat.

Persons admitted must be recommended by respectable citizens to the satisfaction of the visiting committee.

Application for admission must be made at the Asylum, where the names of the applicants will be inserted in a book kept for the purpose, with a reference to their places of abode and the persons recommending them, in order that the visiting committee may attend to the business and give answers as soon as possible.

When a permanent Asylum is provided every person admitted will be placed in a *separate lodging room*, but all shall eat at a general table.

It will be expected that those who are capable shall sew, knit, spin, or render any other service for the benefit of the Institution.

Persons may be admitted as pay boarders, but not to the exclusion of the Poor.

To preserve perfect harmony in the family the strictest attention must be paid to the rules of the Asylum. For the first and second violation there will be an admonition; for the third a complaint to the board; should this be ineffectual, a removal from the house.

All complaints must be referred to the visiting committee *only*, who will pay immediate attention to them.

This institution so recently established has met with the most unexampled success, little more than two months having elapsed since its formation, and under the smiles of Providence, an Asylum has been procured, a Matron provided, the house furnished, and ten respectable aged females comfortably accommodated; to this number ten or twelve may be added, and can be rendered equally comfortable. An augmentation of the funds, and in time a more extensive building, appears to be all that is necessary to place this establishment amongst the first of charities, believing, that many worthy and interesting characters will always be in want of such an Asylum.

SUBSCRIBERS' NAMES.

	Annual Subscriptions.	Life Subscriptions.	Donations.
	$	$	$
A.			
Archer, Mrs.			10
Ash, Mrs.	3		
Astley, Mrs. Thomas		30	
Ash, Mr. J.	3		
Allen, Mrs. Catharine	3		
Alexander, Mrs. A. J.	3		
Abbot, Mr. William			5
B.			
Bird, Mr. & Mrs. C.			8
Bird, S. W.		30	
Bowie, Mrs.	3		
Brown, Mrs.	3		
Bazeley, Mrs. A. E.	3		
Baker, Miss E.	3		
Broadhead, Mrs.	3		
Breeze, Mrs. Elizabeth		30	
Bisland, Mrs. Ann		30	
Bispham, Mrs. Ann			3
Bailey, Elizabeth L.	3		
Banker, Mrs.	3		
Baker, Mrs. Margaret	3		
Buckman, Mrs. Susan		30	
Beck, Mrs. Paul	3		
Brun, Mrs. L.	3		
Burdock, Mrs.	3		
Buck, Mrs.	3		
Brugiere, Mrs.	3		
Bayard, Mrs. Ann	3		
Bayard, Miss Caroline	3		
Bayard, Miss Elizabeth			
C.			
Comeyges, Mrs.		30	
Coulter, Mrs.	3		2

	A. S.	L. S.	Don.
Chapman, Mrs.	3		
Chapman, Miss	3		
Chapman, Miss L.	3		
Cash, Annual	3		
Crowel, Mrs. Elisha			2
Chew, Mrs. Elizabeth	3		
Chew, Mrs. Benjamin	3		
Chew, Miss Catharine	3		
Chew, Miss Maria	3		
Chew, Miss Eliza M.	3		
Collins, William			10
Carr, B.	3		
Clapier, Mrs. Lewis	3		
Caldwell, Miss Elizabeth	3		
Chauncy, Mrs. Charles	3		
Chauncy, Mrs. Elihu	3		
Condy, Mrs. E.	3		
Clemson, Mrs. Thomas	3		
Cresson, S. E.	3		20
Cope, Margaret	3		
Cardswell, Mrs.	3		
Carter, Mr.			5
Correy, Mr. W.			2
Cochrane, Mr. William	3		
Cooke, Mrs. Lydia B.		30	
Cany, Mrs Charles	3		
Carle, Mrs. Margaretta	3		
Crowe, Mrs.			2
Collins, Mr. J.			5
Cash, by Mrs. Humphreys			7
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Do. by Mrs. T. Latimer			3
Do. by Mrs. Stille			10
Do. by Mrs. Moyes			2
Do. by Mrs. Ralston			11 50
Do. by Mrs. Bispham			10 50
Do. by Mrs. S. Richards			5 25
Do. by Mrs. Guest			2
D.			
Denman, Mrs. Aaron		30	
Duponceau, Mrs. P. S.	3		15
Davidson, Mrs. W.	3		
Deihl, Mrs.	3		
Duval, Miss S.	3		
Duval, Mrs. C.	3		
Dabadie, Miss	3		
Duffield, Miss Maria	3		
Duffield, Mrs. Dr.	3		

	A. S.	L. S.	Don.
Dorsey, Mrs. Dr.	3		
Dorsey, Mrs. Elizabeth	3		
Darrach, Mrs. Elizabeth	3		
Duffield, Mrs.	3		
Duchee, Mrs. Jane	3		
Dickinson, S. N.		30	
Dullas, Mrs.	3		
Deas, Mrs.	3		
Dawes, Ann			3
Dubarry, Mrs. S.	3		
E.			
Eliot, Hannah	3		
Ewing, Mrs. Samuel	3		
Ewing, Mrs. John	3		
Evans, Mrs. A.	3		
Evans, Miss Gulielma	5		
Elder, Mrs.	3		
Emlin, Jeremiah			10
Emslie, Sarah			5
F.			
Flintham, Mrs. William	3		
Folke, Mrs. Caleb	3		
Folke, Charles			5
Finney, Mrs.	3		
Fisher, Mrs. Sarah West		30	
Fisher, Miss Rebecca		30	
Fisher, Mrs. Sarah Myers			10
Folwell, Rebecca			5
Folwell, Susan			5
Friend, from a			3
Foster, H.	3		
G.			
Girard, Mr. Stephen		30	
Guest, Miss Elizabeth		30	
Guest, Miss Anna		30	
Guest, Mrs.	3		
Guest, Miss	3		
Glaser, Beulah	3		
Gilliat, Mrs. J. C.			5
Grant, J. P.			5
Gallaher, Mrs. Dr.	3		
Gerhard, Mrs. Sarah	3		
Garretson, L. and S. H.			5
Gilman, Mrs. Rebecca	3		
Gilman, Mrs. Hannah	3		
Griffith, Mrs. Mary		30	

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Gadsden, Mrs.	3		
Graham, Mrs.	3		
G. Mrs.			5
Goddard, Mrs.			10
Gentleman, a			5
Green, Miss Sarah	3		
Gareshé, Mrs. Cora	3		
Gareshé, Mrs. M.	3		
Gallaspy, Mrs.	3		
Gardner, Mrs.			2
Gaul, Mrs. Frederick			2
H.			
Haga, Mr. Godfrey			50
Hughes, Mr. Josiah			50
Haskins, Mrs. Elizabeth		30	
Haslett, Mrs. Ann M.	3		
Huber, Charlotte	3		
Howe, Miss Margaretta	3		
Howel, Miss Emmeline	3		
Howel, W. W.			10
Howel, Mr. A.			5
Hall, Mr. Nathaniel		30	
Hollingsworth, Mrs. Henry	3		
Harper, Mrs. E.	3		
Humphreys, Mrs. A. R.	3		
Humphreys, Mrs. Susan	3		
Henry, Mrs. Alexander	3		
Hodgdon, Mrs. Elizabeth	3		
Hertzog, Mrs. Ann	3		
Haines, Mrs. Hannah	3		
Helmuth, Mrs. Dr.	3		
Hanse, Mrs. E.	3		
Hodge, Mrs. Ann	3		
Hodge, Mrs. Mary	3		
Harker, Mrs.	3		
Holland, Mrs. Ann	3		
Harvey, Agnes			8
Huhn, Mrs. Sarah	3		
Hartley, Elizabeth			5
Hall, Mrs. J.	3		
Hyde, Mr. George	3		
H. J. Y.			2
Huddle, Mrs.			6
Howell, D.			2
Hart, Mrs. Lydia	3		
Hartshorn, Mrs. Susannah			10

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J.			
Inglis, K.	3		
Ingersol, Mrs. Mary	3		
Jones, Issac C.			10
Jones, B.	3		
Jones, Mrs. E. W.	3		
Jones, Mrs. E.	3		
Jones, Mrs. Eleanor	3		
Janeway, Mrs. Martha	3		
James, Dr. Thomas C.		30	
James, Mrs. Dr.	3		
Jackson, Mrs. Rebecca	3		
Johnson, Rachael	3		
K.			
Keating, Mr. John	3		
Kelly, Dorothy		30	
Kittera, Mrs. Ann	3		
Keipps, Mrs.	3		
Keppele, Mrs. Michael	3		
Krumbhaar, Mrs. Lewis	3		
Kuhle, Mrs.	3		
Keith, Mrs. Samuel	3		
Kirkman, Mrs. Ellen.	3		
L.			
Lippincott, Mrs. Sarah			50
Lippincott, Mr. Joshua			20
Longstreth, Mrs Sarah R.		30	
Latimer, Mrs. Thomas		30	
Latimer, Mrs. George			5
Latimer, Miss Jane			5
Latimer, Miss E.	3		
Lyman, Miss Martha	3		
Lapsley, Mr.			8
Longstreth, Mrs. Joshua		30	
Longstreth, Mary		30	
Lownes, Mr. Joseph		30	
Lewis, Harvey			5
Lippincott, Sarah	3		
Lentz, Mrs.	3		
Loyd, Mrs.	3		
Lowber, Mrs. Daniel	3		
Lady, from a			10
Levy, Mrs. Moses	3		
Lee, Sarah			5
Lynd, Catherine			2
Lewis, Mary D.	3		

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Large, Mrs. Rebecca	3		
Leedom, Sarah	3		
M.			
Maris, Mr. Richard		30	
Miller, Mrs. Mary		30	
Moss, Mr. John		30	
Moss, Mrs. John	3		
Markoe, Mrs. John			5
Miller, Mrs. Jonathan	3		
Massey, Mary	3		
Morgan, Eliza	3		
Moyes, Mrs. Mary	3		
M'Mullin, Mrs. R.			2
M'Mullin, Mrs.	3		
M'Mullin, Mrs. John	3		
Mifflin, Miss			3
Morris, Miss Phoebe	3		
Montgomery, Mrs. Harriet	3		
Miller, Mary	3		
Myers, Ann			1
Matthews, Ann	3		
Mallon, Mrs. Catherine	3		
Morris, Mrs. George	3		
Morris, Mrs. Casper	3		
Morris, Catherine W.	3		
Maderia, Mr. George			3
Murphey, Mr. Robert	3		
Maguffin, Mrs. Cornelia		30	
Murray, Mrs. Jane	3		
Murray, E. F.	3		
M'Alpin, Mrs.	3		
Montgomery, Mr. William			20
Moss, Mrs. S.		30	
M'Call, Margaret	3		
Morton, Mary			2
Morris, Sarah			10
N.			
Nicklin, Mrs.	3		
Norris, Mrs. Joseph	3		
Neill, Mrs. Dr.			10
Neill, Mrs. Lewis	3		
O.			
Otto, Mrs. Elizabeth	3		
Ord, Miss Henrietta	3		
P.			
Pepper, Miss		30	

	A. S.	L. S.	Don.
Powel, Miss Martha		30	
Physick, Miss Abigail		30	
Pleasants, Mrs. Ann E.		30	
Parke, Miss Hannah			10
Pemberton, Miss Sarah			5
Powall, Ann Maria	3		
Peas, Miss Delphina	3		
Pancoast, Mrs. C.	3		
Purdon, Miss Rachel	3		
Perot, S.			3
Potts, N.			5
Pratt, Mr. Henry			5
Patterson, Mrs. A.	3		
Patterson, Mrs. Helen L.			5
Platt, Maria T.	3		
Parish, Susan	3		
Perritts, Mrs. Margaretta	3		
Parker, Mrs. Joseph	3		
Penrose, Hannah			3
R.			
Ralston, Mr. Robert			100
Ralston, Mrs. R.		30	
Ralston, Miss Rebecca	3		
Ralston, Miss E. A.	3		
Ralston, Mrs. M. C.	3		
Redman, R. W.	3		
Rawle, Mrs. Sarah L.	3		
Robbins, Mr.			5
Robbins, Mr. J.			5
Rogers, Mr.			3
Rea, Mrs. Harriet	3		
Renshaw, Mrs. Ann	3		
Raguet, Mrs. C. S.	3		
Richards, Mr. Samuel		30	
Richards, Mrs. Samuel		30	
Richards, Mrs. Sarah E.		30	
Richards, Mrs. Ann B.	3		
Rotch, Mrs. Ann S.			1
Rigby, Mrs. Catharine	3		
Reese, Mrs.	3		
Read, Mrs. Susan	3		
Read, Miss Anna	3		
Richards, Mary			1
S.			
Stille, Mr. John			50
Stille, Mrs. I.	3		
Stille, Mrs.	3		

	A. S.	L. S.	Don.
Stille, Mrs. Samuel	3		
Smith, Mrs. Allen	3		
Smith, H. L.			10
Smith, Mrs. Robert	3		
Smith, Mary Anne	3		
Smith, Margaretta	3		
Smith, Miss Maria L.	3		
Smith, Rachel	3		
Seimen, Mr. Paul			20
Sergeant, Mrs. John	3		
Sergeant, Mrs. Elizabeth B.	3		
Sergeant, Miss E.	3		
Sickel, Mrs. L.	3		
Shufflebottom, Mr.			10
Stone, Mrs. Asaph	3		
Stone, Mrs. J.			2
Shipley, Mrs. P.	3		
Sproat, Miss Olive	3		
Scott, Mrs.	3		
Spohn, Mrs.	3		
Steele, Mrs. John	3		
Sibert, Margaretta	3		
Sheaff, Ann C.	3		
Schlatter, Mrs. C. V.	3		
Silver, Mrs. Margaret	3		
Sawyer, Mrs. Lewden	3		
Smith, Mr. Dockeray	3		
Sellers, Rachel			3
Smith, Sarah K.			3
T.			
Thomson, Mrs. Ann		30	
Tesseire, Mrs. Eliza	3		
Tate, Mrs.	3		
Thomson, Mrs. M. A.	3		
Taylor, Mrs. J.	3		
Taylor, Miss Sarah	3		
Thomas, Mrs. R.			20
Thomson, Miss Caroline	3		
W.			
Wister, Susan N.		30	
Wistar, Mrs. Dr.	3		
Wright, Mrs. Jane	3		
Wilson, Thomas	3		
Wilson, Margaret			5
Wilson, Mr. Benjamin			10
Watson, Mrs. John	3		2
Winslow, Miss Lucretia	3		

	A. S.	L. S.	Don.
West, N. H.	3		
Wistar, Mrs. Mary	3		
Warder, A. H.	3		
Warder, Mrs. A. A.	3		
Warder, Ann	3		
Widdowfield, Elizabeth			10
Wheeler, Mrs. J. J.	3		
Wickoff, Mrs. J.	3		
Wall, Mrs. N.	3		
Winkoop, Mrs. Sarah C.	3		
Wurts, Mr.			10
Wurts, Mrs. William	3		
Wier, Mr. Silas E.			20
Williams, R.			5
Wetherill, Samuel			40
Williams, Mary Ann			2
Wetherill, Martha	3		
Wetherill, Rachel	3		
Wager, Ann	3		
Williams, Sarah	3		
Wharton, Ann I.	3		
Wistar, Jun. Mr. I.	3		
Y.			
Young, Mrs. Ann	3		
York, Mrs. Mary	3		
Yarnel, Mrs. Mary	3		
A Young Gentleman,			5

Mrs. Mirat,	3	Annual Sub.
Miss Elizabeth Hopkinson,	3	do.

DONATIONS

RECEIVED AT THE WIDOWS AND SINGLE WOMEN'S ASYLUM.

Mrs. Ann Warder, four table cloths, two iron pots, a coffee roaster, and a waiter.

Mrs. Patterson, a carpet, three chairs, andirons, shovel and tongs, a small table, and a bed quilt.

Mrs. J. Ewing, four table cloths, and ten pewter plates.

Mrs. Moyes, two bags of apples, an iron pot, several bushels of potatoes, and a tin kitchen.

Mrs. Dorsey, twelve white plates.

Mrs. Griffith, ten shawls, some onions, and a barrel of potatoes.

Miss Amelia Guest, six chairs.

Mrs. Ralston, a carpet, bread basket, and two pewter plates.

Mrs. Edward Thomson, seven pieces of muslin.

Mr. Thomas Longstreth, eleven pieces of paper.

Mr. Foulke, twelve knives and forks, and two dozen of spoons.

Mr. Mentz, a blank book, and the binding a book of warrants.

THE

FORM OF A BEQUEST

TO THE

Indigent Widows and Single Women's Society of Philadelphia.

A MONEY LEGACY.

"I give and bequeath unto *The Indigent Widows and Single Women's Society of Philadphia*, the sum of
to be paid to the Treasurer for the time being for the use of the said Society."

DEVISE OF REAL ESTATE AND GROUND RENTS.

"I give and devise unto *The Indigent Widows and Single Women's Society of Philadelphia*, (here describe the property or ground rent) together with the appurtenances, in fee simple."

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RULES AND REGULATIONS

FOR THE

GOVERNMENT OF THE ASYLUM.

I.

No person shall be admitted into the Asylum, but those who bring satisfactory testimonials to the propriety of their conduct, and the respectability of their character.

II.

Morning and Evening Prayers to be regularly performed at the Asylum; every inmate will be expected punctually to attend, except in cases of sickness. Notice to be given by ringing the bell.

III.

It will be required of those who are capable, to make their own beds, and sweep their rooms, early every morning; those who are not, will have it done by the Assistant, while they are at breakfast.

IV.

It will also be expected, of those who are capable, that they will sew, knit, spin, or render any other service for the benefit of the Institution.

V.

All that is necessary for the comfortable support of the inmates of the Asylum, will be furnished from the funds of the Society; no individual, therefore, will, on any account, be permitted to leave the Institution to solicit assistance, or procure work.

VI.

Breakfast to consist of tea and chocolate, or tea and coffee. Dinner at one o'clock.

VII.

Supper before candlelight—similar to the breakfast. All who are able, will attend at the general table; those who are more infirm, can take their meals in their sitting room.

VIII.

If any of the family are indisposed, a suitable meal will be provided, and sent into their rooms.

IX.

Washing and Ironing, to be done on Mondays and Tuesdays.

X.

If any inmate of the Asylum feels disposed to visit her friends, she is requested to mention to the Matron where she intends staying, and the probable length of her visit; that no uneasiness may exist on her account, and that in case of sickness or accident, the Managers may know where she is to be found.

XI.

No stimulants or spirituous liquors to be used in the Asylum, except by order of the Physician; and in that case to be administered by the Matron.

XII.

No person will be permitted to interfere, or find fault with the Superintendent or Assistant; but if any think they have cause for complaint, they must apply to one of the Managers, who will receive their statement, and take such order thereon as they may think proper.

XIII.

It is required, that all Visiters be treated with respect and attention, and conducted through any part of the building they may be disposed to visit. Particular attention to be paid to Ministers of the Gospel, and those whose visits are made for religious purposes.

XIV.

To preserve perfect harmony in the family, the strictest attention must be paid to the Rules of the Asylum. For the first and second violation, there will be an admonition; for a third, a complaint will be preferred to the Board; for the fourth, a removal from the house.

Sarah Lispincott

ANNUAL REPORT,

FOR THE YEAR 1817,

OF

THE MANAGERS

OF THE

Indigent Widows and Single Womens

SOCIETY,

WITH A LIST OF THE

CONTRIBUTORS, MANAGERS AND OFFICERS.

PHILADELPHIA:
PRINTED FOR THE SOCIETY,
BY S. MERRITT.
1818.

REPORT, &c.

THE Managers of the Indigent Widows and Single Womens Society, in offering this their first report to the members, feel it a duty to express their gratitude to a kind Providence for the support and encouragement this institution has received; the success has been proportionate to their most sanguine expectations, and they sincerely congratulate the members on the result of their generous contributions.

The Society originated on the ninth day of January, 1817, when a constitution was adopted, and rules were formed for the government of the board of managers. In the month of March, the house formerly occupied by the Orphan Society, was rented for the use of the institution, but finding the room insufficient for the accommodation of the family, the managers at a subsequent period procured the adjoining house, and connecting the two by a door of communication, formed a large and comfortable asylum. The first persons were introduced into this building on the eighteenth of the same month, and from that pe-

riod the admissions have gradually increased to the number of thirty-three; three of these are deceased (one of whom had lived above a century) one was discharged by her own request, to remove to another city, and one has been recently dismissed in consequence of repeated infringements of the rules of the house, leaving in the asylum at this time the number of twenty-eight. Of these a few are evidently sinking under the pressure of disease, but the greater number are as comfortable as their age will admit, and the managers have the satisfaction of stating many cases of decided improvement in health and appearance. In filling the important place of superintendant of the asylum, the managers have the pleasure of stating their entire satisfaction. After a faithful discharge of its duties for eight months, the health of Mrs. Tittermary compelled her to resign, and her place is ably filled by her successor.

It has been considered a sacred duty to leave it optional with the individuals residing in the asylum to frequent the places of worship to which they had formerly been attached, but the proximity of the situation to the orphan house, where Divine worship is statedly held every Sunday afternoon, renders it convenient and agreeable to attend there. The managers return their most grateful acknowledgments for many liberal donations received, but they consider them as especially due to those gentlemen who have presented the Society with a lot of ground fifty-four feet front on Cherry Street, between Fifth and Sixth Streets, from Schuylkill, by one hundred and thirty-four feet in depth, bounding on another Street, for the erection of an asylum. The treasurer's statement herewith presented, exhibits the amount of expenditures since the establishment of the institution, and when it is taken into view how much expense is incident to a new establishment, it is believed the amount will not be considered immoderate. This brief sketch of the proceedings and present state of the institution is respectfully submitted to the members of the Society, in the full assurance that they will unite with the managers in fervent gratitude to the Giver of all good, who has so graciously smiled on the efforts used to alleviate the sufferings of the aged and infirm. And if they have been instrumental in rendering the close of life serene and comfortable, even to few worthy pious characters, under the pressure of disease, penury and desertion, is there not sufficient motive to encourage them to persevere in their exertions, to promote the interests of an institution so highly calculated to bring upon every member the blessing of those who are ready to perish!

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

In laying before the Society the first annual statement of their funds, the treasurer feels a peculiar satisfaction in observing, that notwithstanding the discouraging circumstances under which it was organized, in consequence of the number of existing charitable institutions, its success evinces a degree of public approbation truly gratifying: and may we not infer from this success, that Providence has sanctioned the endeavour to rescue from suffering, a class of fellow beings, who without the attractions of infancy are equally helpless and dependent; who surviving all those endearing ties which give a value to existence, have no resource, no hope, but in an appeal to the *principle* of benevolence.

For the relief of such characters there have been raised since January, 1817, five thousand six hundred and ninety dollars fifty-seven cents. Of this sum three thousand two hundred and thirty-two dollars fifty cents have been invested in six per cent. stock and bank shares. There have been expended for the institution two thousand one hundred and ninety-four dollars thirty-six cents, leaving a balance on hand at this date of two hundred and sixty-three dollars seventy-one cents.

Respectfully submitted by the Treasurer.

Dr. The Indigent Widows and Single Womens Society in account with the Purchasing Committee, Cr.

1817 Jan.	To cash paid for repairs of the house	362	51	1817 Jan.	By cash received in sundry payments from the Treasurer,	2194	36
	Ditto furniture,	249	28½		By cash returned from carpenters bill,	38	43
	Ditto provisions,	674	78½				
	Ditto wood,	269	97½				
	Ditto groceries,	147	12½				
	Ditto flax, muslins, &c. for work,	172	74½				
	Ditto salaries and wages,	95	75				
	Ditto funeral expenses,	51					
1818 Jan. 3	Ditto books and printing,	55	33				
	Ditto clothing and sundries,	126	85				
		2194	36				
	Balance,	38	43				
		2232	79			2232	79

OFFICERS.

Mrs. Ralston, first directress.
Mrs. Chew, second directress.
Mrs. Hodge, treasurer.
Miss S. P. Bayard, secretary

MANAGERS.

Mrs. Ralston.
Mrs. Chew.
Mrs. Hodge.
Mrs. Patterson.
Mrs. Richards.
Mrs. Latimer.
Mrs. Yorke.
Mrs. Sergeant.
Mrs. Guest.
Mrs. Fisher.
Mrs. Bayard.
Mrs. Janeway.
Mrs. Brodhead.
Mrs. Finney.
Mrs. Griffith.
Mrs. Moyes.
Mrs. Stille.
Mrs. Ewing.
Mrs. Haskins.
Mrs. Lippincott.
Miss Latimer.
Miss C. Bayard.
Miss Green.
Miss S. P. Bayard.

LIST OF CONTRIBUTORS.

	Annual Subscriptions.	Life Subscriptions.	Donations.
	$	$	$
A.			
Mrs. Archer			10
Mrs. Thos. Astley		30	
Mr. J. Ash	3		
Mrs. T. Ashbridge			5
Mrs. Jane Armat	3		
Mrs. C. Allen	3		
Mrs. A. J. Alexander	3		
Mrs. Ash	3		
Mr. William Abbott			5
Mrs. R. Abbott		30	
B.			
Mr. & Mrs. C. Bird			8
Mr. S. W. Bird		30	

	A. S.	L. S.	Don.
Mrs. Bowie	3		
Mrs. Brown	3		
Mrs. A. E. Bazely	3		
Miss E. Baker	3		
Mrs. Broadhead	3		
Mrs. E. Brugiere	3		
Miss Ann Bisland		30	
Mrs. Ann Bispham		30	
Elizabeth L. Bailey			6
Mrs. Bancker	3		
Miss C. Bayard	3		
Miss S. P. Bayard	3		
Mrs. Breeze	3		
Mrs. G. Bicknell	3		
Mrs. M. A. Bunce	3		
Mrs. Sarah Ball	3		
Mr. Jacob Baker			2
Mrs. Susan Bird	3		
Mrs. Kitty Benson		30	
Mrs. Benj. Barton		30	
Mrs. Baker	3		
Mrs. J. Byrnes	3		
Mrs. M. Baker	3		
Mrs. S. Buckman	3		
Mrs. Paul Beck		30	
Mrs. Burdock	3		
Mrs. James Bayard	3		
Mrs. Sarah Barry	3		
Mrs. J. Brown, Balt.			5
Mrs. Esther Ball	3		
Mrs. C. Barclay	3		
C.			
Mrs. Coulter	3		2
Mrs. Chapman	3		
Miss Chapman	3		
Miss L. Chapman	3		
Mrs. Comegys		30	
Mrs. Elisha Crowell			2
Mrs. Eliz. Chew	3		
Mrs. Benj. Chew	3		
Miss C. Chew	3		
Miss Maria Chew	3		
Miss Eliza Chew	3		
Mr. W. Collins			10
Mr. B. Carr	3		
Mrs. Lewis Clapier	3		

	A. S	L. S.	Don.
Miss E. Caldwell	3		
Mrs. C. Chauncey	3		
Mrs. E. Chauncey	3		
Mrs. E. Condy	3		
Mrs. T. Clemson	3		
S. E. Cresson	3		20
Margaret Cope	3		
Mrs. Cardswell	3		
Mrs. Carter			5
Mrs. W. Correy			2
Mr. Wm. Cochran			3
Mrs. L. B. Cooke		30	
Mrs. Chas. Cany	3		
Mr. J. Collins			
Mrs. M. Carle	3		
Mrs. Crowe			2
Mrs. J. R. Coates			20
Mrs. S. Chesnut	3		
Mrs. Clarck	3		
Mrs. Cardwell	3		
Mrs. Clark	3		
Miss M. Carrell	3		
Miss E. Carrell	3		
Mrs. M. Crothers	3		
Miss E. Cramond	3		
Mrs. Carman	3		
Mrs. Alex. Cook	3		
Cash by Mrs. Humphreys			7
Cash from sundry persons by Mrs. J. Ewing			48
Cash by Mrs. Stille			10
Cash by Mrs. Ralston			11 50
Cash by Mrs. Moyes			2
Cash—annual	3		
Cash collected by Mrs. Bispham			10 50
Cash by Mrs. S. Richards			5 25
Cash by Mrs. Guest			2
Charity box			18 98
D.			
Mrs. P. S. Duponceau	3		15
Mrs. W. Davidson	3		
Mrs. S. Duval	3		
Miss Dabadie	3		
Mrs. Aaron Denman		30	
Mrs. Deihl	3		
Miss M. Duffield	3		

	A. S.	L. S.	Don.
Mrs. Dr. Dorsey	3		
Ann Dawes			3
Mrs. C. Duval	3		
Mrs. S. Dubarry	3		
Miss L. S. Douglass	3		
Miss C. R. Douglass	3		
Miss Mary Douglass	3		
Mrs. Dorothy Dale	3		
Miss R. S. Dunant	3		
Miss Ann Dunton	3		
Mrs. Eliz. Dorsey	3		
Mrs. Eliz. Darrach	3		
Mrs. S. Duffield			2
Mrs. Deas	3		
Mrs. Jane Duchee	3		
S. N. Dickinson		30	
Mrs. Dulles	3		
Mrs. Dr. Duffield	3		
Mr. Duncan			5
Mr. Jos. Dixon			5
Mrs. Maria Dorsey		30	
Mrs. D. Dale		30	
Mrs. Eliz. Dawson		30	
Mrs. H. Deihl			5
Mrs. Geo. Douglass			5
Miss M. A. Dunant	3		
E.			
Hannah Elliott	3		
Mrs. Saml. Ewing	3		
Mrs. John Ewing	3		
Mrs. A. Evans	3		
Mr. Jeremiah Emlen			10
Miss G. Evans			5
Mrs. Elder	3		
Sarah Emslie			2
Mrs. E. Ervin	3		
Mrs. M. Eyre	3		
F.			
Mrs. Wm. Flintham	3		
Mrs. Caleb Foulke	3		
Mr. Chas. Foulke			5
Mrs. Finney	3		
Mrs. S. W. Fisher		30	
Miss R. Fisher		30	
Sarah Myers Fisher			10
Rebecca Folwell			5

	A. S.	L. S.	Don.
Susan Folwell			5
From a friend			3
H. Foster	3		
Elizabeth Finley	3		
Mrs. S. Fryburgh	3		
G.			
Mr. Stephen Girard		30	
Mrs. Guest	3		
Miss Guest	3		
Beulah Glazier	3		
J. C. Gilliat			5
Mrs. Dr. Gallaher	3		
J. P. Grant			5
Mrs. Gerhard	3		
L. & S. H. Garretson			6
Mrs. R. Gilman	3		
Mrs. H. Gilman	3		
Mrs. Mary Griffith		30	
Mrs. Gadsden	3		
Mrs. Graham	3		
Mrs. G.			5
Miss Sarah Green	3		
Mrs. Goddard			10
A Gentleman			5
Miss Eliz. Guest		30	
Miss Anna Guest		30	
Mrs. Cora Garesche	3		
Mrs. M. Garesche	3		
Mrs. Gallaspy	3		
Mrs. Gardiner			5
Mrs. F. Gaul			2
Mrs. Guire	3		
Mrs. Gardiner			5
A Gentleman by Miss Ralston			10
Miss M. Griffith			2
Miss A. Griffith			2
Mr. B. I. Gilman		30	
Miss Gratz	3		
Mrs. R. Gardner	3		
Mrs. Gilbert	3		
Mrs. Ann Graff			10
Little Girl			3
Rev. Dr. Green, (Princeton)	3		
Mrs. S. Gillingham			2
Mrs. Ann Griffith	3		
Mrs. Mary Gulager	3		

	A. S.	L. S.	Don.
Mrs. Guier	3		
Mr. R. Gilman		30	
H.			
Mrs. Haskins		30	
Mrs. A. W. Haslett	3		
Charlotte Huber	3		
Miss M. Howe	3		
Miss E. Howell	3		
Mr. N. Hall		30	
Mrs. H. Hollingsworth	3		
Mrs. E. Harper	3		
Mrs. Ann Hodge	3		
Mrs. Mary Hodge	3		
W. W. Howell			10
Mr. A. Howell			5
Mrs. Harker			3
Mrs. Ann Holland			3
Agnes Harvey			8
Jas. Y. H.			2
Mr. Godfrey Haga			50
Mrs. Sarah Hahn	3		
Eliz. Hartly			5
Mrs. J. Hall	3		
Mr. George Hyde	3		
Mrs. R. Humphreys	3		
Mrs. A. Henry	3		
Mrs. Eliz. Hodgdon	3		
Mrs. Ann Hertzog	3		
Mrs. Humphreys	3		
Mrs. H. Haines	3		
Mrs. Dr. Helmuth	3		
Mrs. E. Hanse	3		
Mr. Josiah Hewes			50
Mrs. Huddles			6
D. Howell			2
Mrs. S. Hartshorne			10
Mrs. H. Hart	3		
Miss E. Hopkinson	3		
Mrs. C. Harral	3		
Mrs. Jos. Higbee	3		
Mrs. Hewson	3		
Mrs. Eliz. Hemphill			10
Mrs. Eliz. Hood	3		
Mr. Homman		30	
Mrs. Hufnagle	3		

	A. S.	L. S.	Don.
I.			
Mrs. Charles Ingersoll	3		
Isaac C. Jones			10
B. Jones			3
Mrs. E. W. Jones	3		
Mrs. E. Jones	3		
Mrs. Dr. James	3		
Mrs. R. Jackson	3		
Mrs. Eleanor Jones	3		
Mrs. . MJanway	3		
Dr. T. C. James		30	
Rachael Johnston	3		
Miss K. Inglis	3		
Mrs. Inglis	3		
Mrs. S. Johnston	3		
Mrs. Jaudon	3		
Mrs. Izard	3		
Mrs. James	3		
K.			
Mrs. Ann Kittera	3		
Mrs. Krepps	3		
Mrs. M. Keppele	3		
Mrs. L. Krumbhaar	3		
Mrs. Henry Huhl	3		
Mrs. Saml. Keith	3		
Mrs. E. Kirkman	3		
Dorothy Kelly		30	
Mr. J. Keatting	3		
Mr. J. S. Keppele			1
Mrs. Kimely			5
Mrs. M. A. Keemle	3		
Mrs. Eliza Kerr		30	
L.			
Sarah Lippincott		50	
Mrs. M. Lyman	3		
Sarah R. Longstreth		30	
Mrs. Latimer		30	
Mr. Lapsley			8
Mrs. J. Longstreth		30	
Mr. Jos. Lownes		30	
Mrs. Geo. Latimer			5
Miss E. Latimer	3		
Mr. H. Lewis			5
Sarah Lippincott	3		
Mrs. Lentz	3		
Mrs. Loyd	3		

	A. S.	L. S.	Don.
Mrs. Jane Latimer			5
Mary Longstreth		30	
Mr. J. Lippincott			20
Mrs. Danl. Lowber	3		
From a Lady			10
Mrs. Moses Levy	3		
Sarah Ann Lee			5
Catharine Lynd			2
Mary D. Lewis	3		
Sarah Leedom	3		
Mrs. S. Large	3		
Mrs. F. Lowber	3		
Mrs. Le Brun	3		
Mrs. M. Latimer	3		
Miss Lardner	3		
A Lady			5
Christian Lybrand	3		
Mrs. Lybrand			2
Mrs. John Lisle		30	
M.			
From Mr. George Latimer, and Mr. Thomas Montgomery, executors of Robert Montgomery			500
Eliza Morgan	3		
Mary Massey	3		
Mrs. J. Miller	3		
Mrs. John Markoe		30	5
Mrs. John Moss	3		
Mr. John Moss		30	
Mrs. R. Maris		30	
Mrs. Phebe Morris	3		
Mr. Robert Murphy	3		
Mrs. C. Magoffin		30	
Mrs. Jane Murray	3		
E. F. Murray	3		
Mrs. C. Morris	3		
C. W. Morris	3		
Mr. W. Montgomery			20
Mrs. M'Alpin	3		
Mrs. S. Moss		30	
Sarah Morris			10
Mrs. Mary Miller		30	
Mrs. Mary Moyes	3		
Miss Mifflin			3
Mrs. M'Mullin	3		
Mrs. R. M'Mullin			2

	A. S.	L. S.	Don.
Mrs. J. M'Mullin	3		
Mrs. H. Montgomery	3		
Mary Miller	3		
Ann Myers			1
Mrs. C. Mallon	3		
Ann Matthews	3		
Mrs. Geo. Morris	3		
Mr. G. Madeira			6
Mrs. M. M'Call	3		
Mrs. Mary Morton			2
Mrs. Mirat	3		
Mrs. M. M'Kinley	3		
Mrs. Myers	4		
Mrs. Mercier	3		
Mrs. M. Muhlenburg			10
Mrs. M. F. Mayer	3		
Mrs. Mifflin	3		
Miss E. Mifflin	3		
N.			
Mrs. Dr. Neill			10
Mrs. Nicklin	3		
Mrs. Jos. Norris	3		
Mrs. Lewis Neill	3		
Mrs. North	3		
Mrs. Newell	3		
O.			
Mrs. Eliza Otto	3		
Mrs. H. Ord	3		
Mrs. Charlotta Oat	3		
P.			
Mrs. C. Pancoast	3		
Miss D. Peas	3		
Anna Maria Powell	3		
Miss Hannah Parke		30	10
Miss S. Pemberton			5
Miss Pepper		30	
Miss R. Purdon	3		
Miss A. Physick		30	
Ann E. Pleasants		30	
Miss hhartha Powell		30	
Mrs. S. Perot			3
N. Potts			5
Mr. Henry Pratt			5
Miss A. Patterson	3		
Maria T. Platt	3		
Susan Parish	3		

	A. S.	L. S.	Don.
Miss H. E. Patterson			5
Miss M. Perritts	3		
Mrs. Jos. Parker	3		
Hannah Penrose			2
Rebecca Price	3		
Mrs. Jane Peterson	3		
Valatine Patager			4
Mrs. Poyntell	3		
Mr. Parish			10
Mrs. R. Purdon	3		
Mrs. H. L. Pennington			6
Mrs. Poulson		30	
Mrs. R. Pelts		30	
Mrs. Alex. Purvis		30	
R.			
Mr. Robert Ralston			100
Mrs. R. Ralston		30	
Miss R. Ralston	3		
Miss E. A. Ralston	3		
Mrs. M. C. Ralston	3		
R. W. Redman	3		
Mrs. S. L. Rawle	3		
Mr. Robbins			5
Mr. J, Robbins			5
Mr. Rogers			3
Mrs. Harriet Rea	3		
Mrs. Ann Renshaw	3		
Mrs. Reford	3		
Mr. M. Rouche			10
Mrs. T. Rotche	3		
Mrs. Reef	3		
Mr. G. P. Rogers			10
Mrs. C. L. Raguet	3		
Mr. Samuel Richards			30
Mrs. S. Richards	30		
Mrs. S. E. Richards	30		
Anna B. Richards	3		
Ann S. Rotche			1
Mrs. C. Rigby	3		
Mrs. Reese	3		
Miss Susan Reid	3		
Miss Anna Reid	3		
Mary Richards			1
Mrs. R. Renshaw	3		
Mr. R. Ralston, jun.			10
Mrs. A. S. Rotch	3		

	A. S.	L. S.	Don.
Mrs. W. Richards			5
Mrs. Roland	3		
S.			
Mr. John Stille			50
Mrs. Allen Smith	3		
H. L. Smith			10
Mary Ann Smith	3		
Margaretta Smith	3		
Miss M. L. Smith	3		
Rachel Smith			2
Mrs. Robert Smith	3		
Mr. D. Smith	3		
Sarah K. Smith	3		
Mrs. Ed. Smith	3		
Mr. P. Siemen			20
Mrs. John Sergeant	3		
Miss E. Sergeant	3		
Mrs. E. B. Sergeant	3		
Miss M. A. Sergeant	3		
Mrs. L. Seckel	3		
Mr. Shufflebottom			10
Mrs. Stille	3		
Mrs. J. Stille	3		
Mrs. S. Stille	3		
Mrs. A. Stone	3		
Mrs. J. Stone			2
Mrs. P. Shipley	3		
Miss Olive Sprout	3		
Mrs. Scott	3		
Mrs. Spohn	3		
Mrs. J. Stelle	3		
M. Seybert	3		
Ann C. Sheaff	3		
Mrs. C. V. Schlatter	3		
Miss M. Silver	3		
Mrs. L. Sawyer	3		
Rachel Sellers	3		
Mrs. Jacob Sperry	3		
Miss A. Sperry	3		
Mrs. R. Stoddart	5		
Miss Mary Swift	3		
Mrs. F. Schober	3		
Mrs. M. Seckel	3		
Hannah Schell	3		
Mr. H. Sherever			7
Mrs. Jas. Stokes	3		

	A. S.	L. S.	Don.
Mrs. Saddler			3
Mr. C. Stevenson			10
Mrs. Mary Snyder	3		
T.			
Mrs. A. Thompson		30	
Mrs. Eliza Tesseire	3		
Mrs. Tate	3		
Mrs. M. A. Thompson	3		
Mrs. J. Taylor	3		
Mr. R. Thomas			20
Sarah Taylor	3		
Miss C. Thomson	3		
Mrs. M. Thompson	3		
Mrs. William Taylor	3		
Mrs. S. Tennent	3		
Mrs. A. E. Thomas	3		
Mrs. C. Thomson	3		
V.			
Mrs. Vallance	3		
W.			
Miss Ann Wheeler	3		
Mr. J. Witer, jun.	3		
Ann J. Wharton	3		
Jane Wright	3		
Thomas Wilson	3		5
Margaret Wilson			2
Mrs. John Wharton	3		
Miss L. Winslow	3		
Mr. Benjamin Wilson			10
N. H. West	3		
Mrs. M. Wistar	3		
A. H. Warder	3		
Mrs. A. A. Warder	3		10
E. Widdowfield		30	
S. A. Wister			
Mrs. J. J. Wheeler	3		
Mrs. J. Wikoff	3		
Mrs. N. Wall	3		
Mrs. D. Wistar	3		
Ann Warder	3		
Mrs. Sarah Winkoop	3		
Mr. Wurts			10
Mr. William Wurts	3		
Mr. S. E. Weir			20
R. Williams			5
Samuel Wethrill			40
Mary A. Williams			2

	A. S.	L. S.	Don.
Martha Wetherill	3		
Anne Wager	3		
Sarah Williams	3		
Mrs. Robert Waln	3		
Mrs. L. Willis	3		
Miss S. Wistar	3		
W. Wilstach	3		
Miss C. Wampole			5
Mr. J. Whitehead	3		
Mrs. Wood	3		
Mrs. H. Wager	3		
Mrs. James Whitehead	3	30	
Jos. White		30	
John White		30	
Mrs. Lydia Warner			10
Rachel Wetherill	3		
J. P. Wetherill	3		
Y.			
Mrs. Ann Young	3		
Mrs. Mary Yorke	3		
A young Gentleman			5
Mrs. M. Yarnall	3		
A young man			2

Donations, &c. received in 1817.

From Mr. George Latimer and Mr. Thomas Montgomery, executors of Robert Montgomery, esq.	$200	
Received of Mr. Paterson, from the Pennsylvania Manufacturing Society, towards erecting an Asylum,	601	4
Cash received from a young gentleman, for do.	20	—
Do. do. Mrs. Ann Warder, for do.	25	—
Do. do. Mr. West, manager of the Circus,	100	—
Do. do. Charity Box,	18	90
Pensioners in the Asylum,	470	—
Articles sold and work done,	110	67
Interest on stock,	110	
Fines from Managers,	1	25
Cash received from Mrs. Dr. Wistar, for the funeral expenses of Mrs. Lockart,	30	—
Cash from Miss Maria Chew, for the use of Mrs. Coxe,	13	50
Cash received from Mr. Dr. Latimer, of Wilmington,	50	

Additional subscriptions for the year 1818.

Mrs. Solomon Allen	$4
Mrs. J. B. Bond	3
Mrs. Brade	3
Mrs. A. Barker	3
Miss E. Carmack	3
Miss Sarah Carmack	3
Miss Mary Campbell	3
Mary Claxon	3
Miss M. Duffield	3
Miss Mary Douglas	3
Mrs. S. Dankworth	3
Mrs. Ann Figler	3
Mrs. Rebecca Gumbes	3
Mrs. James Hunter	3
Mrs. Hancock	3
Mrs. Jane Hallowell	3
Mrs. John Hart	3
Mrs. Ann Manly	3
Mary Mann	3
Hannah Mentz	3
Mrs. Malcolm	3
Mrs. E. Parker	3
Mary Stone	3
Mrs. S. Sutter	3
Mr. Anthony Stocker	3
Sarah Tindale	3
Mrs. Matmough	3
Mrs. Rebecca Wilmer	3
Mrs. Eliza Zeller	3

Additional donations in 1818.

	A. S.	D.
Mrs. Twelves	$50	
A Gentleman by Mrs. Guest	10	
A Lady by Mrs. Guest	3	
Cash by Miss C. Bayard	10	
From Rev. Dr. Cooper	5	
Cash by Mrs. Latimer	4	
Mrs. Seabury's board	18	36
Mrs. Coxe's do.	6	
Mrs. Woodman's ——	24	
Miss Martel	3	
Miss Mary Swift		30

The following donations have been received at the Asylum.

A large iron pot, a bottle of wine fruit, fish, &c. Mrs. S. Richards.
Flour, meat, vegetables, &c. from Mrs. T. Latimer.
Two loaves of sugar, a piece of beef, and four hanks of cotton, Mrs. Diehl.
A keg of herrings, a pound and a half of thread, Mrs. Thomas Diehl.
A bag of apples, do. dry do. and a bag of potatoes, Mrs. Moyes.
From Mrs. Susanna Buckman, a barrel of flour.
Mrs. Hannah Wager, a large dining table.
Messrs. Bird and Earp, a steel.
Mr. Robert Ralston, jun. a box of tea.
Mrs. Ralston, a keg of raisins, a bag of apples, and four blankets.
Mr. William Schlatter, three pieces of bombazet, two pieces of flannel, and three rugs.
From Mrs. Hazard, six chairs and a tea table.
From Miss Hamilton, a cart load of potatoes.
From Mrs. J. Stille, a ham, apples and prunes.
Mrs. Guest, potatoes.
Mr. Samuel Morris, a barrel of fish.
Mrs. Catharine Thomson, a pair of sheets and bolster case.
Mrs. Ann Warder, six pair yarn stockings.
From Mrs. Lowber, a valuable donation of medicine.
Miss E. Marshall, one pound barley, two ounces laudanum.
Mrs. George Latimer, a barrel of apples.
Mr. Thomas Richards, two ten plate stoves.
From Mrs. C. a large green baize carpet, three blankets, two chintz bed spreads, two pair fine sheets, two pair pillow cases.
A gentleman, a piece of white flannel.
A gentleman, a piece of flannel.
Twenty-five pounds coffee, without a name.
Mr. John Lyndall, four and a half days work by himself and boys.

THE

SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR 1818,

OF

THE MANAGERS

OF THE

Indigent Widows and Single Women's Society.

WITH

A LIST OF THE OFFICERS AND MANAGERS, AND OF THE CONTRIBUTORS SINCE THE LAST ANNUAL REPORT.

PHILADELPHIA:

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REPORT.

THE season has returned at which it is incumbent on the Board of Managers of the Indigent Widows and Single Women's Society, to give an account to the Subscribers, of their proceedings during the last year; and in doing this they contemplate with pleasure, the benefits resulting from the assistance which the liberality of the public has enabled them to afford those individuals who have committed themselves to the care of the Society.

In the course of the last year twelve persons have been admitted into the Asylum, and there have been four deaths; one person left the House in consequence of non-compliance with the rules of the Institution; the present number is thirty-four; and the Managers are happy to state, that among these there is little indisposition, except the infirmities incident to their advanced period of life, and in general, they maintain a laudable attention to the regulations of the House.

The Board of Managers have observed with satisfaction, an unusual spirit of industry prevailing among the members of the household; they have been diligently employed in sewing, knit-

ting and quilting, and their constant occupation, whilst it has added materially to the funds of the Institution, has promoted a disposition to harmony and good understanding, by maintaining a degree of social intercourse, and has, at the same time, prevented the depressing idea of entire dependence, which might otherwise produce a feeling of despondency. The Managers would be deficient in justice to the Superintendent, did they not express their approbation of her judicious and disinterested conduct, in the management of the internal concerns of the Asylum, and of the zeal which she has ever evinced to promote the interests of the Institution.

The Board of Managers, with pleasure, avail themselves of this opportunity to express their feeling of obligation for several valuable donations which have been received, and their ardent hope that the choicest blessings of Heaven may rest upon those who have caused "the Widow's heart to sing for joy."

Since the former report, a considerable sum has been collected for the purpose of erecting an Asylum on a lot of ground, presented by several gentlemen some time since; and the Managers are desirous to offer their grateful acknowledgments to many friends of the Institution, to whom they are indebted for liberal contributions. The money raised, has been vested in productive stock, the interest arising

from it, to be added to the principal, to accumulate until the funds of the Society shall be sufficient to authorize their commencing the building.

Upon a review of the last year, the Board of Managers believe they have reason to congratulate the Society upon the present favourable state of the Institution; and whilst they express their fervent gratitude to the Father of Mercies, who has graciously smiled upon their endeavours to relieve the afflicted, and bestow comforts upon the aged, and invoke His continued blessing on their undertaking, they would also gratefully acknowledge their obligations to the Subscribers, and respectfully remind them, that although much has been done, much remains to be effected, and they venture to express the hope that their patrons will not remit their generous exertions, upon which, under the blessing of Providence, the success of the Institution depends.

January, 1819.

*** Since the report was adopted in January last, the Managers have been encouraged to contract for the erection of an Asylum, and have the pleasure to state that the building has been commenced.

April, 1819.

DR. *The Widows and Single Women's Society in account with Mary Hodge, Treasurer.* CR.

1818.			1818		
Feb.	Paid for 14 Shares of Bank Stock,	763 00	Jan.	By balance from the last year,	260 92
	To rent and repairs of the Asylum,	206 25		Cash received as board for Pensioners,	174 60
	To one counterfeit note and discount of other notes,	3 75		Balance of Mrs. Lang's order, a donation,	150 00
	Paid to the purchasing Committee, from January to December, for supplies for the House,	2440 00		Cash for work done in the Asylum,*	352 50
				Interest on Stock,	256 00
				Cash from Charity box,	22 67½
				Fines from Managers for non-attendance,	14 00
		3413 00		Cash received from Thomas Montgomery and George Latimer, Esqs., Executors of Robert Montgomery, Esq. the balance of 500 dolls. granted by them out of monies placed at their disposal for charitable purposes,	300 00
	Balance remaining on hand,	67 87½		A donation from Mr. Joshua Byron,	50 00
				Do. from Mrs. Twells,	50 00
				Sundry donations from Individuals,	217 18
				In life subscriptions, &c.	574 00
				Cash received in annual contributions,	1059 00
	Dollars,	3480 87½		Dollars,	3480 87½

Received of Mrs. Markoe as the property of Mrs. Gass, one share of Philadelphia Bank Stock.

* 1200 coarse Shirts, 100 fine Shirts, 28 Bed quilts, 7 Comfortables, 40 pair Stockings, 30 Chemises, 50 yards of Sheeting spun, 40 yards of Huckaback, 50 yards Tow, 103 yards of rag Carpeting, made by a person in her 90th year.

DR. *The Widow's Society, in account with the Purchasing Committee.* CR.

To cash paid for Superintendant's Salary, on account,	78 00	Balance in the hands of the purchasing Committee from the last year,	33 00
House repairs and furniture,	168 32½	Received in cash from Mrs. Hodge, Treasurer, at sundry times,	2440 00
Wood,	257 20½		
Meat, flour, bread, milk and groceries,	903 43½		
Servants' wages,	114 25		
Medicines and funeral expenses,	76 49½		
Household expenses,	693 50¾		
Articles for work,	100 77		
Printing Reports for the last year [pamph.]	52 71		
Sundries,	28 13¼		
Balance,	17		
Dollars,	2473 00	Dollars,	2473 00

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1819.

First Directress,
Mrs. Sarah Ralston.

Second Directress,
Mrs. K. Chew.

Treasurer,
Mrs. Mary Hodge.

Secretary,
Miss S. P. Bayard.

MANAGERS.

Mrs. Sarah Ralston.
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Mrs. Mary Richards.
Mrs. Elizabeth Haskins.
Mrs. Susanna Latimer.
Mrs. Mary Moyes.
Mrs. Amy Patterson.
Mrs. Sarah W Fisher.
Mrs. Rebecca Guest.
Mrs. Mary Hodge.
Mrs. Martha G. Janeway.
Mrs. Sarah Henry.
Mrs. Christiana Finney.
Mrs. Maria Stille.
Mrs. Ann Collins.
Mrs. M. Ewing.
Mrs. Theodosia Graydon.
Mrs. Elizabeth Brodhead.
Mrs. Mary Griffith.
Mrs. Mary Yorke.
Mrs. Sarah Lippincott.
Miss S. P. Bayard.
Miss Elizabeth Latimer.
Miss Ann F. Wheeler.

An ACT to incorporate "The Indigent Widows and Single Women's Society of Philadelphia."

WHEREAS, it is represented to the legislature that a number of ladies in the city of Philadelphia have formed an association for the humane and charitable purpose of relieving, assisting and supporting widows and single women in a state of indigence, and are desirous of being incorporated: Therefore,

Section 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same*, That all such persons of the female sex as now are or hereafter may become subscribers to the Indigent Widows and Single Women's Society of Philadelphia, in the manner hereinafter provided, be and they are hereby incorporated into a society by the name of "The Indigent Widows and Single Women's Society of Philadelphia," and by that name shall have perpetual succession, with power to have a common seal, and change the same at pleasure, to make contracts relative to the institution, to sue and be sued, and by that name and style be capable in law of purchasing, taking, holding, and conveying any estate real or personal for the use of said corporation. *Provided*, That the annual income of such estate shall not exceed in value eight thousand dollars, nor be applied to any other purposes than those for which this incorpora-

tion is formed. *And also*, to establish by-laws and orders for the regulation of said society and the preservation and application of the funds thereof. *Provided*, The same be not repugnant to the constitution and laws of the United States or of this commonwealth.

Section 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That every female who shall subscribe and pay to the funds of the society the sum of three dollars annually, shall by such subscription and payment become a member of said society, liable however to be removed whenever she shall refuse or neglect to pay such annual subscription; and every female who shall subscribe and pay the sum of thirty dollars shall be a member for life.

Section 3. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That the society shall meet on the second Thursday of January in every year, at which meeting thirteen members shall be competent to transact business: at this meeting shall be chosen twenty-four Managers, in whom shall be vested the management, direction and disposal of all the concerns of the society; and if any vacancy shall occur by the death, resignation, removal or otherwise of any manager so chosen, the same may be filled for the remainder of the year by such member of the society as the board of managers for the time being shall appoint; and until the election on the second Thursday in January next ensuing the passage of this act, the persons who were

elected at the last annual meeting of said society shall be the managers.

Section 4. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That the managers shall meet, upon notice from the officiating secretary of the society, within three days after their election, and shall choose out of their number a first and second directress, a secretary, and a treasurer; that five managers shall be requisite to transact business; that the board of managers may make by-laws for their government, shall make an annual report of their proceedings and of the state of the funds of the society, and give two weeks previous notice of the meeting of the society.

Section 5. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That if the annual election shall not be made on the stated day, the said corporation shall not thereby be dissolved, but the managers and officers shall continue in office until a new election, which shall be made at such time and place and after such notice as the board of managers shall prescribe.

Section 6. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That the lot of ground and the buildings which may be thereon erected, for the use of the society, shall be free of tax.

REESE HILL,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

ISAAC WEAVER,
Speaker of the Senate.

Approved, March 23d, 1819.

WM. FINDLAY.

RULES

FOR THE

GOVERNMENT OF THE MANAGERS OF THE ASYULM

FOR

Indigent Widows and Single Women.

The managers shall meet on the first Thursday of every month, at such time and place as they may appoint.

Seven of the managers shall form a quorum, which shall be competent to business.

No person shall be at liberty to withdraw from the board without permission, and no conversation but such as relates to business shall be allowed.

A fine of twenty-five cents shall be incurred for non-attendance at each meeting, unless satisfactory reasons shall be given.

All reports of committees shall be in writing.

The First Directress shall preside at the meetings of the managers, preserve order, appoint committees, call special meetings, and in all equal divisions of the board give the casting vote; in her absence the Second Directress shall preside, and if both be absent a person shall be chosen from among the members present to preside at the meeting.

The Secretary shall keep a register of the names of members, record their proceedings,

and the proceedings of the board of managers, prepare such reports to be laid before the Society as they shall direct, and notify all meetings of the Society, specifying both time and place.

The Treasurer shall hold the evidences of the property belonging to the Society, receive all moneys and deposit the same in a Bank in her name as Treasurer, make payments agreeably to the orders of the managers, keep a fair account of all receipts and expenditures, which account shall be rendered every six months to the board, or as often as they shall appoint, and shall prepare a statement to be laid before the Society at their general meeting.

The managers shall be divided into committees of two, who in weekly rotation shall superintend the care of the Asylum, judging of the proper objects to be received into it, and shall generally direct the concerns of the family, reporting the state of the Asylum at each monthly meeting.

Four committees, consisting of two members each, shall be annually appointed to collect the contributions and pay the same to the Treasurer.

The permanent fund will consist of the life subscriptions and donations, the whole of which shall be invested in some productive property.

The superintendent shall have the entire charge of the house under the direction of the managers and visiting committee; she must be

attentive and respectful to those who reside in the house, be present at their meals, see that proper decorum is observed, and that grace is said before and after meat.

Persons admitted must be recommended by respectable citizens to the satisfaction of the visiting committee.

Application for admission must be made at the Asylum, where the names of the applicants will be inserted in a book kept for the purpose, with a reference to their places of abode and the persons recommending them, in order that the visiting committee may attend to the business and give answers as soon as possible.

When a permanent Asylum is provided every person admitted will be placed in a *separate lodging room*, but all shall eat at a general table.

It will be expected that those who are capable shall sew, knit, spin, or render any other service for the benefit of the Institution.

Persons may be admitted as pay boarders, but not to the exclusion of the Poor.

To preserve perfect harmony in the family the strictest attention must be paid to the rules of the Asylum. For the first and second violation there will be an admonition; for the third a complaint to the board; should this be ineffectual, a removal from the house.

All complaints must be referred to the visiting committee *only*, who will pay immediate attention to them.

NEW ANNUAL SUBSCRIBERS

Since the List was printed in 1818.

	Dolls.		Dolls.
Armat, Mrs. (Germantown,)	3	Janus, Mrs.	3
Ashley, Mrs. John	3	Jennings, Mrs. John	3
Bicknell, Mrs. George A.	3	Jones, Ann	3
Buck, Miss Anna	3	Jones, Lydia	3
Barbyroos, Miss	3	Jackson, Mrs. John	3
Boggs, Mrs. William	3	Kelly, Mrs. Philip	5
Biddle, Mrs. Thomas	3	Kelly, Miss Caroline	3
Badarage, Mrs. C.	3	Kirkham, Miss Maria	3
Bevan, Mrs. M. L.	3	Kane, Mrs. Elisha	3
Bryan, Mrs. Guy	3	Lardner, Mrs. John	3
Bache, Mrs. Dr.	3	Lardner, Miss	3
Booth, Mrs. Anna	3	Latimer, Mrs. James	3
Beasley, Mrs.	3	Little, Mrs. John	3
Chapman, Mrs. Lucretia	3	Livingstone, Mrs. Ann S.	2
Cooper, Mrs Abigal, Camden	3	Lehman, Mr. Peter	3
Coxe, Mrs. Dr.	3	Lutmyche, Elizabeth	3
Carey, Mrs. Mathew	3	Lex, Mrs. Jacob	3
Coulter, Mrs. John	5	Levy, Miss Martha	3
Correy, Miss Ann	3	Miles, Miss Mary	3
Caldcleugh, Mrs.	3	Mifflin, Miss Ann	3
Coleman, Mrs. Ann B.	3	Mason, Mr. Samuel	3
De Haven, Mrs Hugh	3	Montgomery, Mrs. R. W.	3
Davis, Captain William	3	Messina, Mrs. Z.	3
Davis, Mary W.	3	M'Allister, Mrs.	3
Evans, Miss Gulielma	3	Mercer, Mrs. C.	3
Edwards, Mrs.	3	Milne, Mr. Richard	3
Ewing, Mr. Robert	3	Minnick, Miss Catherine	3
Frailey, Mrs. Elizabeth	3	M'Crea, Miss	3
Frick, Mr. Charles	3	Nevins, Mrs. S.	3
Gallaher, Dr. David	3	Nesbit, Miss Clara	3
Garison, Mrs. Mercy	3	Nassau, William	3
Gardiner, Mrs. Ann	5	Ord, Mrs.	3
Graydon, Mrs. Theodosia	3	Paleskie, Miss M. W.	3
Howell, Miss Caroline	3	Poole, Mrs. Hannah R.	3
Howell, Elizabeth	3	Parker, Mrs. C.	3
Howell, Miss Margaretta	3	Price, Mrs. Chandler	3
Hawkins, Mrs. Susanna	3	Paul, Elizabeth F.	3
Hervey, Mrs. H. D.	3	Paul, Martha	3
Hartley, Mrs. Elizabeth	5	Reese, Mrs.	3
Harland, Mrs. Ellen	3	Riley, Mrs. I.	3
Hunter, Mrs. Mary	3	Richards, Mrs. Mark	3
Hollingsworth, Hannah	3	Robb, Mrs. Alexander	3
Hall, Miss Margaret	3	Richards, Rachel	3
Hollingshead, Sarah	5	Ritter, Catherine	3
Harrison, Mrs. Rebecca	3	Remmington, Sarah	3
Hall, Mrs. Mary Anna	3	Shoemaker, Mrs. Elizabeth	5
Hervey, Mrs. Sarah, (Germantown,)	3	Shober, Mrs.	3
		Shute, Mrs. Hannah	3

RULES AND REGULATIONS

FOR THE

GOVERNMENT OF THE INMATES OF THE ASYLUM.

1st. No person shall be admitted into the Asylum, but those who bring satisfactory testimonials to the propriety of their conduct, and the respectability of their character.

2d. Morning and Evening Prayers to be regularly performed at the Asylum; every inmate will be expected punctually to attend, except in case of sickness. Notice to be given by ringing the bell.

3d. It will be required of those who are capable, to make their own beds, and sweep their rooms, early every morning; those who are not, will have it done by the Assistant.

4th. It will also be expected of those who are capable, that they will sew, knit, spin, or render any other service for the benefit of the Institution.

5th. All that is necessary for the comfortable support of the inmates of the Asylum, will be furnished from the funds of the Society; no individual, therefore, will, on any account, be permitted to leave the Institution to solicit assistance, or procure work.

6th. Breakfast to consist of tea and chocolate, or tea and coffee. Dinner at one o'clock. Supper similar to breakfast.

7th. All who are able, will attend at the general table; for such of the family as may be infirm or indisposed, a suitable meal will be provided, and sent into their rooms.

8th. A preparatory bell will be rung fifteen minutes before each meal: during the interval the meals will be served, and the inmates repair to the Dining-room. After they are seated at the table, Grace will be said by such person as the matron shall designate, or the inmates will maintain silence for mental supplication, for an interval before commencing the meals.

9th. Washing and Ironing to be done on Mondays and Tuesdays.

10th. If any inmate of the Asylum feels disposed to visit her friends, she is requested to mention to the Matron where she intends staying, and the probable length of her visit, that no uneasiness may exist on her account; and that, in case of sickness or accident, the Managers may know where she is to be found.

11th. No stimulants or spirituous liquors to be used in the Asylum, except by order of the Physician; and, in that case, to be administered by the Matron.

12th. No person will be permitted to interfere, or find fault with the Superintendent or Assistant; but if any think they have cause for complaint, they must apply to the Managers, who will receive their statement, and take such order thereon as they may think proper.

13th. It is required that all Visitors be treated with respect and attention, and conducted through any part of the building they may be disposed to visit. Particular attention to be paid to Ministers of the Gospel, and those whose visits are made for religious purposes. No inmates in the Asylum to be permitted to introduce any preacher of the Gospel, or invite their friends to give religious instruction, without the consent of the Church Committee.

14th. To preserve perfect harmony in the family, the strictest attention must be paid to the Rules of the Asylum. For the first and second violation there will be an admonition; for a third, a complaint will be preferred to the Board; for the fourth, a removal from the house.

	Dolls.
Shaffer, Mrs. Dr.	3
Shufflebottom, Mrs. William	3
Swift, Mrs John	3
Sheaff, Mrs. George	3
Shields, Mrs. Thomas	3
Scott, Mrs. James	3
Simmons, Rebecca	3
Starr, Mary	3
Speakman, Mrs. Hannah	3
Smith, Rachel	3
Stacey, Mr. James G.	3
Taylor, Mrs. M. A.	3
Thendal, Mrs.	3
Throckmorton, Mrs. Joseph	3
Vickery, Miss H.	3
Vancy, Miss S.B.	3
Watmough, Mrs.	3
Wheeler, Mrs. Samuel	3
Wallace, Mrs.	3
Williamson, Miss	3
Williams, Esther	3
Waring, Mrs. Elisha	3
Wiltbank, Mrs.	3
Waxmouth, Mrs.	3
Wills, Mrs. Francis	3
Wagner, Mr. Samuel	3
Wharton, Mrs. Margaret	3
Whitehead, Mrs. Margaret	3
Wagner, Mr. Tobias	3
White, Mrs. Mary	3
Wharton, Mrs. John	5

LIFE SUBSCRIPTIONS

Received since 1818.

	Dolls.
Mr. William Davidson,	30
Mrs. Henry Kuhl,	30
Mrs. George Harrison,	30
Mrs. John C. Montgomery,	30
Mrs. Guy Bryan,	30
Mrs. Hannah Dean,	30
Mrs. Cunningham,	30
Mrs. Rebecca Chester,	30
Mr. Benjamin R. Morgan,	30
Mr. Benj. Ives Gilman, Jr.	30
Mr. Joshua Cresson,	30
Mr. Elliot Cresson,	30
Mrs. Mary R. Harman,	30
Mrs. Margaret Miller,	30
Mrs Elizabeth M'Lean,	30
By Mr John Burston,	30
By Mrs. Benjamin Chew,	30
By Sarah Green,	30
Mrs. Tennent,	30
By Mrs Janeway,	30
Mr. Elisha Waring,	30
By Mrs. Ealer,	30
Do. Jennetta Jones,	30
Do. Mrs. Rigg,	30

DONATIONS

Received after the List published for 1818.

	D.	C.
From Mr. Joshua Byron,	50	00
Mr. Joseph Ball,	7	00
Mrs. Mary Dixon,	3	00
Cash by Mrs. Gilbert,	4	00
Do. from four persons,	4	00
Mrs. Leconte, (Jersey,)	10	00
Mr. Duncan,	3	00
By Miss Williamina Smith,	20	00
Mrs. Mary Griffith,	3	00
Mr. William Shufflebottom,	5	00
J. L. V.	1	00
Mrs. Sarah More,	2	00
Cash,	3	00
Do.	8	00
Rebecca Allen,	4	00
Sarah H. Smith,	3	00
Hannah Evans,	2	00
Hannah Fisher,	2	00
From a Lady,	5	50
From the Kensington Baptist Society by Mrs. Wilmer,	12	00
Mr. Peter S. Duponceau,	7	00
Mrs. Jane Duchée,	10	00
Mrs. Lownes, (Carolina,)	10	00
Mrs. Foxall, (Georgetown,)	5	00
Mrs. Gough, (Baltimore,)	5	00
Mrs. Ann S. Livingston,	6	00
Dr. Samuel Wylie,	4	00
Mrs. Lydia Miller,	2	00
Mrs. Henrietta Armstrong,	3	00
Mrs. Anthony Slater,	4	44
Mr. Edward S. Burd,	100	00
Mr. Gilder,	1	00
Mr. Scott,	1	00
Mr. Bowen,	2	00
Mr. Keyser,	2	00
Mr. Mathias Rouche,	15	00
Mrs. Field,	2	00
Cash,	3	00
Mr. Crooke Stevenson,	10	00
Arbitration fees by Mr. George Latimer,	23	00
Mr. Samuel Wheeler,	3	00
Mr. Enoch Wheeler,	3	00
Mr. Moses Levy,	10	00
William Correy,	2	00
Mrs. Helena L. Pennington,	6	00
A well wisher to the Institution,	3	00
Mr. Frederick Frailey,	2	00
Miss Dorothy Lybrand,	2	00
Mrs. Philip Kelly,	5	00
Mr. Stanley Twells,	2	00
Mr. I. Stone,	2	00
Cash,	1	00

CONTRIBUTIONS

Received for the erection of an Asylum, from the following Persons, since the last Publication.

	Dolls.	Cts.
Otis Ammidon,	50	00
Pierce Butler,	50	00
John Brown,	50	00
Horace Binney,	50	00
Joseph D. Brown,	50	00

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William Brown,	50 00
Robert Barclay, (London,) per Dr. Parke,	100 00
James M. Benoist, (Burlington,)	50 00
John Buckman,	20 00
James Craig,	50 00
William Chanceller,	50 00
Mrs. Hannah Chanceller,	20 00
By a Friend cash,	30 00
Miss S. N. Dickenson	30 00
Cadwalader Evans, Jr.	50 00
Robert Fielding, (Burlington,)	50 00
George Fox,	50 00
A Friend to the Institution,	100 00
A Friend to Benevolent Institutions,	1000 00
Mrs. James C. Fisher,	50 00
Benjamin Ives Gilman, Jr.	50 00
Mrs. Mary Griffith,	50 00
Peter Graham,	30 00
John Goddard,	25 00
George Harrison,	100 00
Godfrey Haga,	50 00
Levitt Harris,	50 00
Wilson Hunt,	30 00
William Hemphill, (Wilmington,)	20 00
Mrs. Elizabeth Hemphill, (Wilmington,)	20 00
Samuel Hoffman,	20 00
William L. Hodge,	50 00
Hartman Kuhn,	50 00
Adam Konigmacher,	10 00
Joshua Lippincott,	50 00
Samuel Longstreth,	10 00
Thomas Longstreth,	5 00
Cash from different persons by Mrs. Lippincott,	30 00
A Lady per ditto,	10 00
John M'Crea, a balance of a dinner given to General Jackson,	47 00
Henry Manby,	5 00
Mrs. Elizabeth Powell,	50 00
James Paul,	30 00
Adam Reigart, (Lancaster,)	10 00
Charles Rogers,	50 00
Robert Ralston,	100 00
William P. Richards,	10 00
Mrs. Sarah Ralston,	50 00
Mrs. Roberts,	30 00
Donations from sundry persons by Mrs. Mary Raguet,	100 75
William Stevenson,	50 00
John Stille,	50 00
John Sergeant,	50 00
William Short,	50 00

James Smith,	50 00
Samuel Spackman,	20 00
John D. Sheaff,	50 00
Paul Siemen,	50 00
Mrs. Rebecca Sterling,	10 00
Miss Sebilla Ann Stone, (N. Port,)	10 00
William Tilghman,	50 00
Miss E. Taylor,	5 00
Thomas M. Willing,	30 00
Miss Jane Wilson, (Wilmington,)	12 00
Charles Watson,	5 00

A donation of a Lot, 74 feet front on Cherry Street, and 134 feet in depth, (adjoining the Orphan lot) from Samuel Richards, Samuel Wetherill, Samuel Archer, and Robert Ralston.

Donations received at the Asylum.

Mr. I. Riley, a valuable donation of Books, to the amount of fifty-two dollars.

Mrs. Atwood, one jar Pickles.

A Lady, potatoes, turnips, apples, &c.

Mrs. Dr. Wistar, a ham, pork, and apples.

Mrs. Day, crockery ware, four gallons wine, one do. spirits, one do. gin, two lbs. oatmeal, two carving knives and forks.

Mrs. Rogers, four curtains.

Mrs. Curtis, a donation of glass and queensware.

Mr. Cook, three hundred herrings.

Mr. Burges, one half bushel of salt.

Mr. Steele, eight yards wrapping.

Mrs. Robinson, a large donation of queensware.

Mr. Buffington, charity box.

Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Oliphant, a quantity of fruit.

Mrs. Lyndall, a breakfast table.

Mrs. Streaker, two pots pickles.

Mrs. M'Mullin, a dish.

Mrs. Ralston, quilting frame and poultry.

Mr. W. L. Hodge, one chest souchong tea.

Mrs. Guest, fruit.

Mrs. Buchanan, two bushels of indian meal.

Mr. Thomas, two bushels potatoes.

Mrs. Ewing and Miss Bayard, poultry.

Miss Jane Bell, one washing kettle, one large iron pot, one warming pan, and several other articles of furniture.

☞Donations of provisions will be thankfully received at the Asylum.

FORM OF A LEGACY.

"I hereby give and bequeath unto 'The Indigent Widows and 'Single Women's Society of Philadelphia,' and their successors, for ever, (if real estate) all that, &c., (if personal) the sum of, &c.

THE

THIRD ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR 1819,

OF

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OF THE

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Mrs. Sarah Lippincott,
Miss S. P. Bayard,
Miss Elizabeth Latimer,
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REPORT.

THE Board of Managers of the Indigent Widows and Single Women's Society, in presenting their Annual Report to the subscribers, feel assured they will continue to be interested in the success of an Institution, whose existence is owing to the liberality they have heretofore manifested.

During a season of almost unexampled pecuniary distress, when the pressure of the times has been universally felt, the generous patrons of this Society have not forgotten that "the poor they have always with them," nor that at such a season their assistance was peculiarly essential. They have been actuated by the pure spirit of benevolence to relieve the necessities of the aged and friendless, and the Managers are happy to state that their kind efforts have not been unavailing.

The Managers have found it impracticable to comply with all the applications that have been made for admission into the Asylum; during the last year but two persons have been received, two have left the house, and there

have been six deaths; this is a greater number than has occurred in any former year, but a greater proportion of deaths may be reasonably expected in consequence of their increasing years and infirmities. There are at present, twenty-seven belonging to the family, and these are blessed with as great a degree of health as is usual for persons at their advanced period of life. The members of the household have been willing to contribute by their industry to the maintenance of the Institution; and whenever work could be procured, they have been diligently employed; there has not however, this year been the usual demand for articles made in the house, nor has such constant occupation been afforded them as during the preceding years, but still they have been enabled to furnish some addition to the funds of the Society.

It is truly gratifying to observe the order and harmony which reign in the Asylum; the members of the establishment generally regarding the superintendant as a kind and judicious friend, whilst she is attentive to their wants, and neglects nothing that can contribute to their comfort, the order of the house, or the interests of the Society.

A large and commodious building has been erected as an Asylum, on a lot adjoining that on which the Orphan House is situated, and

it is expected will be in readiness for the reception of the family in the course of the present month; it contains every desirable accommodation, and the hope is indulged, that when established in it, a feeling of gratitude and happiness will pervade every heart. By a reference to the reports of the building committee accompanying this it will be seen what have been the expenses incurred on the Asylum, and the Treasurer's account will show the present state of the funds, which, from recent collections, exhibits a balance in favour of the Society, although debts exist to a greater amount which *must* be discharged. The Board of Managers are happy to express the gratitude they feel for several valuable legacies and donations; of the former, 2,000 dollars, in six per cent stock of the United States, have been received from the estate of Joshua Byron, Esq. deceased, and 100 dollars from the estate of Miss Sarah Pemberton, deceased, and a second donation of 100 dollars, from Robert Barclay, Esq. London, per Dr. Parke: particularly they tender their acknowledgments to the proprietor of the house, at present occupied as an Asylum, for the liberal terms on which he has accommodated them; they also request the Building Committee to accept their sincere thanks for the services they have so kindly tendered.

The Board of Managers cannot conclude without respectfully soliciting the continued kindness and attention of their patrons to this Institution; in extending the hand of charity to those, who, devoid of the attractions of infancy, can perhaps claim but little from mere sensibility, they will have the satisfaction arising from the performance of that important duty, "to visit the widows in their affliction," nor can they want any other incentive to a perseverance in their kind exertions than a knowledge that they "smooth the pillow of declining age," and a recollection that "blessed are the merciful."

January, 1820.

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DR. *The Widows and Single Women's Society in account with Mary Hodge, Treasurer.* CR.

1819.			1819.		
Jan. 7th	Upon order of the board of managers paid to the purchasing committee,	300 00		By balance of account of the last year,	68 76
February	To the purchasing committee,	300 00		By life subscriptions,	350 00
March 4th	To do. do.	200 00		By donations,	426 00
	To Mr. Henry for one year's rent of the Asylum,	300 00		By cash on account of pensioners,	432 35
April 1st	To the purchasing committee,	200 00		By amount of sales and work done in the Asylum,*	332 63
	For recording a deed,	4 00		By interest on stock,	53 78
	Sundry payments to the purchasing committee from the 6th of May, to the 3d of December,	1250 00		By a legacy from Mrs. M'Lane,	30 00
Dec. 13th	To Messrs. M'Ewen, Hale, and Davidson, for six per cent. stock,	206 50		By cash from charity box,	8 81
		2760 50		By fines from managers,	6 50
	Balance Dec. 31st, 1819,	152 33		By annual subscriptions,	1204 00
	Dollars,	2912 83		Dollars,	2912 83

The Committee appointed to settle the Treasurer's account have attended to that business, and find the same to be correct.

ANN F. WHEELER,
CHRISTIANA FINNEY.

* Work done in the Asylum: 9 Bed quilts, 2 Comfortables, 57 fine and 1000 common Shirts, 50 yards Sheeting, 83 yards of Huckaback, 114 yards of Carpeting.

DR. *The Widows and Single Women's Society in account with the Purchasing Committee.* CR.

1819.			1819.		
	To cash paid for Superintendant's Salary,	112 50		Balance in the hands of the Purchasing Committee from the last year,	17
	House repairs and furniture,	41 82½		Received in cash by warrants from Mrs. Hodge, Treasurer, at sundry times,	2250 00
	Wood,	245 42½			
	Bread, milk, and flour,	308 49½			
	Groceries,	482 12½			
	Servants' wages,	89 50			
	Medicines and funeral expenses,	92 72			
	Household expenses,	714 11			
R	Articles for work,	110 08½			
	Printing reports of last year,	47 00			
	Sundries,	6 12½			
	Balance,	26			
	Dollars,	2250 17		Dollars,	2250 17

Bills to a considerable amount remain unpaid.

REPORT

OF THE BUILDING COMMITTEE.

The undersigned beg leave to represent to the Managers of the Indigent Widows and Single Women's Society,—

That, by a statement of the funds of the society, dated the 4th of January, 1819, there appeared to be thirty-nine shares of the capital stock, of the Commercial Bank, which cost 2015 dollars 50 cents, and 756 dollars 71 cents, of six per cent stock, which cost 749 dollars 15 cents, belonging to the general funds, or applicable to the support of the family. And that for the purpose of erecting an Asylum, there was thirty-three shares of Commercial Bank stock, which cost 1774 dollars 12 cents, and 2250 dollars 40 cents, of six per cent stock, which cost 2261 dollars 79 cents. That for meeting the instalments, as they become due on the building, the latter sum of 2250 dollars 40 cents, of six per cent stock, of the funds belonging to the building, and 756 dollars 71 cents, of the six per cent stock, belonging to the general funds, have been disposed of; the last to be reimbursed out of the sales of the Bank stock belonging to the funds of the building, the sale of which, it was considered adviseable to delay, for a better market, as the price was at that time, and continues to be under par. To supply the deficiency of funds, whilst the Bank stock was held for a better price, it became necessary, to raise money, through the medium of the Bank of the United States, on the individual responsibility of the undersigned; viz. one note dated the 30th day of July, 1819, for 2500 dollars; and one note dated the 31st of August, for 1500; by which means the whole of the instalments, as they became due, have been discharged; amounting to the sum of 7500 dollars. Two other instalments, of 1500 dollars each remain to be met by the time the building is finished, and, to provide for which, there are no other means, but to dispose of the Bank stock, or, to obtain a further sum on loan at the Bank of the United States. This latter expedient the undersigned are willing to adopt, in the hope that the Bank stock will appreciate, and be of more value. It is, however, necessary, in the opinion of the undersigned, that the Managers of the Society should not only sanction the disposal of the 756 dollars 71 cents of the six per cent stock, belonging to the general funds, and the obtaining of loans from the bank; but also authorize the disposal of the whole of the Bank stock, when it shall appear advantageous so to do. This measure will be considered justifiable, from the necessity of the case, and from the circumstance that the rent of the present Asylum will cease,

when the new building will be occupied. The income of the stock of the general fund, amounts to 162 dollars 36 cents per annum, and the rent which will be saved, to 300 dollars per annum.

Independent of the cash instalments, to be paid to the time of finishing the house, there will be two others of 2000 dollars each, payable in six and twelve months, after the key is delivered, and also the further sum of 250 dollars, in addition to the contract price of the building, which it was subsequently agreed to pay, for a better finish of the dome, and sky light on the roof.* A building for cow stable, &c. will be indispensable, and which may cost from two to three hundred dollars.

The plastering is considered to be more than half completed, and the prospect is, that the whole building will be finished, and fit for use before the expiration of the year. This information is given, that the Managers may adopt preparatory measures, for a removal of the family, before the winter, if they should think proper.

SAMUEL ARCHER,
JOSHUA LIPPINCOTT,
SAMUEL RICHARDS,
ROBERT RALSTON.

Philadelphia, October 4th, 1819.

SECOND REPORT

OF THE BUILDING COMMITTEE.

The Building Committee, beg leave to report to the Managers of the Indigent Widows and Single Women's Society,—

That since the date of their last report which was on the 4th day of October, 1819, a further loan of fifteen hundred dollars, has been obtained from the Bank of the United States, making the whole sum borrowed from that Institution, to be 5500 dollars. This has been sufficient to meet the instalments regularly, as they became due, under the contract, and has prevented the necessity of the sale of any of the Commercial Bank stock, until the first day of the present month, when, to be prepared for the ninth Instalment, which occurs on the finishing of the Asylum, a sale of thirty six shares was made, at the rate of 42 dollars per share, by which this last of the cash payments

* Opposed to these sums will be a claim for articles provided for in the contract, but omitted in the building.

due on the building, will be discharged. There remains unsold an equal number of Bank shares, and subscriptions, to be collected, to the amount of 1060 dollars, which, as converted into money, will be applied towards the reimbursement of the loans obtained at the Bank of the United States.

The two instalments, which will remain to be provided for, are 2000 dollars, payable in six months after delivering the key, and 2000 dollars, payable in twelve months from the same time.

The key of the Asylum, has not yet been delivered, by the contractor, but, the finishing is so nearly completed, as to induce a belief that the building will be tenantable, in a few days.

The erection of a stable, which was in contemplation at the former report, has been accomplished, and it is with great pleasure the committee inform the Managers, will be attended, with comparatively a small expense to the Society. The materials having very generally been obtained, by donations from benevolent individuals, and in some instances the workmanship also.

SAMUEL ARCHER,
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ROBERT RALSTON

Philadelphia, December 29, 1819.

NEW ANNUAL SUBSCRIBERS,

Since the List was printed in 1819.

	Dolls.		Dolls.
Bache, Mrs. Catharine	3	M'Donough, Mrs.	3
Binney, Mrs. Horace	3	M'Mullin, Mrs. Robert	3
Barton, Mrs. Matthias	3	Malcom, Mrs. Debby	3
Chapman, Mrs. Dr.	3	Page, Mrs.	3
Cooper, Miss Hannah	5	Redman, Mrs. Sarah	3
Crowell, Mrs. Elisha	3	Smith, Mrs. Matilda	3
Duncan, Miss	3	Stone, Mrs. Mary	3
Evans, Mrs. Cadwalader	3	Sparhawk, Miss Elizabeth	3
Huddle, Mrs. Martha	3	Terrill, Mrs. Elizabeth	3
Jones, Catharine, Blockley T.	3	Vansickle, Mrs.	3
Lightfoot, Miss Julia	3	Watson, Charles C.	3

LIFE SUBSCRIPTIONS

Received since 1819.

	Dolls.		Dolls.
Mrs. Mercer,	30	Daniel Sutter,	30
Mrs. Mary Muhlenberg,	30	Zaccheus Collins,	30
Mrs. Harriet Watson,	30	William Morgan,	30
Mrs. James S. Cox,	30	Miss Mary Hamilton,	30
Dr. J. Wilson Moore,	30	Mrs. Hannah Jones,	30

LEGACIES AND DONATIONS.

	Dolls.		Dolls.
Joshua Byron, Esq. deceased,	2000	Cash by Mrs. Collins,	10
Mrs. Sarah Barry,	3	Do. do.	8
Mrs. Dr. Barton,	5	Do. do.	2
Mrs. Ellen Connelly,	20	Mrs. Comegys,	11
		Cash by Mrs. Patterson,	2

Miss Hannah Elliot,	10
Robert Evans,	5
John Exley,	1
From a friend,	2
A friend to the Institution,	2
Mrs. Robert Hancock,	5
Hannah Higgins,	3
Mrs. William E. Hulings,	5
Mrs. Rebecca Hahn,	20
A friend, by Mrs. Haskins,	2
A friend to the Institution,	5
James Latimer,	20
Richard Milne,	5
Mrs. Mary Montgomery,	10
Miss Catherine W. Morris,	5
Miss Sarah Pemberton, (legacy)	100
Miss Elizabeth Taylor,	6
Mrs. Rachael Wetherill,	50
Mrs. Willington, (Charleston, S. C.)	10
Enoch Wheeler,	3
Charles Wheeler,	3
Jane Worral,	2
Mrs. Ann Wager,	3
Isaac Wampole,	20

CONTRIBUTIONS

Received for the erection of an Asylum, from the following Persons, since the last publication.

	Dolls.
Robert Barclay, Esq., London, per Dr. Parke, a second donation,	100
Thomas Badaraque,	20
Paul Beck,	50
William J. Bell,	30
John Coulter,	50
Isaac Cooper,	50
Cash, D. W.	20
Miss Hannah Fox,	30
A Foreigner,	20
Charles Graff,	10
A Lady,	2
George M'Callmont,	50
James Hemphill,	25
Jsaac C. Jones,	50
James Lyle,	50
A Lady,	30
From a Friend to the Institution,	500
Dr. Thomas Parke,	30
Mathias Roush,	50
Asaph Stone,	30
Mrs. Anthony Slater,	20
Edward Thomson,	100
Thomas Willing, Esq.	40
Silas E. Weir,	50

The following articles of Materials and Workmanship, have been gratuitously furnished by the respective Individuals, viz.

A Plan and Elevation of the Asylum, presented by William Strickland, Esq.*

	Bricks.
Mrs. Turner Camac,	15,000
Michael Fox,	1,500

* The construction of this building is very justly admired; and the design throughout reflects great credit on the Architect,—who has very generously devoted much time to the work, and rendered essential services to the Institution.

	Bricks.
Samuel Fox,	1,500
Michael Lybrand,	1,500
George Lybrand,	2,250
John Moore,	750
George Krebs,	800
John Krider,	1,000
John J. Snyder,	2,000
P. and M. Benner,	1,500
James Harper,	1,500
James Harper, Jun.	1,500
John D. Huhn,	1,000
Peter Grim,	1,000
William Steinmetz,	2,000
Weaver and Thorn,	2,500
Clayton G. Atkinson,	500

		Dolls. Cts.
Samuel Richards, a set of iron backs and jams,		
Jesse Richards,	do.	
John M'Cauley, a large copper boiler,		
John Gullen and Son, two marble steps and curb for back door,		20 00
Adam Herkness, three stones for pumps and water-spouts,		
Christian Frank, paint and painting cow stable, pump, &c.		7 00
—— Keyser, plaistering cow stable, &c		
Joseph F. Williams,	lumber,	6 04
Gorgas, Son, and Keyser,	do.	12 50
Henry Bell,	do.	11 73
John Crean,	do.	5 00
J. B. Remington,	do.	10 00
Keyser and Gorgas,	do.	12 24
Stephen Simmons,	do.	10 00
Charles Bird,	nails,	3 60
J. S. Skerrit and Son,	hinges,	3 75
Earp and Brothers,	hinges & bolts,	2 00
Henry Nixon,	stone,	7 00
—— Webster,	lime,	7 50
Alexander Crawford,	do.	7 50

Donations received at the Asylum.

Mrs. Lynch, a barrel of apples.
Mrs. Comegys, a barrel of flower.
Mrs. James Thomson, a bushel of potatoes.
Mrs. Oliphant and Mrs. Johnson, fruit at different times.
Mrs. Day, two bushels of salt.

Mrs. Graden, poultry.
Mrs. Ralston, a small chest of tea.
Miss Redman, muslin.
The professional services of Dr. Thomas Sargeant, and Dr. J. Wilson Moore, rendered gratuitously to the Institution, have been of the most acceptable and important nature.
Dr. Dyott, a donation of a valuable assorted medicine chest.
Dr. Edward Lowber, a second donation of medicine.
Temple and Smith, a donation of medicine.
Elisha Crowell, do. do.

☞Donations of provisions, &c. will be thankfully received at the Asylum.

FORM OF A LEGACY.

"I hereby give and bequeath unto 'The Indigent Widows 'and Single Women's Society of Philadelphia,' and their successors, for ever, (if real estate) all that, &c. (if personal) the sum of, &c."

THE

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Mrs. Mary Yorke.

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Mrs. Mary Hodge.

Secretary.
Miss S. P. Bayard.

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Indigent Widows and Single Women's Society.

The Fourth Anniversary Meeting of the Indigent Widows and Single Women's Society, was held at the Session Room of the Second Presbyterian Church, on Thursday January 11th, 1821. The Rev. Mr. Skinner opened the meeting with prayer, after which the following Reports were read.

THE kind interest ever evinced by the Subscribers to the Indigent Widows and Single Women's Society, for the success of the Institution, encourages the belief that the Annual Report of the Board of Managers, will afford satisfaction, by presenting to them a statement of the benefit resulting from their continued liberality.

Notwithstanding the demands on the charity of the Public have been numerous and varied, and the means of complying with them greatly diminished, yet the Managers feel it a duty, as it is their pleasure, to state that the generosity of their Patrons has been unabated, and to assure them, their benevolent efforts to relieve the distresses of age have not been ineffectual. In the course of the last year but three persons have been received into the Asylum, the Managers deeming it inexpedient to enlarge the family in the present state of the funds, whilst a considerable debt remains to be discharged.

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continue to be fostered by the support of a generous Public, by whose kindness it has been reared, and under whose care it has been extensively useful.

The Managers avail themselves of this opportunity to express their grateful sense of the favour conferred on them by the attention of the Building Committee to the concerns of the Society, and their obligation for several liberal donations; the friends who have so kindly aided them, have felt that "Mercy is twice blessed; it blesseth him who gives and him who takes," and the pleasure arising from this emotion, will constitute their best reward.

In thus giving to their Patrons an account of the present state of the Society, the Managers experience mingled sensations of satisfaction and grief; the past year has produced many blessings, and the Giver of all good who bestowed them, has in wisdom combined afflictions with mercies; he has taken to himself that highly valued friend* who was principally instrumental in raising the two societies which will remain a permanent memento of her excellence. To the Widow and the Orphan her memory will ever be dear, and the Board of Managers are deeply sensible of the loss they have sus-

* Mrs. Ralston.

tained in her, whose example was their stimulus, and whose friendship constituted one of their purest pleasures. It was to them a source of the highest gratification to be connected in a work of benevolence, with one whose constant endeavour was to follow the example of him who "went about doing good;" she has gone to receive the reward of those "who through faith inherit the promises," and whilst they mourn her loss, their grief is augmented by the remembrance of another member of their Board,* associated with her in the organization of this Society, to whose memory they would also pay the tribute of unfeigned and affectionate respect. May they on whom the business of the Society devolves, evidence their regard for their lamented friends, by an imitation of their virtues, and by strenuous endeavours to promote the welfare of an Institution, in which they were so greatly interested. "To do good, and communicate, forget not," is a precept which the Board of Managers sincerely hope will dwell on the minds of their liberal Patrons.

* Mrs. Richards.

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	To cash paid Messrs. M'Ewen and Co. for 300 dolls. of six per cent. stock,	309	00		By cash received in Annual Subscriptions	931	00
	To cash paid the Purchasing Committee for the expenditure of the family,	1670	00		By do. Life do.	150	00
	Balance in Bank January 10, 1821,	11	81		By do. Donations, . . .	306	00
					A Legacy from Mr. John Brown, . .	50	00
					Board of Pensioners, ...	267	67
					Entrance for do	80	00
					Work done at the Asylum, ...	103	50
					Amount of sales at the Asylum, . . .	37	42
					Interest on 6 per cent. stock, ...	115	50
					Cash from the charity box, ...	38	32
					A part of the proceeds of Mrs. French's Concert, ...	36	67
					The Oratorio, ...	7	00
					Fines from Managers, ...	13	90
	Dollars,	2290	81		Dollars,	2290	81

The Committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's accounts, find them correct.

CHRISTIANA FINNEY,
A. C. BAYARD.

DR. *The Widows and Single Women's Society in account with the Purchasing Committee.* CR.

1820.			1820.		
	To cash paid for Superintendent's Salary, - - -	83 30		Balance in the hands of the Purchasing Committee from last year, - -	26
	To House repairs and furniture,	140 16		Received in cash by warrants from Mrs. Hodge, Treasurer, at sundry times, -	1670 00
	Wood, - - - - -	216 42½		By bills returned as donations, - -	27 64¾
	Bread, Flour, and Milk, -	196 52¼			
	Groceries, - - - - -	191 74¾			
	Servants' wages, - -	84 00			
	Medicines, - - - -	45 44			
B	Household expenses, -	513 02¾			
	Printing reports of last year, -	22 75			
	Sundries, - - - - -	18 62¼			
	Articles for work, - -	61 89¼			
	Balance, -	124 02			
	Dollars,	1697 90¾		Dollars,	1697 90¾

Bills to the amount of three hundred dollars are still due.

REPORT

OF THE BUILDING COMMITTEE.

The Building Committee recurring to their former report, under date of the 29th of December 1819, notice, that the key of the Asylum had not then been delivered by the Contractor, but which was received from him about the first of March 1820. As soon after this as the necessary arrangements could be made, and the season would permit, the family was removed, and the Managers put in possession of the building. From that period, there has been little to require the attention of the Committee, excepting the oversight of an alteration in the pavement around the pump in the yard, and forming a better security against dampness in the north wall of the basement story. An enclosure of the ground in the front of the building was an appendage to the finish which the Committee were desirous of effecting before the present period, to consist of a brick wall, surmounted by a cast iron railing, to be extended to, and connected with, the marble steps, with an entrance by a gateway on the east side of the lot, leading to the basement story; but the great difficulty of obtaining funds, under the existing pressure of the times, has prevented this ornamental part of the plan. The same cause operates against another improvement, which, though not so immediately necessary, is wanting to the comfort and good appearance of the front, and that is a portico, to rest on the platform of the flight of steps, which should be increased in width, by blocks of marble on the sides, so as to give security in ascending and descending, to and from the front door, and which is considered very essential, not only to the safety, but to the appearance of the building.

Of the two instalments of two thousand dollars each, payable without interest, in six and twelve months after obtaining the key of the Asylum, it was considered adviseable, to extinguish such part thereof as the funds arising from the proceeds of Commercial Bank Stock which remained unsold at the date of the last report, and the subscriptions then outstanding, instead of applying the same to the reimbursement of the loans obtained at the Bank of the United States as had been suggested. The effect has been by this application, to discharge three fourths, or three thousand dollars of those two instalments—leaving due to the Contractor, the sum of one thousand dollars, payable on the 20th of April next, without interest, and which, with the five thousand five hundred dollars borrowed at the Bank of the United States, constitutes the whole of the remaining debts for erecting the Asylum.

ROBERT RALSTON,
SAMUEL ARCHER,
JOSHUA LIPPINCOTT.

Philadelphia,
January 10th, 1821.

ADDRESS,

DELIVERED AT THE FOURTH ANNIVERSARY MEETING.

BY THE REV. MR. SKINNER.

MY MUCH ESTEEMED FRIENDS,

They who embark in enterprises of charity, whether they consult the testimony of scripture or experience, find cause to expect difficulty as well as encouragement, in prosecuting their noble endeavours. Divine Providence is the constant patron of many benevolent designs, which are urged to their accomplishment through incessant opposition; through formidable dangers, and floods of tribulation: and those undertakings which require most self-denial and patience, are, in general, those which are destined to the most glorious success.

The object of "the Indigent Widows' and Single Women's Society," appeared to those excellent persons who proposed it for benevolent exertion, more important and desirable, than many for which millions of treasure and of human lives, have not been deemed too costly a sacrifice. Their judgment of this object was dictated, not merely by natural sympathy, however highly they might have been adorned with this amiable quality, but by reverence for those inspired oracles which declare that, "a Father of the Fatherless, and a Judge of the Widows, is GOD in his holy habitation." These persons we are persuaded, formed their judgment by a better standard, and were governed by better principles, than any practically recognize, who discard the ascendency of pure and undefiled religion. They sought, and doubtless they obtained the approbation of Heaven, which is at the same time the highest proof of excellence, and the surest pledge of eventual success. Let not this society become weary in that sacred course of well-doing which they have commenced, for by whatever obstacles God may try their zeal, the declarations of his word and the excellence of their cause, afford ground for the fullest assurance, that in due season they will reap if they faint not.

The report of the Board of Managers, which you have just heard, presents no ambiguous indications of heavenly patronage, while it tells you, both "of mercy and of judgment;" while it excites in your bosoms "mingled sensations of satisfaction and grief." Your enterprise, my friends, moves forward with many tokens of ultimate triumph; and you have reason to anticipate the gratification of your most enlarged desires: I may boldly say, that the woes which shall be relieved, the consolations which shall be imparted, the good which shall be realized, through your labors of love, you have never yet conceived, and will never know, until that day when God shall exhibit the whole before the assembled world: but you have also received much and most affecting proof that your confidence must still be reposed, as I trust it has hitherto been, upon that Almighty Arm in whose strength and for whose glory the work was begun. Mysterious Providence, during the past year, twice commissioned death to invade your Board of Managers; and called you to pour the tears of your friendship and veneration, on the remains of two of its members—of her, very recently, who was the foremost and most active in your original organization, and whom your esteem and affection afterwards constituted your chief counsellor and directress. That estimable person but a little while since, completed "the number of her months;" and fell, in a manner sudden and surprising, beneath the desolating stroke of the ruthless foe. Yes; the Orphan's and the Widow's stedfast friend has disappeared, and the places which once knew her will know her no more forever. She found "rest from her labors" sooner, probably, than she herself anticipated; and much sooner, it would seem, than the Church, the cause of charity, and especially this institution, were prepared to lose her valuable services. The event which terminated the period of her affliction, left a large number afflicted by her removal. Her decease produced a sensation evincive of respect and esteem, which has been seldom realized on a similar occasion, in this, or perhaps in any community. Who that knew, even that portion of her excellence which piety forbade her to conceal, did not experience spontaneous sorrow, when the tidings of her

departure were announced? We were thrown into a state of anxiety as soon as we heard of the sudden and violent manner in which disease had assailed her; in constant and increasing suspense, we waited for the issue; and when that which we feared came to pass, we could not avoid feeling and confessing that we had to endure a loss which God only could repair.

There was no ostentatious heartless parade of mourning at her death. The expressions of grief were as sincere as they were abundant; for we knew there were substantial reasons for grief. Society had been laid under obligations by her disinterested labors and sacrifices; and Gratitude could do nothing less than mourn, when she from whom so much benefit had been received, was capable neither of giving nor receiving any longer. At least I will say, that if there were any who merely pretended to respect her when dead, they would be secure enough from experiencing similar conduct from her, were she living: for she was a person, in whom Sincerity in all its nobleness of action shone with no common splendor. To this point the speaker has the honor of being qualified to introduce his own testimony; for she was in some measure known, as she was always most truly loved and respected, by the humble instrument of our mutual condolence.

If the community in general, have felt this bereaving stroke to be so severe an affliction, how must it have tried the submission of her venerable consort, and affectionate family; what cause of lamentation have the wretched Poor whose blessing was so often upon her; and especially what a heavy judgment has fallen on this yet infant and dependant Institution, to whose origin and furtherance she has been so conspicuously instrumental! But, my respected friends, you should be consoled and encouraged, not only by recollecting that "blessed are the dead who die in the Lord," but that He who made your lamented coadjutor what she was, and who enabled and disposed her to do what she did, is "the same yesterday and to day and forever:" that however He may employ, He never needs the assistance of creatures in effecting His purposes of goodness and mercy; that it is for their own advantage, not His, that he admits any of our

race into His service; and that without Him there would be in our world, neither "high endeavour" nor "glad success;" neither "strength to suffer" nor "will to serve." Under the influence of these considerations you may still pursue your laudable undertaking, with cheerful zeal and humble confidence of achieving all that you expect; casting your care on him who careth for you, and imploring his promised protection and succour.

There is one instruction, suggested by the afflictive event alluded to, which, as individuals, we are all equally concerned to regard. It has been already intimated, that our dear christian friend, was suddenly and prematurely removed. She was assailed by death with violence, and at an unexpected moment. Her final conflict was severe and short; and had she not been ready before it commenced, would have prevented her from preparing to meet her Judge. There was nothing however in the circumstances of her death, which should in the least affect our hope concerning her. God has no where promised, that the righteous shall be specially forewarned of the approach of death; or that they shall die in a gradual or gentle or easy manner. The manner of living, not the manner of dying, is the proper test of a person's interest in the favour of God. It behoves us all therefore to take good heed how we spend our days of health and vigor; and to be always ready for the coming of the son of man, who usually comes alike to good and to evil, in such an hour as they think not of.

There are those who acknowledge and lament departed worth, and there are others who likewise imitate it: there are those who commend the good, and there are others who *are* good: many are forward to extol such deeds and examples as those by which the subject of this notice has secured to herself benedictions from generations yet to come; and there are not wanting some, who according to their ability, *perform* such deeds, and *exhibit* such examples: let us not forget, that the gracious "recompense of the reward" both here and hereafter, is the appointed portion of the latter alone.

NEW ANNUAL SUBSCRIBERS,

Since the last Publication.

	Dolls.
Mrs. Blane,	3
Mrs. Jonathan F. Barnes	3
Mrs. Eliza Darrach	3
Mrs. Duncan	3
Miss Emily Duncan	3
Miss Matilda Duncan	3
Mrs. Edward Donaldson	3
Mrs. Sophia Evans	3
Mr. Joseph P. Grant	3
Mr. James Hemphill	3
Mrs. Hazlehurst	3
Mrs. Rebecca Lewis	3
Mrs. Charles Norris	3
Mrs. Francis Johnson	3
Mrs. Dr. Jones of Georgia	3
Miss Henrietta Maria Levy	3
Mrs. Anna Parry	3
Miss Hannah Perot	3
Mrs. H. S. Reeves	3
Miss Isabella Smith	3
Miss Rebecca K. West	3
Mrs. Charlotte Yard	3
A gentleman in Europe by Mr. Ralston	20

LIFE SUBSCRIPTIONS.

	Dolls.
Mr. Thomas Montgomery,	30
Mrs. Spohn,	30
Mrs. Anna E. Clarke,	30
Mrs. Elizabeth Frayley	30

LEGACIES AND DONATIONS.

	Dolls.	Cts.
From a Lady by Mrs. Janeway,	10	
Miss Butler,	20	
Mrs. Hannah Shields,	5	
Mr. Edward Harris, Jersey	20	
Mr. Gilbert Gaw,	5	
Miss Hannah Parke	20	
From a Lady by Mrs. Gilman,	50	
Mrs. Helena L. Penington,	6	
Mr. I. C. Jones, Jury fees,	10	
Mr. Edward Smith,	20	
Mr. William Brown,	20	
Mrs. Mary John Cope,	5	
A Legacy from Mr. John Brown, deceased, by his Executor Samuel J. Robbins, Esq.	50	
From Mr. Cooke, Treasurer of the Patrole Association,	12	50
Miss Taylor,	10	
Mr. Charles Watson,	5	
By Mrs. Archer,	15	
Mrs. Bruce,	2	
Mrs. S. Duval,	10	
Cash,	1	25
From a Widow,	2	

CONTRIBUTORS FOR THE BUILDING,

Received since the last Report.

From Miss Latimer, a donation by Mr. D. W.	20	
Ditto Miss Harriot M'Calmont,	5	
		25
Doctor Aaron Tucker,		10
John Markoe,		50
A Friend to the Institution,		1000
Hannah Cooper,		10
Abraham Yarnell,		2
Israel Cope,		10
Caleb Cresson,		50
Mrs. M'Euen,		10
John Lisle,		20
Edward Stiles, (by Mrs. Duncan)		10
Bartholomew Wister, (by Mrs. Collins)		20
Cash, (by ditto)		2
By Mrs. Comegys, received from		
Edward Thompson,	50	
Joseph L. Ingles,	15	
Alexander Benson,	10	
H. Rigby,	5	
J. Maclott,	5	
Cash,	5	
Do.	5	
Do.	5	
Do.	1	
Do.	2	
Do.	2	
		105
By Mrs. Finney, received from		
Mrs. John Helmuth,	5	
Two Gentlemen,	10	
Mrs. Doctor Helmuth,	3	
Mrs. Muhlenberg,	10	
Mrs. Twells,	10	
Mrs. A. Turner,	2	
Cash,	5	
A Lady,	5	
Do.	10	
Mrs. Guenett,	1	
Cash,	5	
Do.	10	
		76

By Mrs. Yorke, received from		
Mrs. Henry Kuhl,	5	
Mrs. William Hillegas,	4	
		9
By Mrs. Brodhead, received from		
F. Gaw,	5	
Matthias Roust,	5	
H. S. Reeves,	5	
Mrs. Henry Lentz,	10	
Mrs. Susan Bird,	5	
Mrs. M. Garrison,	5	
Mrs. Doctor Otto,	5	
Mrs. Elizabeth Hyle,	2	
		42
By Mrs. Duncan, received from		
Judge Gibson,		
By Mrs. Henry, received from		
Mrs. Elisha Kane,	3	
Doctor Kimo,	5	
Godfrey Haga,	5	
Mr. M'Whir,	5	
Mr. Woodhull,	1	
Mrs. Cone,	5	
		24
By Mrs. Hodge, received from		
Mrs. Matilda Smith,	10	
Miss Ann Wikoff,	5	
Mrs. Jacob C. Wikoff,	5	
Cash,	20	
		40
By Mrs. Lippincott, received from		
Cash,	10	
Do.	4	
Do.	6	
		20

Donations of the following Articles.

From Messrs. Fassetts, 2 large waiters, 18 knives, 18 forks, 12 large spoons, 12 small ditto.
Messrs. Temple and Smith, Apothecaries, sundry medicines and 1 bottle Gum Guiacum.
Alexander Cook, 2 barrels of soft soap, 36 lb. of brown soap.
Samuel Pancoast, 1 door latch, hasp and screws.
Mrs. Isaac C. Jones, a quantity of strawberries.
Mr. Jones, Front Street, 6 windsor chairs.
Joseph Burden, 6 fancy chairs.
Jesse R. Burden, 1 large arm chair, 6 dolls.
Mrs. James A. Bayard, wood, 10 dolls.
Mrs. Susanna Tydiman of South Carolina, 2 milch cows.
Mr. Collins, a lot of stationary.
James Cresson, a lot of crockery.
Mr. Tyndale, do. do.
Mr. Rian, do. do.
Mr. Newbold, a load of hay.
R. Newbold, 2 barrels of apples.
Daniel B. Smith, sundry medicine.
John Hart, bottle castor oil,
M. Satterthwaite, 1 gridiron,
Mrs. Brian, wood, 10 dolls.
A Gentleman, a box of tea.
Mr Henry Fardman, Carpenter's work, 15 dolls. 75 cents.
Mrs. Hazlehurst, 1 barrel of apples.
Mrs. Collins, 2 do. do.
Mr. Latimer, 2 do. do.
Mr. Comegys, 2 turkeys and 2 geese.
[illegible] and T. F. [illegible]
En. Wheeler, half ton of hay.
John Exley, 1 dozen iron hooks.

THE

FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT,

FOR THE YEAR 1821,

OF

THE MANAGERS

OF THE

Indigent Widows and Single Women's Society;

WITH A LIST OF

THE OFFICERS AND MANAGERS, AND OF THE CONTRIBUTORS
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Mrs. Mary Hodge.

Secretary.
Miss S. P. Bayard.

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Mrs. Mary Yorke,	Mrs. E. Hazlehurst,
Mrs. Lippincott,	Mrs. Martha Duncan,
Mrs. Mary Hodge,	Mrs. Rebecca Cope,
Mrs. Elizabeth Haskins,	Mrs. Catherine Comegys,
Mrs. Elizabeth Brodhead,	Mrs. Sarah Cresson,
Mrs. Rebecca Hallowell,	Mrs. Mary Donaldson,
Mrs. Christiana Finney,	Miss Ann F. Wheeler,
Mrs. Ann Witherspoon,	Miss Elizabeth Latimer,
Mrs. Ann Collins,	Miss Caroline Bayard,
Mrs. Theodosia Graydon,	Miss E. A. Ralston,
Mrs. Hannah Jones,	Miss S. P. Bayard.

The Annual Meeting of the Indigent Widows and Single Women's Society, was held in the Session Room of the First Presbyterian Church, on Thursday, January 10th, 1822. The Rev. Mr. Engles opened the Meeting with Prayer, after which, the following Reports were read:—

With sensations of more than usual satisfaction, the Managers of the Indigent Widows and Single Women's Society offer their Annual Report to the friends and patrons of the Institution, fully aware of the gratification they will derive from the assurance that the hand of charity has not been extended in vain, but that their liberality has promoted the comfort and happiness of several respectable individuals, who, without their aid, must have been depressed by penury and the infirmities of age: "Mercy and truth shall be to them who devise good;" they dwell in the hearts of those who have contributed to the support of the aged and helpless, and the prayer of the widow for those who have shown mercy, is heard by that Being to whom this attribute peculiarly belongs.

The applications for admission into the Asylum, during the last year, have been more numerous than at any preceding period, and the Managers have been obliged to make a selection from among them, as it was not in their power to receive all who solicited a place in the Institution. Eleven persons have been admitted, four deaths have occurred, and two persons have been dismissed in consequence of a violation of the rules of the Society, and general misconduct. The number at present constituting the family is thirty-three, and the Managers have pleasure in stating, they are generally that respectable class of females, who, having seen more prosperous days, and known the delights of "home and kindred," are capable of appreciating the advantages of such an establishment, without which they could with difficulty have obtained a slender pittance for their support, and revolting to their feelings must have been the alms casually and reluctantly bestowed; but here, shielded from the ills of poverty, comforted in sorrow, and attended in sickness, their hearts dilate with gratitude to the Giver of all good, and to their earthly benefactors. They have ever evinced a willingness to aid, by their industry, the funds of the Institution, and whenever work could be procured, have cheerfully engaged in it.

The portion of health enjoyed by the greater number of the members of the family is a cause of gratitude; increasing infirmities are the inevitable consequence of increasing age, but the Managers are enabled to say, that no other disease has assailed the family.

The Board of Managers would not do justice to their own feelings, did they omit to mention the sense they entertain of the kindness of the superintendent to the persons belonging to the establishment. They all regard her as an attentive and affectionate friend, and it is believed she is sincerely solicitous for the interest of the Institution. The house in which they reside is, in every respect, calculated for the comfortable accommodation of the inhabitants. A large portion of the expense contracted in the erection of the building has been defrayed, although a considerable sum is still due; but the Managers trust the assistance of a generous public will be afforded them for the liquidation of the remaining debt.

To those highly respected individuals, who have bestowed liberal donations on this Society, to those who have devoted to its interest a large portion of their time and attention, the Board of Managers tender their most grateful acknowledgments, the only return that can be made for their unwearied kindness; but they need no other, for they are following the footsteps of their Divine Master, and to them "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

The smiles of Providence have rested upon this Institution; like the grain of mustard seed sown in the earth, it had a small beginning, but it has become so large, and useful, that many are sheltered by it, and depend on it only for support. To the Father of Mercies, who has blessed exertions in the cause of humanity, should praise be rendered; and those who have made these exertions must feel the pleasure resulting from the discharge of duty. An appeal to their benevolence has never been made in vain; and the Managers cherish the hope, that the objects of this charity will continue to hold a place in the remembrance of their liberal patrons. For these aged persons, life can have few attractions; the days are long since past, "when all could please, for life itself was new." They have lost the elastic spirits and mental energy of youth, and can now only desire a few comforts to smooth their passage to the grave. These will not be denied them; for even a cup of cold water, given in the name of a disciple, shall not be without a reward.

DR. The Indigent Widows and Single Women's Society, in Account with Mary Hodge, Treasurer, *CR.*

1822.			1822.		
To cash advanced the Purchasing Committee, in sundry payments,	1461	00	By balance of account for 1821,	11	00
To cash paid the Building Committee,	330	00	By cash rec'd in Annual Subscriptions,	956	00
To cash expended in clothing,	43	50	By do. Life do.	200	00
To cash paid for printing Reports,	28	43	By do. Donations,	226	25
To cash paid for planting trees before the Asylum,	11	81	By a Legacy from Mrs. James Cox,	100	00
To cash returned to Mrs. Irvine,	52	00	By a Legacy of Mrs. Martin, from Mr. R. Milne,	100	00
To cash paid for wood,	115	50	By cash collected for clothing,	20	00
To cash paid for Interest on Loan,	165	00	By Fines from the Managers,	14	75
To cash paid for purchase of 6 per cent. Stock,	858	00	By cash from the Charity Box,	44	95
To cash paid for Funeral Expenses,	56	00	By Interest on 6 per cent. stock,	163	56
Balance on hand, Jan'y. 10, 1822,	24	06	By cash for work done at the Asylum,	54	62
			By cash for Board of Pensioners,	308	84
			By cash for admission of Members,	380	50
			By a Donation of Jury fees, from several gentlemen,	12	50
			By cash for proceeds of the Aloe,	552	33
Dollars,	3145	30	Dollars,	3145	30

Errors Excepted.

Philadelphia, January 10th, 1822.

DR. *The Indigent Widows and Single Women's Society, in Account with the Purchasing Committee,* CR.

1822.				1822.		
	To cash paid for Superintendent's Salary,	59	75	By balance in the hands of the Purchasing Committee, from last year,	124	03
	To do. for House repairs and Furniture,	71	56½	By cash received by warrants on the Treasurer, at sundry times,	1461	00
	To do. for Wood,	118	97			
	To do. for Flour and Milk,	168	76½			
	To do. for Groceries,	420	60			
	To do. for Servants' Wages,	115	67½			
	To do. for Household Expenses,	180	54			
	To do. for Articles for Work,	47	01			
	To do. for Butcher's Meat,	279	45½			
	To do. for Clothing and sundries,	113	24			
	Balance,	9	46			
	Dollars,	1585	03	Dollars,	1585	03

LEGACIES AND DONATIONS,

Received since the last Publication.

	D.	C.		D.	C.
From a Friend,	4	00	From a Gentleman, by Mrs. Ingersoll,	25	00
Mrs. Hulings,	5	00	From a Gentleman, by Mrs. Graydon,	10	00
Dr. Parke, a part of Mr. Barclay's annual remittance,	50	00	Mrs. Gilchrist, of South Carolina,	5	00
Mrs. Brown,	2	00	From a Friend,	5	00
Mr. Harrington,	5	00	February, 1822.		
From a Lady, by Mrs. Janeway,	10	00	Miss Chester,	5	00
Jury fees, from Mr. H. Y. Landis, Silas W. Sexton, and Captain W. Davis, by John Roberts,	5	00	Miss Cowperthwaite,	2	00
Mrs. Maria Kœcker,	5	00	Cash, 1, do. 1, do. 1,	3	00
Dr. Philip Tyddiman, of South Carolina,	20	00	From a Friend,	5	00
From Mrs. Tyler, of Burlington, by Miss C. Bayard,	5	00	Mrs. Bunce,	2	00
			Mrs. Rachel Wetherill,	8	79
			A Legacy from Mrs. Charlotte Cox,	100	00
			A Legacy from Mr. R. Milne, Executor of Mrs. Martin,	100	00

NEW ANNUAL SUBSCRIBERS,

Since the last Publication.

	D.		D.
Mrs. James Broom,	3	Mrs. Doctor Preston,	3
Mrs. Langdon Cheves,	3	Miss Sarah Ralston,	3
Mrs. Sabine Denny,	3	Mrs. Martha Robinson,	3
Mrs. Guenat,	3	Mrs. Emily Skinner,	3
Mrs. Doctor Kelly,	3	Mrs. Priscilla Smallwood,	3
Mrs. Maria Kœcker,	3	Miss Sarah Taylor,	3
Mrs. M'Alpin,	3	Mrs. Ullmann,	3
Miss Sarah Hutchins,	3	Mrs. E. West,	3
Mrs. Hallowell,	3	Mrs. John Widdifield,	3
Mrs. John Hewson,	3		

LIFE SUBSCRIPTIONS.

	D.		D.
Mrs. Elizabeth Ashhurst,	30	Miss Maria Tucker, of do.	30
Mrs. Eliza Scott, of the Island of St. Thomas,	30	Miss Alice Tucker, of do.	30
		Mrs. Lowber,	30

CONTRIBUTORS TO THE BUILDING.

Received since the last Report.

From Mr. Thomas Montgomery, Executor of Robert Montgomery,	$ 500
From Mr. Charles Smith,	20
From Mrs. William Chaloner, by Mrs. Finney,	5
From a Gentleman,	10
From Miss Sterling,	5

Donations of the following Articles.

A barrel of molasses, and a bag of Rice, from Mrs. Duncan.
8½ pounds of yarn from a Friend, by Mrs. I. C. Jones.
Lumber for a medicine closet, by C. Remington, $ 4 26
A donation of medicine from Edward Lowber, 7 00
Do. from John Hart.
Do. from Mr. Marshall.
Do. from Mr. M'Clintock.
A lot of ground on Lombard street, thirty-six feet in breadth, from Mr. David Claypoole.

*** *Subscriptions received by the Treasurer,* 181, *Walnut St.*

THE FORM OF A BEQUEST

TO THE

Indigent Widows and Single Women's Society, of Philadelphia.

MONEY LEGACY.

"I give and bequeath unto *The Indigent Widows and Single Women's Society of Philadelphia,* the sum of
to be paid to the Treasurer for the time being, for the use of the said Society."

DEVISE OF REAL ESTATE AND GROUND RENTS.

"I give and devise unto *The Indigent Widows and Single Women's Society of Philadelphia,* (here describe the property or ground rent) together with the appurtenances, in fee-simple."

Sarah Lippincott

THE

SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT,

FOR THE YEAR 1822,

OF

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Mrs. Mary Hodge.

Secretary.

Mrs. W. L. Hodge.

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Mrs. Susanna Latimer,	Mrs. Rebecca Cope,
Mrs. Lippincott,	Mrs. Catherine Comegys,
Mrs. Elizabeth Haskins,	Mrs. Sarah Cresson,
Mrs. Elizabeth Brodhead,	Mrs. Mary Donaldson,
Mrs. Rebecca Hallowell,	Miss Ann F. Wheeler,
Mrs. Catherine Chew,	Miss Elizabeth Latimer,
Mrs. Ann Richards,	Miss Caroline Bayard,
Mrs. Ann Collins,	Miss E. A. Ralston,
Mrs. Theodosia Graydon,	Mrs. W. L. Hodge.

The Anniversary Meeting of the Indigent Widows and Single Women's Society, was held in the Session Room of the First Presbyterian Church, on Thursday, January 9th, 1823. *The Rev. Mr. Bedell opened the meeting with prayer, after which the following Reports were read:—*

The rapid flight of time has brought again the season in which the social feelings are perhaps most readily excited, the heart dilates with gratitude to the Great Dispenser of comforts and blessings, and the benevolent affections are in most lively exercise. To the affluent it is the season of hilarity and enjoyment; but to the indigent it comes fraught with all the pains of poverty, and anticipation of more acute suffering. To relieve this suffering, to lessen the inevitable ills of penury, and afflictions of age, has been the endeavour of the Managers of the Indigent Widows and Single Women's Society, under the fostering care and continued liberality of their patrons, to whom they now offer their Annual Report.

The demands upon public charity during the last year have been unusually great; but they have been met by that prompt compliance, which has ever characterized the inhabitants of this city. The severe affliction with which a sister institution was visited at the commencement of the year, excited the regret, the sympathy, and the benevolent feeling of every individual, to whose heart the appeal of the orphan was sacred, and the generosity evinced on that occasion must ever be a source of the highest gratification to those by whom it was exercised. Most sincerely did the Managers of the Widows' Society, and the Members of the Asylum, sympathize with the sufferers by that melancholy event, and they consider it a cause of unceasing gratitude, that the aged and helpless were mercifully preserved from the rage of the devouring flames.

The applications for admission into the Asylum, during the past year, have been numerous, and it has been a subject

of serious regret to the Managers, that they could not receive a greater number of those who have applied; but they deemed it inconsistent with justice to those already in the house, to admit more whilst the funds of the Society were low, and a considerable debt unpaid. Seven persons have been received during the year, and the family at present consists of twenty-five; two persons have left the house, one to return to France, her native country; and thirteen deaths have occurred. The mortality has been unusual; but among these deaths only two were occasioned by short and severe illness. From the great age and increasing infirmities of the inhabitants of the house, it must be expected that the proportion of deaths each year will be greater than the preceding; but the extraordinary number of the past year, occasioned much distress and anxiety. It is, however, hoped the effect on those who remain will be salutary, causing them to remember their near approach to the grave, and teaching them humbly to acquiesce in the Divine will—for "shall we receive good at the hand of the Lord, and shall we not also receive evil?" The rapid diminution of their little band has drawn more closely the cord of sympathy and good will among the survivors, and during the period of sickness and sorrow, all appeared solicitous to render assistance to their suffering companions. The Managers are desirous to avail themselves of this opportunity to acknowledge the grateful sense they entertain of the unwearied kindness and attention of Doctor Sargeant, who has, for several years past, attended at the Asylum; they are particularly sensible of their obligations to him in the late distressing season, but are convinced, in an approving conscience, he has a recompense beyond their feeble expressions of gratitude. They are also happy to state, that at present the members of the establishment enjoy as good health as can ever be expected at their period of life, and they appear cheerful, grateful, and industrious.

Several improvements have been made in the Asylum, which have added very materially to the comfort of those residing in it; a large stove has been placed in such a situation as to diffuse a gentle warmth throughout the house,

which, beside rendering it more generally comfortable, will, it is believed, diminish the consumption of fuel. These improvements have necessarily involved the Institution in considerable expense; and although the Managers have the satisfaction to say, that the debt on the building is much reduced, yet, as there is still a portion unpaid, they trust their patrons will not withdraw the liberality they have heretofore extended for the relief of age and infirmity. The Board of Managers cannot omit the expression of gratitude for some liberal donations and bequests, which have not, they believe, been bestowed in vain. They have contributed to shed a ray of happiness on the declining path of those, who, but for this generosity, might have been consigned to the grave, destitute of every comfort that could render the passage to it less gloomy. The Managers venture another appeal to the benevolence of their friends, beseeching them to "be not weary in well doing." Our blessed Master was himself poor—he calls the poor of this world his friends—and says, for our encouragement, "inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto me."

DR. *The Indigent Widows and Single Women's Society, in account with the Treasurer.* *CR.*

1822.			1822.		
	To cash advanced the Purchasing Committee, in sundry payments,	1850 00		By balance of account rendered, 1822,	24 27
	To cash paid to Mary Jeffreys,	20 00		By donations received since the Annual Meeting,	152 29
	Do. for printing reports,	12 50		By cash received for admission of members,	411 58
	Do. paid for interest on loan,	330 00		By cash for Board of Pensioners,	322 42
	Do. for Funeral expenses,	108 25		Do. in Life Subscriptions,	120 00
	Do. for two tons of coal,	16 80		Do. from Charity Box, and Sunday Collections,	75 01
	Balance on hand, Jan. 9, 1823,	44 96		By cash for work done at the Asylum,	81 82
				Do. amount of sales at do.	73 87
				Do. fines for Managers,	9 75
				Do. balance of Aloe concern,	12 50
				Do. interest of 6 per cent. Stock,	198 00
				Do. Annual Subscriptions,	900 00
	Dollars,	2382 51		Dollars,	2382 51

DONATIONS,

Received since the last Publication.

	D.	C.		D.	C.
From Rebecca Folk,	5	00	Sarah E. Cresson,	10	00
Jury fees, from William Lynch and William Evans, by John Roberts,	5	00	Two Gentlemen, 10,	20	00
From Mrs. Greenfield,	25	00	By Mrs. Yorke, from friends,	5	00
Mr. Godfrey Haga,	10	00	Do. do.	2	00
Dr. Horner,	2	00	Miss Sarah Hutchins,	2	00
Mrs. C. Arby,	1	00	Mrs. E. Pennington,	6	00
Miss Lang,		50	Mrs. Burd,	3	00
From a Lady, by Mrs. Lippincott,	8	00	Cash, by Mrs. Collins,	1	00
			Mrs. James Cox,	10	00
			From a Lady, by Mrs. Comeygs,	3	00

CONTRIBUTORS TO THE STOVE,

Placed in the Hall of the Asylum.

	D.	C.		D.	C.
Mrs. Markoe,	10	00	By Miss Bayard,	5	00
Mrs. John Henry,	10	00	Miss Wickoff,	2	00
Cash,	5	00	Cash,	2	00
Do.	3	00	Mrs. Smith,	1	00
Mr. Alexander Henry,	5	00	Miss Correy,	1	00
Mrs. Duncan,	5	00	Miss Latimer,	2	00
Miss Chester,	5	00	Cash,	1	00
Mrs. I. C. Jones,	5	00	Do.	3	00

NEW ANNUAL SUBSCRIBERS,

Since the last Publication.

	D.		D.
Mrs. William Lippincott,	5	Mrs. Caroline Slesman,	3
Mrs. Elizabeth Rouker, Germantown,	3	Mrs. Sarah Watson,	3
Mrs. Grandom,	3	Mrs. Yeates,	4
Miss Sarah Hutchins,	3	Miss Margaret Shippen,	3

LIFE SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Mrs. Lewis Krumbhaar,	30	Dollars.
Mrs. Samuel Richards,	30	do.
Mrs. Ely,	30	do.

A list of the Donations made to the Widow's Asylum during the year 1822.

1822.
Feb'y. 18.—20 blankets, 1 bed, 27 pillow cases, 15 sheets, 23¾ yards domestic shirting, 10 do. cotton cassimere, 41½ do. gingham, 53 do. red flannel, 6½ do. white flannel, 1 bed-spread, 2 quilts.
March 13.—2 Tea-pots, Brittania, from Mr. Fassitt.
2 do. earthenware, from Mr. Tyndall.
1 large do. block-tin, from Mr. Baxter.
2 dozen pint bowls, from Mr. Wright.
July 31.—A settee from Mrs. Ball.
A donation of crockery, from an unknown person.
A donation of tinware, from Mrs. Walters.
A half barrel of rice, from Mrs. Archer.
A cheese, from Miss Sarah Hutchins.
A donation of hay, from Mr. Wheeler.
100 cabbages, from Mr. A. S 5.
A load of hay, from Mr. Richards.
A donation of earthenware, from Mr. Miller.
A donation of sundry articles of kitchen furniture, from Mrs. G. W. Jones.
A donation of crockery, from Read, & Co. Market street.
6 tumblers, Mrs. Cresson.
A writing-desk, completely furnished, from a friend to the Institution.
1 bbl. potatoes, from Mrs. Latimer.
A donation of groceries, from Mrs. M'Donaugh.
50 lb. rice, from Mrs. Yorke.
1 bbl. of soft soap, from Mr. Long.
104 lb. of soap, from Mr. Taylor.
Donations of poultry, vegetables, &c. from Mrs. Comeygs, Mrs. Jones, and other Managers.
A donation of medicine, from Charles Marshall, Market street.
A donation of medicine, from Frederick Brown, Chesnut street.
A donation of medicine, from S. Biddle, Market street.
A donation of medicine, from Mr. Cohen, Market street.
A donation of medicine, from Mr. H. Zollickoffer.
A donation of medicine, from T. M'Clintock.
Do. from E. Lowber, S 3 86.
Do.

DR. Indigent Widows and Single Women's Society in account current with R. Ralston, Treasurer of the Building Committee. CR.

			Dolls	C.
1821.				
March	5	To cash paid J. Lippincott, for note discounted by him, and which has been due since 16th Feb'y. without demanding interest, - - -	5500	00
	6	F. Miley, for gravel used in paving,	5	50
April	7	last instalment to A. Hampton, for erecting the Asylum, - - - -	105	00
May	28	Thomas Webster, balance of his account for building stable and laying pavement, &c.	27	10
June	8	Samuel Richards, towards reimbursing loan by him used to pay last instalment on Asylum, - - S 132 50		
		Samuel Archer, ditto, - 132 50		
		Joshua Lippincott, ditto, - 132 50		
		R. Ralston, ditto, - 132 50		
			530	00
1822.				
Feb'y.	1	S. Fox, for bricks used in front wall,	49	50
April	20	John Struthers, on account of marble work for steps, - - - - -	50	00
		John Stull, for digging and hauling earth from yard, - - - - - -	20	40
		Thos. Bonsall, for lime for front wall,	12	96
June	1	John Stull, on account for hauling sand, gravel, &c. - - - - - -	12	00
	8	John Struthers, on account of marble work for steps, - - - - -	75	00
	11	Jos. S. Walters, in full, for bricklayers work at Asylum, - - - -	83	68
July	17	John Harned, for copper spouts, &c.	15	51
		discount on note, - - - -		10
	18	John Stull, balance in full, - -	56	62
	21	Michael Hardraft, for plastering and painting chimneys, - - - -	20	00
	29	discount on note, - - -		13
Aug.	8	John Struthers, balance of his account for marble steps, &c. - - -	390	00
1823.				
Jan'y.	4	Samuel Fox, in full, for bricks, -	110	45
	8	Dr. Ewing's bill for introducing Schuylkill water, and for hydrant, - - -	62	44
		Michael Garnet, carpenter, for a new gate, &c. - - - - - -	23	91
		James Skerrett & Son, blacksmiths, for sundry jobs in house, and for gate, - -	25	12
			7175	42

			Dolls	C.
1821.				
Jan'y.	11	By balance from last account, - - -	43	06
		By cash from Miss Bayard, being a donation from Judge Gibson, - - - - -	5	00
	24	collected by Mrs. Henry, - -	8	00
March	5	John Strawbridge for mortgage on the Asylum, dated 1st inst. payable in three years, at 6 per cent. per annum, giving the guarantee of S. Richards, S. Archer, J. Lippincott, and R. R. for the punctual payment of the interest semi-annually, - - - - - -	5500	00
	19	J. Strawbridge, a bonus of 1½ per cent. on the 5500 dollars borrowed for taking the money at 6 per cent. per annum, - - - - - S 82 50		
		Interest allowed for one day, - - 79		
			83	29
June	8	Mrs. Hodge, received by her from Thomas Montgomery and George Latimer, Esqrs. executors of Robert Montgomery, deceased, a further donation of - - - - -	500	00
		Charles L. Smith, a donation of -	20	00
		a Gentleman, by Miss Caroline Bayard,	10	00
Aug.	24	Mrs. Latimer, through Mr. Richards, being 100 dollars from R. R., and residue collected by her towards defraying the expenses of the steps, - - - - - - - -	130	00
Sept.	14	Mrs. Hodge, a donation from Miss Mary Stirling, - - - - - - - -	5	00
1822.				
May	25	Mrs. Hemphill, Wilmington, a donation,	10	00
June	7	Mrs. Duncan, being the subscriptions of Charles Chauncey, Esq. S 50 00		
		J. Brinton, Esq. - - 10 00		
			60	00
	8	Joshua Lippincott, for steps, - -	50	00
	11	Samuel Archer, his subscription for steps,	50	00
July	17	Mrs. Duncan, being the subscriptions of John Sergeant, Esq. - S 10 00		
		Horace Binney, Esq. - 10 00		
		Edward Burd, Sen. Esq. 10 00		
		Mr. Caldcleugh, - - 5 00		
		Miss Butler, - - - 5 00		
		Mrs. Watts, - - - 5 00		
		Mrs. Carswell, - - 5 00		
		Thos. Kittera, Esq. - 10 00		
		Doctor Griffith, - - 5 00		
		Cash, - - - - 3 00		
		Do. from Mrs. D. - 10 00		
		Do. left with her by Mrs. Graydon, the subscriptions of Doctor James, - - - - - 5 00		
		Mrs. Beck, - - - 5 00		
			88	00
	29	Mrs. Hodge, collected by Miss Caroline Bayard, - - - - - -	7	50
Aug.	7	rec'd on loan from S. Richards, S 97 50		
		S. Archer, 97 50		
		J. Lippincott, 97 50		
		R. Ralston, 97 50		
			390	00
Oct.	9	from Mrs. Hodge, collected by Mrs. Hazlehurst, to defray expenses of marble steps,	18	00
1823.				
Jan'y.	3	Samuel Richards, Esq. his subscription for steps, - - - - - -	100	00
	8	a loan from S. Richards, - S 24 39		
		J. Lippincott, - 24 39		
		S. Archer, - - 24 39		
		R. Ralston, - 24 40		
			97	57
		Errors excepted.		
			7175	42

Philadelphia, January 8, 1823. ROBERT RALSTON.

The undersigned having compared the vouchers with the charges in the foregoing account, do find them correct.

SAMUEL RICHARDS.
JOSHUA LIPPINCOTT.

THE

SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT,

FOR THE YEAR 1823,

OF

THE MANAGERS

OF THE

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Mrs. Mary Hodge.

Secretary.

Mrs. W. L. Hodge.

Managers.

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Mrs. Mary Yorke,
Mrs. Mary Hodge,
Mrs. Catherine Chew,
Mrs. Catherine Comegys,
Mrs. Rebecca Cope,
Mrs. Ann Collins,
Mrs. Mary Donaldson,
Mrs. Theodosia Graydon,
Mrs. Elizabeth Haskins,
Mrs. Elizabeth Hazlehurst,
Mrs. Rebecca Hallowell,
Mrs. I. C. Jones,
Mrs. Susanna Latimer,
Mrs. Sarah Lippincott,
Mrs. Susan Longstreth,
Mrs. Ann Richards,
Mrs. Simmons,
Mrs. E. Kane,
Miss E. Latimer,
Miss Ralston,
Miss Wheeler,
Miss C. Bayard,
Mrs. W. L. Hodge.

The Seventh Anniversary Meeting of the Indigent Widows and Single Women's Society, was held at the Session Room of the First Presbyterian Church, on Thursday, January 8th, 1824. The Rev. Dr. Green opened the meeting with prayer, after which he read the following Reports:

THE present age is characterized by a spirit of benevolence, which pervades all places inhabited by Christians; and perhaps there is none more distinguished for this virtue than our city; the various institutions supported by the liberality of the public; the exertions made by all classes for the relief of suffering age and helpless infancy, bear testimony to the excellency and purity of that religion, which proclaims "peace on earth and good will towards men;" and the asylums raised for the shelter of the houseless children of want, will be a lasting memento of the kindness of those who have wiped the tears from the eye of the orphan, and soothed the sorrows of the aged widow.

It is generally known, that in a large city there are always a number of persons who have once been in easy circumstances, and enjoyed the comforts attendant on this state, but have been reduced by misfortunes to poverty; who are too respectable to be classed with the poor, that come under the notice of most charitable societies, are unwilling to be the inmates of an Alms House, and yet are unable to procure for themselves the comforts or even necessaries of life; for such, it was desirable that some place should be provided where their declining years might be rendered comfortable, without their feeling the misery and degradation incident to a state of entire dependence on public charity. Under this feeling it was proposed, in the year 1817, to institute a Society for the relief of Indigent Widows and Single Women, and to erect an asylum for the reception of those who could themselves, or through the influence and exertion of their friends, advance a small sum for their admission; by this means it was supposed that unworthy objects would be excluded; and it was intended that all

who were capable of employment, should engage in some work, that they might not feel that depression which is occasioned by a consciousness of being entirely useless and dependent on others. The experiment has been fairly made, and has exceeded the expectations excited with regard to it. Since the institution of the Society, seventy-four persons have been sheltered, and received all the attention their situation demanded: a few of these have, at different times, and for various reasons, left the Asylum; but the proportion of deaths has not been greater than must necessarily have been expected, from the great age and infirmities of the inmates of the house. In the year 1820, the family took possession of the large and commodious building erected for their accommodation; the ground on which it stands, was generously given to the Society by some gentlemen, and the house was raised by the liberal contributions of kind and respectable individuals; the debt upon this is not yet entirely liquidated, but has now become so small, that the managers trust a continuance of the kindness of their patrons will enable them very soon to pay the remaining portion of it. The average expenses of the institution have not exceeded 2500 dollars per annum, including the interest of the debt on the house, which sum has been raised by annual and life subscriptions, donations, legacies, the sale of work done in the Asylum, and the money required for admission.

During the last year, nine persons have been admitted into the Asylum, and there have been four deaths: whilst the surrounding country was devastated by sickness, the inmates of the Asylum suffered from its influence, but in no instance did it prove fatal; they experienced the usual kind attention of the physician who has always visited at the house; and the family at present, consisting of twenty-eight, are in the enjoyment of good health.

The managers would not do justice to their own feelings, did they omit this opportunity of testifying the high sense they entertain of the unwearied kindness, and excellent management of their valuable superintendent, who has evinced constantly the utmost attention to the interests of the Society, and to the comfort of those under her charge. It is stated with much satisfaction, that neatness and order prevail in the Asylum, and that a spirit of harmony and good will reigns throughout the institution.

The managers would again tender their acknowledgments to their friends, for the benevolence experienced on all occasions, and they would particularly and gratefully notice the liberal bequest of the late Mr. Rigby, which will be faithfully applied to the purposes specified in the will.

This brief summary is exhibited by the managers under the impression that their generous benefactors will be gratified by the knowledge that their charity has been bestowed upon worthy objects, that they have afforded comparative happiness to many who would otherwise have descended to the grave oppressed by all the ills of poverty and disease—for them the prayer of the widow ascends to that Gracious Being who listens to the most humble supplicant.

His blessing has rested upon this institution, and to his mercy it is recommended. He has put it into the hearts of his people to do good, and the Board of Managers feel assured, that the liberality of their patrons will be continued, from a conviction that it has been extensively and permanently useful.

DR. *The Indigent Widows and Single Women's Society, in account with the Treasurer.* *CR.*

1823.			1823.		
To Cash paid upon warrant of Board of Managers for one quarter's interest on Mortgage due 1st Dec.	82	50	By balance of account,	39	23
Do. paid for one year's interest on do. ending Dec. 1, 1823.	330	00	Cash received for the admission of Pensioners to the Asylum,	300	00
Do. paid Mrs. Lowery,	30	00	Cash for Board of do. in do.	159	00
Do. paid Phœbe Carter,	20	00	Do. for Life Subscriptions,	60	00
Do. paid for printing reports and notices,	18	75	Do. for Annual do.	837	00
Do. paid for sundry repairs of Asylum,	71	21	Do. for Donations,	225	50
Do. paid for Funeral expenses	25	50	By amount of Sales,	57	72
Do. paid for three tons of Coal,	25	20	By work done in the Family,	98	75
Do. paid for purchase of 6 per cent. Stock,	1311	25	Cash received from the Charity Box,	17	92
Do. paid the Committee of Supplies for the Family,	1664	75	Do. for fines from Managers,	4	75
Balance remaining on the 31st Dec.	31	37	Do. for a legacy from Capt. Paul Cox,	100	00
			Do. from the executors of Moses B. Moody,	1306	00
			By sale of Philadelphia Bank share,	91	50
			Cash received for proceeds of Mr. Goodacre's lecture,	75	00
			Do. for jury fees from several gentlemen,	20	00
			By interest on 6 per cent. Stock,	218	16
Dollars	3610	53	Dollars	3610	53

The Committee appointed for the purpose, having examined the accounts of the Treasurer, find them correct.

ELIZABETH LATIMER, CAROLINE BAYARD, } *Committee.*

DONATIONS,

Received since the last Publication.

Dr. Parke, from Mr. Barclay's remittance,	50	00	From a Lady, by Miss Phillips,	3	00
Mrs. Yates,	4	00	Sarah Hutchins,	4	00
From a gentleman, by Mrs. Latimer,	5	00	Henry Hutchins $3, John Johnson $2,	5	00
From S. R. of N. Jersey, by Mrs. Jones,	1	00	Donation of Jury fees, from Mr. Samuel		
From Miss Chester, for the benefit of Mary Quail,	30	00	Richards,	2	00
Donation from Miss Hannah Chauncy, of school premiums,	49		Mrs. Beulah Sansom,	5	00
Mrs. John Stille,	5	00	Jury fees, by a Gentleman,	11	00
Mrs. John Miller,	5	00	A Legacy from Capt. Paul Cox,	100	00
From a Friend,	5	00	The proceeds of Mr. Goodacre's Lecture,	75	00
Miss Garrata,	1	50	A donation from Miss Chester,	10	00
From a Friend to the Poor,	20	00	Mr. I. Miller, through Mr. Ralston,	3	00
Mrs. Markoe,	10	00	Mrs. Chew, from Mr. Barclay's remittance,	30	00
A Gentleman, through Mr. A. Henry,	5	00	Mrs. Pennington,	5	00
Miss Carson,	3	00	Mrs. Higgins,	3	00

Indigent Widows and Single Women's Society, in account with Purchasing Committee.

DR.

To Cash, paid superintendent's salary, and servant's wages			$233 44
To Do. for house repairs, sundry furniture, &c.			80 50
To Do. for marketing,			380 00
,, for wood,			169 00
,, for flour,			254 37½
,, for butcher's meat,			93 28
,, for groceries,			248 78
,, for medicine,			16 00
,, for water tax,			15 00
,, for household expenses,			150 00
,, for cleaning the well, and digging a trench, &c.			23 00
Amount carried over			$1663 37½

Amount brought forward	$1663 37½
Balance remaining with the committee	1 37½
	$1664 75

CR.

By Cash received by warrants on the treasury at sundry times - - - - - - - $1664 75

NEW ANNUAL SUBSCRIBERS,

Since the last Report.

Mrs. Eliza Hillegas, - - -	$ 3
Miss Jane Howell, - - - -	3
Miss Ledyard, - - - -	3
Mrs. Hannah E. Snowden, - -	3
Miss Elizabeth Baker, a life subscription,	30

A list of the Donations made to the Widow's Asylum during the year 1823.

Matting for a committee room, by Mrs. Jones.
A settee, by Mrs. West.
A half dozen mahogany chairs, by Mrs. Hallowell.
A half dozen small knives and forks, by Mr. Widdefield.
A box of tea, by Miss Ralston.
A tea urn, from Mrs. Hallowell.
Donations of fruit, vegetables, and poultry, by several of the managers,
Two jars of currant jelly, from a lady.
One bag of apples, and two of potatoes, by a gentleman.
One barrel of soft soap, from Mr. Cook.
17 cabbages, from Mr. ——.
One bottle of brandy, by Mr. Wilson.
Two bushel of potatoes, and one bag of carrots, by Mrs. Duval.
A donation of spectacles, by Mr. M'Allister.
Two and a half pounds of snuff, by Mrs. Mayland.
Two barrels of potatoes, 30 cabbages, and a half bushel of turnips, from Mr. Mitchell.
One dozen almanacks, from a friend.
Medicine, by D. B. Smith.
Do. by Smith and Pearsoll.
Do. by E. B. Garrigues.
Do. by Frederick Brown.
A deduction of seven dollars from Mr. Hanse's bill, for repairs done at the Asylum.

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Miss A. C. Bayard.

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Mrs. Carswell,
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Mrs. Elizabeth Biddle,
Mrs. Elizabeth Hazlehurst,
Mrs. Rebecca Hallowell,
Mrs. I. C. Jones,
Mrs. Susannah Latimer,
Mrs. Sarah Lippincott,
Mrs. Sarah W. Longstreth,
Mrs. Ann Richards,
Mrs. Simmons,
Mrs. E. Kane,
Miss E. Latimer,
Miss Ralston,
Miss Wheeler,
Miss A. C. Bayard,
Miss A. M. Bayard.

At the Annual Meeting of the Indigent Widows and Single Women's Society, held at the Session Room of the First Presbyterian Church, on Thursday, the 13th January, 1825, the following Report was read:—

The Board of Managers of the Indigent Widows and Single Women's Society, offering to their friends and patrons their Anniversary Report, have a most pleasing duty to perform, in the expression of their gratitude for the mercies and blessings of the past year, and for the present prosperity of the Institution.

Their hearts are peculiarly sensible of the benefits which they now enjoy, because with them it has not been ever thus; even during the year that is gone, they experienced great inconvenience from a deficiency of means, and were obliged to appeal to the benevolence of the public, with scarcely a dollar in their treasury. It is almost unnecessary to say, that this appeal was not made in vain. Since that period of trial, the mercies of God have flowed in upon them, and they have found that they had not placed their trust where they could be disappointed. He whose loving kindness extends to all his creatures was not unmindful of the helpless inmates of the Asylum, but in the home prepared for them, ministered abundantly to their wants.

They are happy to state, that by the assistance derived from several valuable legacies, the debt on the building is almost liquidated; and though they have never before afforded shelter to the same number of persons, their means have been adequate to the increase of expenditure, and they close the year nearly free from debt. The family consists of forty, who gratefully enjoy the shelter and provision which the public bounty has furnished. Fifteen have been admitted during the last year, and five have been removed by death, several of whom were among the oldest members of the institution; and such were the evidences of their piety, that it is believed death to them was a summons of mercy, and that in ending their weary pil-

grimage here, they entered into His presence where there is fulness of joy, and at whose right hand there are pleasures for evermore. It will no doubt be gratifying to the subscribers to learn that their protection has generally been extended to such as appear to be the people of God, and the building they have erected has often been consecrated by the triumphant death of the righteous.

There was a slight recurrence of the prevailing intermittent fever during the autumn, but by no means so severe as heretofore, and the Managers desire to acknowledge the unremitting attention of their physician, to whom they owe a debt of gratitude for his professional services, most cordially rendered from the commencement of the establishment.

Among the blessings of the past year, they are gratified in mentioning the peace, harmony, and affection, that prevail among the inmates of the family, and the appearance of content and happiness. They would also notice the order and good management of the house, which they trace to their excellent Matron, who appears to be highly qualified for the situation in which she is placed, and who has devoted herself unreservedly to promote the welfare of the institution: they are happy thus publicly to speak of her merits, and to acknowledge their obligations. The subscribers are invited to visit the Asylum; it is believed the present statements will be found correct, and that the dispensers of so much good to others, will be gratified in witnessing the happiness which their charity has promoted.

The Board of Managers return their unfeigned thanks for several liberal donations and bequests, and to the Building Committee they would express their obligations, not only for their kind services, but for their generous contributions. It is principally through their liberality that they are enabled to finish the exterior of the building, which will be completed by erecting on the wall in front an iron railing, the gift of one of these gentlemen.

However gratified the managers may be in giving a more flattering account than usual of the state of their affairs, they owe it to their charge to mention, that the income derived from subscriptions will by no means answer for the support of so

large a family. This great addition to their numbers has therefore been an act of faith: they look to Him, "whose tender mercies are over all His works;" who openeth His hand, and satisfieth the desires of every creature, and who has encouraged us by the declaration, that none who put their trust in Him shall be desolate.

This gracious Being has made many promises to the bereaved and afflicted; and, relying on these promises, the dispensers of your bounty have ventured to extend the benefits of the Asylum to nearly as many as the building will accommodate.

The number of subscribers has sensibly diminished during the last four years; still they are not discouraged, but confidently hope that with increasing prospects of usefulness, they may find new friends.

They leave the cause of the widow in the hands of those who have hitherto cherished and sustained them. These helpless sufferers can make no return; they are bowed down by the sorrows and infirmities of age; even the grasshopper to them has become a burden, and the period of their usefulness has passed; but they can still lift up their feeble hands in supplication, and draw down the rich blessings of Heaven on their benefactors; and their prayers will not be disregarded by Him, whose ear is ever open to the cry of His afflicted followers. He "will not forget your work and labour of love," but hath said, "he that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord; and that which he hath given He will pay him again."

DR. *The Indigent Widows and Single Women's Society, in Account with the Treasurer.* *CR.*

	Dolls. Cts.		Dolls. Cts.
To Cash paid, upon warrants of the Board of Managers, to the Purchasing Committee,	1815 00	By Balance of old account,	31 37
Cash paid for wood,	69 08	Annual contributions,	710 00
Amount invested in 6 per cent. stock,	2482 75	Life subscriptions,	120 00
Interest on mortgage on the building,	288 75	Donations,	71 02
Expense of printing Reports, &c.	11 37	Donation from Mr. Barclay, of London, by the hands of Dr. Parke,	100 00
Funeral expenses,	16 00	Legacy from Mr. Henry Rigby, deceased,	2061 31
Admission money returned,	50 00	Do. from Miss M'Call,	50 00
Expense of putting up iron railing,	50 00	Do. from Miss Ingles,	50 00
Balance due the Society,	51 10	Do. from Mr. John Fries,	50 00
		Second payment on account of the legacy from Mr. Moses B. Moody,	108 40
		Board of Pensioners,	217 00
		Admissions into the Asylum,	480 00
		Sale of work done in the Asylum, including knitting 16 doz. pair of stockings,	146 68
		Ground-rent and interest on stock,	392 34
		Cash from charity-box,	28 85
		Fines of Managers,	12 75
		Jury fees from 3 gentlemen,	15 00
		Cash on account of Esther Trimble,	159 72
		Cash from Mrs. Christie's estate,	29 61
	4834 05	E. E.	4834 05

Philadelphia, January 13, 1825.

DR. *The Indigent Widows and Single Women's Society, in Account with the Building Committee.* *CR.*

	Dolls. Cts.		Dolls. Cts.
To Cash paid in full, the amount of the mortgage on the building,	5500 00	By Cash for $3984 31 of six per cent. stock sold,	4130 53
Balance of interest on ditto,	14 95	Cash at Loan Office for $1000 six per cent. stock of 1812, paid off,	1000 00
Entering satisfaction at Recorder's Office,	50	Legacy from Miss Eliza Thomson,	250 00
		Balance due to the Committee,	134 92
	5515 45	E. E.	5515 45

Philadelphia, January 4, 1825.

DR. *The Indigent Widows and Single Women's Society, in Account with the Purchasing Committee.* *CR.*

1824.	Dolls. Cts.	1824.	Dolls. Cts.
To Cash paid Matron, for family expenses,	376 42	By Cash received from Treasurer, at sundry times,	1815 00
Ditto, for butcher's meat,	170 86		
Ditto, for wood,	131 03		
Ditto, for flour,	231 17		
Ditto, for groceries,	458 63		
Ditto, for servants' wages,	91 87		
Ditto, for matron's salary,	130 00		
Ditto, for yarn,	22 17		
Ditto, for house repairs,	17 45		
Ditto, for bill of medicines,	19 17		
Ditto, for hay,	14 94		
Ditto, for shad,	17 00		
Ditto, for water tax,	15 00		
Ditto, for articles of clothing,	20 60		
Ditto, for sundries,	121 19	Balance	22 50
	1837 50		1837 50

DONATIONS.

Susannah Morris,	$5 00
Henry J. Hutchins,	2 00
Mrs. M'Guigan,	1 00
Miss Hutchins, at sundry times,	6 50
Ann Webb,	3 00
Mrs. Frederick Kohne,	5 00
Mr. Lockhart,	25 00
Jury fees from three gentlemen,	15 00

LIFE SUBSCRIPTIONS,

Omitted, and received since the last Report.

Mrs. Elizabeth Harvey,	$30 00
Mrs. John White,	30 00
Mr. Tobias Wagner,	30 00
Mrs. Alexander Henry,	30 00
Dr. Caspar Wistar,	30 00
Mrs. D. Suter,	30 00

NEW ANNUAL SUBSCRIBERS.

Mrs. Elizabeth Mayland, - - -	$3 00
Mrs. Carswell, - - - -	3 00
Elizabeth Biddle, - - - -	3 00
Mrs. Lamb, - - - - -	3 00
Mrs. Ann T. Fletcher, - - -	3 00
Miss Jane Byrne, - - - -	3 00
Ann Morrison, - - - -	3 00
Mrs. Delia Stewart, - - -	3 00
Mrs. Samuel Bispham, - - -	5 00
Miss M. Caldwell, - - - -	3 00
Miss Frances D. Hayne, - - -	3 00
Miss Eliza Lapsley, - - -	3 00
Mrs. Massey, - - - - -	3 00
Miss Johnson, - - - - -	3 00
Mrs. Mary Ann Bunce, - - -	5 00

A List of Donations received at the Asylum, during the year 1824.

Three bags of potatoes, and 17 lbs. of cheese, by Mrs. Longstreth.
One dozen almanacs, by a friend.
Twenty bushels of potatoes, from Mr. Hartshorne.
A box of tea, by Mr. Thomson.
Five dollars for coffee, by Mrs. Clapier.
Bed-quilt and sundries, by a lady.
A donation of earthenware, by Messrs. Miller, Richards, Bryan, and others.
One pound of thread, from Messrs. Brown & Lewis.
Sundry donations of provisions, and articles for the sick, by Mrs. Comegys.
Donations of fruit, by several friends.
Five gallons of cider, a cheese, and groceries to the amount of five dollars, by Mr. Wilson.
Forty-five yards of white flannel, by Mr. Hipple.
One piece of yellow flannel, by Mrs. Kane.
Donations of medicine, from Messrs. Frederick Brown, Ellis & Griffith, Hart, Lehman, and M'Clintock.
Cotton, and sundries, from Mrs. Palmer.
Donations of snuff, from Mrs. Leiper and Mrs. E. Mayland.
A bag of coffee, by Miss Ralston.
Seven bushels of potatoes, by Mrs. Jones.

CONSTITUTION
OF
THE WIDOWS AND SINGLE WOMEN'S SOCIETY.

ARTICLE I.

Every female paying three dollars per annum, or thirty dollars as a Life Subscription, shall be a member of this Society.

ARTICLE II.

The business of the Society shall be conducted by twenty-four managers, who shall be chosen annually by the members present at a meeting, which shall be held on the second Thursday of January in every year, and the managers so chosen, shall within three days afterwards meet at the call of the secretary officiating at the annual meeting, and choose a First Directress, Second Directress, Secretary, and Treasurer, out of their own body; and if an election shall not have been held at the time appointed, the managers in office shall continue to act until an election takes place; they shall make by-laws for their own government, and report their proceedings at every annual meeting of the Society.

ARTICLE III.

Thirteen members shall form a quorum for the transaction of all business. The notice necessary for the annual meeting, together with the call of special meetings, shall be by the authority of the managers.

ARTICLE IV.

The managers shall have power to fill up vacancies in their own body, to serve until the ensuing annual election.

ARTICLE V.

Amendments, or additional articles, to this Constitution, may be made by the consent of two thirds of the members present at any annual meeting.

RULES

FOR

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE MANAGERS

OF

The Asylum for Indigent Widows and Single Women.

The managers shall meet on the first Thursday of every month, at such time and place as they may appoint.

Seven of the managers shall form a quorum, which shall be competent to business.

No person shall be at liberty to withdraw from the board without permission, and no conversation but such as relates to business shall be allowed.

A fine of twenty-five cents shall be incurred for non-attendance at each meeting, unless satisfactory reasons shall be given.

All reports of committees shall be in writing.

The First Directress shall preside at the meetings of the managers, preserve order, appoint committees, call special meetings, and in all equal divisions of the board give the casting vote; in her absence the second Directress shall preside, and if both be absent a person shall be chosen from among the members present to preside at the meeting.

The Secretary shall keep a register of the names of members, record their proceedings, and the proceedings of the board of managers, prepare such reports to be laid before the Society as they shall direct, and notify all meetings of the Society, specifying both time and place.

The Treasurer shall hold the evidences of the property belonging to the Society, receive all moneys and deposit the same in a Bank in her name as Treasurer, make payments agree-

ably to the orders of the managers, keep a fair account of all receipts and expenditures, which account shall be rendered every six months to the board, or as often as they shall appoint, and shall prepare a statement to be laid before the Society at their general meeting.

The managers shall be divided into committees of two, who in weekly rotation shall superintend the care of the Asylum, judging of the proper objects to be received into it, and shall generally direct the concerns of the family, reporting the state of the Asylum at each monthly meeting.

Four committees, consisting of two members each, shall be annually appointed to collect the contributions and pay the same to the Treasurer.

The permanent fund will consist of the life subscriptions and donations, the whole of which shall be invested in some productive property.

The superintendent shall have the entire charge of the house under the direction of the managers and visiting committee; she must be attentive and respectful to those who reside in the house, be present at their meals, see that proper decorum is observed, and that grace is said before and after meat.

Persons admitted must be recommended by respectable citizens to the satisfaction of the visiting committee, their age not being under sixty years.

Application for admission must be made at the Asylum, where the names of the applicants will be inserted in a book kept for the purpose, with a reference to their places of abode and the persons recommending them, in order that the visiting committee may attend to the business and give answers as soon as possible.

When a permanent Asylum is provided, every person admitted will be placed in a *separate lodging room*, but all shall eat at a general table.

It will be expected that those who are capable shall sew, knit, spin, or render any other service for the benefit of the Institution.

Persons may be admitted as pay boarders, but not to the exclusion of the Poor.

To preserve perfect harmony in the family, the strictest attention must be paid to the rules of the Asylum. For the first and second violation there will be an admonition; for the third a complaint to the board; should this be ineffectual, a removal from the house.

All complaints must be referred to the visiting committee *only*, who will pay immediate attention to them.

FORM OF A BEQUEST

TO

THE INDIGENT WIDOWS AND SINGLE WOMEN'S SOCIETY.

MONEY LEGACY.

"I give and bequeath unto *The Indigent Widows and Single Women's Society*, the sum of
to be paid to the Treasurer, for the time being, for the use of the said Society."

DEVISE OF REAL ESTATE AND GROUND-RENTS.

"I give and devise unto *The Indigent Widows and Single Women's Society*, [here describe the property or ground-rent] together with the appurtenances in fee-simple."

THE

NINTH ANNUAL REPORT,

FOR THE YEAR 1825,

OF

THE MANAGERS

OF THE

Indigent Widows' and Single Women's Society;

WITH A LIST OF

THE OFFICERS AND MANAGERS, AND OF THE CONTRIBUTORS SINCE THE LAST ANNUAL REPORT.

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LIST OF OFFICERS AND MANAGERS

FOR

THE YEAR 1826.

First Directress.
Mrs. Martha Duncan.

Second Directress.
Mrs. Mary Yorke.

Treasurer.
Mrs. Mary Hodge.

Secretary.
Miss A. C. Bayard.

Managers.

Mrs. Martha Duncan,
Mrs. Mary Yorke,
Mrs. Mary Hodge,
Mrs. Catherine Chew,
Mrs. Catherine Comegys,
Mrs. Rebecca Cope,
Mrs. Ann Collins,
Mrs. Carswell,
Mrs. Theodosia Graydon,
Mrs. Elizabeth Biddle,
Mrs. Elizabeth Hazlehurst,
Mrs. Rebecca Hallowell,
Mrs. I. C. Jones,
Mrs. Susannah Latimer,
Mrs. Sarah Lippincott,
Mrs. Sarah W. Longstreth,
Mrs. Ann Richards,
Mrs. Simmons,
Mrs. E. Kane,
Miss E. Latimer,
Miss Ralston,
Miss Wheeler,
Miss A. C. Bayard,
Miss A. M. Bayard.

At the Annual Meeting of the Indigent Widows' and Single Women's Society, held at the Session Room of the First Presbyterian Church, on Thursday, the 12th of January, 1826, the following Report was read:—

To visit and to relieve the widows and the fatherless in their affliction, is beautifully defined, by one of the chosen disciples of our blessed Lord, as illustrative of that pure religion, which is acceptable to Almighty God. It would seem superfluous at this time, when presenting their Ninth Annual Report, were your Managers to recall to the memory of their friends and patrons, the motives which induced, or the purposes intended, by the formation of this society. It may suffice, to refer to that period, when, among the many charitable institutions which had already credited the good feelings of the Philadelphians, there did not one exist, that embraced the objects for which this society was formed: there was not *one*, in which the respectable widow, bereaved and desolate, could find a shelter.

Recurrence to the past, brings the saddened recollection of her, to whose memory the tributary tears of the widow and the orphan have not ceased to flow; and to whose active charity and influence must be ascribed, the establishment of an asylum, where the aged, the infirm, and the destitute have found a home.

When your Managers reflect upon the success that has attended their unceasing and unwearied labours since this society was first organized, they are animated with devotion and thanksgiving, to persevere in their humble exertions, which the Fountain and Giver of all strength and of all good has vouchsafed to favour. In fulfilling the purposes of this society, the tenderest sensibilities of the heart are exercised, to which every bosom must respond that feels the influence of the sacred injunction—"When thou cuttest down thine harvest in thy field, and hast forgot a sheaf in the field, thou shalt not go again to fetch it; it shall be for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow, that the Lord thy God may bless thee in all the work of thine hands." The Lord of the harvest has favoured,

by his gracious providence, the labours of his servants. When the store of your charity was almost exhausted; when the hearts of your Managers grew faint with apprehension lest there should soon be a limitation to their resources; and when the pittance earned by the willing industry of the incumbents, whom your benevolence had rescued from want and misery, was not enough to provide for the approaching week: at this momentous crisis, the spirit of liberality revived; the refreshing stream of charity renewed its current; the treasury of the Widows was replenished, and the necessities of your dependants supplied.

To the noble munificence of Robert Barclay, of Bury Hill, in England, the society is indebted for repeated donations; some of which, as if sent by the hand of Providence, have come at moments of extreme emergency.

The legacy bequeathed to the Society by Mr. Haga, was a timely and most valuable bequest. It is needless to say how grateful the Managers are to the humane testator; and also to his executors, who were so kind as to transmit to the treasurer a prompt payment. In their book of minutes is recorded—"That the Board of Managers feel deeply sensible of the liberality of their benevolent benefactor, and desire to record with gratitude the seasonable assistance afforded them by his munificent bequest, and their unfeigned respect for his memory."

For other donations, specified in the Treasurer's Report, the sincere thanks of the Board are tendered.

Before concluding the page of their grateful acknowledgments, the Managers feel the truest pleasure in offering to the humane physician of the widows, the united thanks of those to whom his pious charity administered, and of the Board, on whom the favour of his gratuitous attendance was conferred. To his skilful and assiduous attentions, and more especially to the favour of a kind Providence, must be attributed the unusual healthiness of the establishment during that season which had formerly been most liable to the incursions of sickness and distress. In this refuge of age and infirmities, only three deaths have this year occurred, which were long anticipated, from the advanced age and increased debility of the deceased.

Whilst indulging the pure emotions of gratitude, in thus reiterating the expression of thankfulness for favours received, a serious reality obtrudes on the notice of your Managers. The embarrassed state, under which the Society has continued for some years, is well known to that portion of the public acquainted with, or interested in the concerns of this institution. Exertions have been made to relieve the Society from debt and embarrassments; and it is no less agreeable to your Managers, than it is their duty, to report that they have now, comparatively, few difficulties to contend with: but, to the serious reality alluded to, the friends of the Society are earnestly entreated to give their attention. According to the rules of the constitution, legacies are funded; and the income derived from their limited funds, is entirely inadequate to meet the expenses of the house: consequently, the maintainance of the widows and single women chiefly depends upon the annual aid they may receive—It is with extreme regret, the Managers are obliged to state the diminution of their subscription list. Many of their best friends have withdrawn their names, not from dissatisfaction, but from the peculiar depression of the times, which is felt by the virtuous and charitable, as well as by those who are less meritorious.

To the generous and the affluent, the Managers make their appeal.—The urgency and the importance of the case can neither be concealed, nor resisted:—they make this appeal, in the full assurance that

"Except the Lord approve the plan,
"The best concerted schemes are vain:"

And that He has approved, and does still approve the humble efforts of a few zealous females, whose highest honour is, to be employed in obedience to His commands, the inward testimony of a sincere conscience encourages them to believe.

Their present receipts are inefficient; their expenditures are reported by the Treasurer. The strictest economy, as far as is consistent with comfort, is practised by the purchasing committees; but, with all their economy and discretion, and with the co-operation of the worthy matron, to whom has been entrusted for three years, the superintendence of the household,

and who continues to fulfil her duties with the same prudence and faithfulness as before reported—they are unprepared for the coming year. The Society has reached its ninth Anniversary, not with the most cheering prospects; for, it is with the deepest solicitude, your Managers look forward to the uncertain future. That they have had difficulties to contend with, has been before observed; some of those difficulties have been obviated by generous friends;—to those friends the anxious appeal is once more made, with the confidence that it will not be disregarded.

The subsistence of the family of the Widows' Asylum, depends on the success of this application. The Managers feel no apprehension of incurring censure from an enlightened community, on thus fulfilling a duty which they humbly, but sincerely consider incumbent upon them.

In this Asylum, consecrated to humanity, forty-two venerable and respectable sisters in adversity, are the daily partakers of your charity. The prayers of the aged Widows ascend for you, who have searched them in the abodes of retired penury; your bounty has sheltered from the storms of misfortune the gray heads of many, who in their day of prosperity had themselves extended the kind hand of charity; and even of some who had themselves once "fared sumptuously"—your liberality now clothes and feeds them, and they thank you, by their daily blessings, for your bounty. Into this Asylum some have entered, whose lives had waned to three score years and ten, unheeding and unconscious of the God who created them,—of the Saviour who had ransomed them. It has been the privilege of your Managers to enjoy the delightful gratification of observing the influence and progress of religious communion among them—they have witnessed the parting breath of some, who had before "lived without God in the world," ejaculating triumphant Hallelujahs to a merciful and reconciled Father.

If the prayers of the righteous avail, perhaps the gratitude with which you inspire the unfortunate, may rise to Heaven, to invoke and to obtain for you the favours of mercy at that bar, to which they and you, and all of us are hastening.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy."

DR. *The Indigent Widows and Single Women's Society, in Account with the Treasurer.* *CR.*

		Dolls. Cts.			Dolls. Cts.
Jan. 1825.	Paid to the Purchasing Committee, for house expenses,	1774 39	Jan. 1825.	By balance of acc't. rendered,	49 90
	Ditto, for wood,	44 53		Ditto, Annual Subscriptions,	705 00
	Ditto, wages,	127 50		Ditto, Life do.	60 00
	Ditto, yarn for knitting,	38 31		Ditto, Donations,	140 50
	Ditto, the Building Committee,	134 92		Ditto, Admission to the Asylum,	355 90
	Ditto, printing Reports,	16 00		Ditto, Board of Pensioners,	165 00
	Ditto, invested in Bank Stock, &c.	5240 93		Ditto, Amount of Sales,	61 81
				Ditto, Amount of sewing & knitting,	132 75
				Ditto, Legacies,	5145 00
				Ditto, Ground-rent,	6 05
				Ditto, Payment on Esther Trimble's account,	30 00
				Ditto, Jury fees,	3 00
				Ditto, Interest on Stock,	376 25
				Ditto, Fines from Managers,	12 25
				Ditto, Charity-Box,	23 73
				Balance due the Treasurer,	109 44
		7376 58			7376 58

Philadelphia, January 12th, 1826.

DR. *The Indigent Widows and Single Women's Society, in Account with the Purchasing Committee.* *CR.*

1825.	Dolls. Cts.	1825.	Dolls. Cts.
Matron's salary,	150 00	By Cash received from Treasurer, to Feb. 1, 1826,	1827 34
Wages, including whitewashing, &c.	130 25		
Butchers' meat,	233 57		
Butter, eggs, &c.	217 00		
Flour,	160 58		
Feed for cow, and milk,	39 24		
Groceries,	640 50		
Shad,	21 38		
Vegetables,	33 24		
Wood and coal,	137 32		
Clothing for inmates,	57 61		
Medicine,	30 12		
Water Tax,	15 00		
Administration fees,	2 51		
Repairs of Institution,	32 84		
Incidental expenses,	56 74	Balance,	130 56
	1957 90		1957 90

Donations.

Mr. Barclay,	$50 00
A Friend,	25 00
Mrs. Higgins,	2 00
Mrs. S. E. Cresson,	10 00
Mrs. Scott,	5 00
Mr. Bryan,	2 00
Miss Chester,	5 00
By Miss Bayard,	3 00
A Lady,	2 00
Miss H.	50
Mr. Hicks,	10 00
Mr. Watson Jenks,	5 00
Mr. Thomas Yardley,	5 00
Mr. Isaac Star,	5 00
Mr. John Walker,	5 00
Mr. John Downing,	2 50
Mr. F. Brown,	2 00
Mr. C. Evans,	1 50
Jury fees, by G. Ralston,	3 00

New Annual Subscribers.

Miss Mary Currey,	$3 00
Miss S. P. Carswell,	3 00
Mrs. E. Dusarr,	3 00
Mrs. F. Lewis,	3 00
Mrs. Trotman,	3 00
Mrs. Tevis,	3 00
Mrs. Vanderkemp,	3 00
Mrs. Dr. Wood,	3 00
Mr. John Wilson,	3 00
Mrs. S. E. Cresson,	3 00
Mrs. N. Biddle,	3 00
Mrs. L. Biddle,	3 00
Mrs. John Workman,	3 00
Mrs. Charles Penrose,	3 00
Mrs. Weston Donaldson,	3 00

A Life Subscription,

From Mrs. Elizabeth Hartly,* $30 00

* Spelled incorrectly in a former Report.

A List of Donations received at the Asylum, during the year 1825.

Medicine from Mr. Hart.
———— Mr. Lehman.
———— C. & E. Bonsall, of Germantown.
———— Fullerton & Claxson.
———— Mr. H. Troth.
———— Mr. F. Browne.
———— Mr. C. Marshall.
———— Smith & Piersol.
———— Mr. D. Smith.
One bottle of brandy, from Mr. Stone.
One bottle of sweet oil, from a Friend.
Three bushels of potatoes, and two bushels of turnips, from a Friend.
The Balm of Gilead, a tree for the front yard, from M'Arran.
One dollar for candles, from a Friend.
Four pounds of beef suet, from Mr. John Wiltbank.
Snuff, from Mrs. Mayland, Mayland, and Adams.
Almanacs, from Mr. Uriah Hunt, B. & T. Kite, Marot & Walter, and others.
Several donations of medicine, and provisions for Christmas and New-Year, from the Managers.
Twenty-two yards of white flannel, from Mrs. Kane.
Five dollars for clothing, by Mrs. Comegys.
Four dozen spoons, from Handy, Symington, and Bird.

THE

TENTH ANNUAL REPORT,

FOR THE YEAR 1826,

OF

THE MANAGERS

OF THE

Indigent Widows' and Single Women's Society;

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FOR

THE YEAR 1827.

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Second Directress.

Mrs. Mary Yorke

Treasurer.

Mrs. Mary Hodge.

Secretary.

Miss A. C. Bayard.

Managers.

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Mrs. Elizabeth Biddle,
Mrs. Elizabeth Hazlehurst,
Mrs. Rebecca Hallowell,
Mrs. I. C. Jones,
Mrs. Susannah Latimer,
Mrs. Sarah Lippincott,
Mrs. Sarah W. Longstreth,
Mrs. Ann Richards,
Mrs. Simmons,
Mrs. E. Kane,
Mrs. E. Harrison,
Miss E. Latimer,
Miss Ralston,
Miss A. C. Bayard,
Miss A. M. Bayard.

AT the Annual Meeting of the Indigent Widows' and Single Women's Society, held at the Hall of the Academy, on Thursday, the 11th of January, 1827, the following Reports were read:—

ANOTHER year being numbered with those that are past, the Board of Managers of the Indigent Widows' and Single Women's Society, are called upon to offer their Annual Report. The Society having now, by the permission of a kind Providence, existed during the period of ten years, it will, perhaps, be satisfactory to review, briefly, from its commencement, the condition and progress of the Institution; that its subscribers, and those who feel an interest in its advancement, may be able to judge of the course of its operations, and the reality and extent of its usefulness.

The objects of the Society are too well known to require exposition. It took its rise in the year 1817, through the successful exertions of one who devoted her life to the service of her fellow creatures; whose eye was attentive to mark their wants, and whose hand was ever ready to minister to their distress, in whatever form it might present itself. The helplessness of infancy, and the feebleness of age, were both regarded by her; and the sister Institutions, which have arisen under her auspices, will alike recall to remembrance, the obligations of society, and their irreparable loss. But how feeble and unimportant the expression of human approbation, when compared with the blessedness of that eternal reward upon which she has been called to enter, where she now "rests from her labours and her works do follow her."

During the spring of the year in which the Society was instituted, thirty aged females were taken under its care, and a house provided for their accommodation in Market Street, once occupied by the Orphan Society. The family remained in this establishment three years. In the year 1819, a lot of ground on Cherry Street was presented to the Society, for the purpose of erecting on it a building, by gentlemen who have since been its unwearied benefactors, and with whom this was merely the commencement of a liberality and kindness which they have never ceased to extend to the Institution.

Encouraged by this generous benefaction, believing the family would be better situated in a house erected expressly for their accommodation, and desirous the Institution should thus be rendered permanent, contributions were solicited by the Managers for this specific purpose, with a degree of success which justified the commencement of a building. This was completed in 1820, and the family removed to it, in the spring of that year. The house, it is believed, would accommodate nearly sixty persons; but as a large portion of the debt incurred in its erection was then unpaid, the Managers could not venture to add to those under their care while thus embarrassed, and the average number since that period, has been about thirty-four. To judge, however, of the extensive usefulness of the Society, it will be necessary to take into view the whole number who have been relieved since it went into operation. Upwards of one hundred aged females have been supported by the bounty of this Institution, since its establishment; and though the number appears great when compared with the annual statement of the size of the family, yet from the infirmity and age of those who are received into the Asylum, it will be recollected, that, to them, it can only be a temporary home—it is their last resting place, a habitation but for the evening of their days, whence they are called, we trust, to a more enduring mansion, "an inheritance incorruptible, undefiled, and that fadeth not away." It is deemed unnecessary to give more than this cursory narrative, as a detailed account has constantly been presented in the annual reports, and the state of the funds regularly exhibited in those of the Treasurer.

During the last two years, the family has been considerably enlarged, and at present consists of forty-five persons, whose health has been generally good throughout the last season. The same Matron still retains the charge of the Asylum, and continues to merit public confidence and approbation. Three deaths have occurred during the year, and one individual has been removed to the Alms-House, on account of mental alienation, and placed in the select ward, where she is comfortably accommodated, and experiences that judicious treatment which her unfortunate situation renders necessary. Another member of the family was dismissed from the Institution by the Managers, not being deemed a proper object of its charity; and one left it from choice, being desirous to live with some friends, who reside in Canada.

These vacancies, however, have been supplied by the reception of others, so that there is no diminution in the size of the family. The Managers are conscious that human calculation would scarcely justify them in making so many additions to this helpless family. Though the debt on the building is now entirely

liquidated, they find their stated income inadequate to their annual expenses; they could not, however, refuse aged, suffering applicants, pleading for a home, while they had accommodation, and they trusted, that He who had sustained the Widow of Sarepta, would multiply their exhausted stores, and that with His blessing, who alone can enrich, the barrel of meal would not waste, nor the cruise of oil fail.

The Board of Managers desire to express their grateful acknowledgments to the friends and patrons of the Institution, for the repeated and varied instances of their remembrance, during the past year. They are particularly sensible of their obligations to Dr. Sergeant, whose resignation as Physician to the Asylum, was recently received with great regret. They will ever retain in grateful remembrance, the disinterested kindness, which induced him, during the period of nine years, to render his professional services to this Institution. He has been succeeded by Dr. Caspar Wistar, who on hearing of his resignation, immediately offered to supply his place. They would reiterate their thanks to Mr. Alexander, for the seasonable and unexpected relief afforded them by the exhibition of Silk Worms; their exhausted Treasury being replenished by his benevolence, at a moment when they knew not where to look for assistance. But while they make acknowledgments for past favours, it is the duty of the Managers to press upon the public attention, the inadequacy of their resources for the coming year. Their annual subscribers, on whom they principally depend, continue to decrease, and without entering into minute calculations, it will be evident, from an examinatinn of the Treasurer's Report, that the sources of income on which they can reasonably rely, are not adequate to the expenses of the establishment. During the past year, they have repeatedly suffered from pecuniary embarrassment, and they commence the present with a small debt for the current expenses of the house. Under such circumstances they would appeal to the patronage of the public for the support of a society founded in their liberality.

And let it be remembered, that those in whose behalf this appeal is made, are the feeble survivors of past generations, who have outlived the ties which bound them to society, and have seen their earthly comforts, one by one, pass away, until they are left solitary and destitute, at that suffering stage of human existence, when exhausted nature requires all that the most tender assiduity can supply, to minister to its wants, and sustain its afflictions. But though we see them now in their poverty and destitution, bowed down by age and disease, 'tis but to look back a few short years, to behold them in the vigour of youth and health, useful to their fellow creatures, cherished by their friends, and in the active performance of the varied duties of

their relative situations in life. And in this view of the subject, (for none but the virtuous and respectable are received under the protection of this Institution,) they are not merely objects of compassion, but entitled to some expression of the gratitude of society, which can only be rendered by ministering to the relief of their infirmities. We owe much to those who have led useful lives, who have been the friends of virtue and religion, and taught their generation by precept and example, their duty to God and their fellow men. And now that the evil days have come, in which they say they have no pleasure in them; when their strength has become labour and sorrow; now that the storms of life are about to overwhelm them; when they can no longer contend with their violence; shall they not be sheltered and sustained? Will you not offer them a last home, and alleviate their accumulated sufferings? The question has been answered by the erection of a permanent Asylum for their habitation, it has been answered by the liberality with which the society has been sustained for ten years; and we confidently hope it will be answered by future and adequate patronage. Thus will the intention of the Great Disposer of events, who has permitted them so long to remain among us, be fulfilled; and at the last, when earthly possessions have lost their value, and earthly considerations cease to influence, will the mercy which has been extended, meet with its appropriate reward, your "labour of love," will be remembered, and then will it be found that treasure has been laid up in Heaven, which has received an impress of infinite value, and acquired a nature altogether imperishable.

The Indigent Widows' and Single Women's Society, in account with the Treasurer, from January 10, 1826, *to January* 11, 1827.

DR.		CR.	
1827.		1827.	
Jan. 11. To cash paid the Purchasing Committee for family expenditure,	$1,982 00	Jan. 11. By Annual Subscriptions,	$630 00
To funeral expenses,	28 00	By Life Subscriptions,	60 00
To printing Annual Reports,	11 00	By admissions into the Asylum,	150 00
To cash invested in Saving Fund,	100 00	By Board of Pensioners,	206 25
To cash paid Miss M'Henry,	10 00	By Donations,	208 00
Balance in the Treasury,	2 29	By sundry sales,	50 08
		By work executed at the Asylum,	134 40
		By interest on Funded Stock,	367 25
		By Mr. Alexander's Exhibition of Silk Worms,	190 97
		By part of a discretionary bequest of Mrs. Hannah Dean, per Mr. Ralston,	69 41
		By cash from charity box,	21 68
		By cash fines of Managers,	15 25
		By cash being balance of Esther Tremble's account,	30 00
Total,	$2,133 29	Total,	$2,133 29

Purchasing Committee's Account.

Matron's Salary,	$150 00
Wages, washing, and chimneys,	269 74
House-cleaning and brushes,	25 50
Repairs of House,	19 50
Water tax,	15 00
Butcher's meat,	205 82
Milk, and feed for cow,	21 17
Butter and eggs,	127 67
Vegetables and fruit,	50 94
Groceries,	562 90
Flour,	190 00
Baking and smoking meat,	14 63
Yarn,	12 10
Clothing,	51 82
Balance of stoves,	11 62
Incidental expenses,	50 00
Medicine,	22 96
Payment of sundry bills, due from the past year,	183 00
	$1,984 37

Donations received since the last Publication :—

Mrs. Sarah Britton,	$10 00
Rebecca Dawson,	3 00
Barclay remittance,	100 00
Mr. George Vaux,	5 00
Mrs. Higgins,	5 00
A friend,	1 00
Cash,	1 00
Mrs. M'Kibbon,	1 00
Miss Cresson,	2 00
Miss Chester,	10 00
Dr. Stewart,	5 00
G. B. Barrowes, Esq.	10 00
Mrs. Hart,	5 00
Mrs. T. Mifflin,	3 00
Mrs. Eisenbery,	2 00
Dr. Hulings,	5 00
Dr. Parke,	50 00

Life Subscriptions.

Mrs. Carswell,	$30 00
Mrs. John R. Neff,	30 00
Mrs. Thomas S. Richards,	30 00

New Annual Subscribers.

Mrs. H. Carrol,	$3 00
Mrs. G. W. Blight,	3 00
Mrs. Bujac,	3 00
Mrs. Monton,	3 00
Mrs. Mary Harmer,	3 00
Mrs. A. R. Frost,	3 00
Mrs. Henry Harrison,	3 00
Mrs. James B. Latimer,	3 00
Mrs. Moore of Holmesburg,	3 00
Mrs. Jeremiah Warder,	3 00
Mrs. Martha M'Calla,	3 00
Mrs. Dr. Mitchel,	3 00
Dr. La Roche,	3 00
Thomas C. Garret,	3 00
Mr. Samuel Hutchinson,	3 00
Mrs. Eisenbery,	3 00
Mrs. William Chaloner,	3 00
Mrs. J. F. Lewis,	3 00
Miss Abby Cooper,	3 00
Mrs. Mary L. Farrington,	3 00
Mrs. Fanny Lee,	3 00

A List of Donations received at the Asylum, during the year 1826.

Sundry donations of fruit and vegetables from Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Kane, Mrs. Duncan, Mrs. Comegys, and Mrs. Hallowell.

Vegetables from Mr. Pratt.

Provisions sent by the Mayor.

Fruit from Mrs. Wilden.

Earthenware from Mrs. Miller.

Donations to the sick, by Mrs. Carswell and Mrs. Kane.

Medicine from Mr. Bonsall.

Do. Mrs. Biddle.

22 Yards of white flannel from Mrs. Kane.

Donations of poultry, for Christmas and New Year, from several of the Managers.

Dried fruit from Mr. Esher.

A quarto blank-book from Mrs. Bailey.

THE

TWELFTH ANNUAL REPORT,

FOR THE YEAR 1828,

OF

THE MANAGERS

OF THE

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1829.

LIST OF OFFICERS AND MANAGERS

FOR THE YEAR 1829.

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Mrs. Mary Hodge.

Secretary.

Mrs. E. Harrison.

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Mrs. Mary Hodge,
Mrs. Rebecca Cope,
Mrs. Ann Collins,
Mrs. Carswell,
Mrs. Theodosia Graydon,
Mrs. Elizabeth Biddle,
Mrs. Elizabeth Hazlehurst,
Mrs. Rebecca Hallowell,
Mrs. I. C. Jones,
Mrs. Susannah Latimer,
Mrs. Sarah Lippincott,
Mrs. Sarah W. Longstreth,
Mrs. Ann Richards,
Mrs. Simmons,
Mrs. E. Kane,
Mrs. E. Harrison,
Mrs. Stewart,
Mrs. J. A. Brown,
Miss E. Latimer,
Miss Ralston,
Miss A. C. Bayard,
Miss E. Keppele.

At the Annual Meeting of the Indigent Widows' and Single Women's Society, held at the Session Room of the First Presbyterian Church, on Thursday, the 8th of January, 1829, the following Report was read:—

The recurrence of the Anniversary of the "Indigent Widows' and Single Women's Society," makes it the duty of the Managers to acquaint its friends and patrons with the condition and prospects of the Institution with which they are connected, and the transactions of the past year.

The statement they have to offer will of necessity be very brief—there can be little variety in the general operations of such a society from year to year. Were they indeed permitted to enter into detail, and record the history of those whom the painful vicissitudes of life have compelled, at its close, to seek the shelter which has been benevolently provided for them, there would be much to awaken a melancholy interest, and much to gratify the feelings of those who have been instrumental in alleviating some of the heaviest afflictions humanity can be called to sustain. But sorrow is of a sacred character, and it is a duty as far as possible to prevent such an aggravation of suffering as might be occasioned by any unnecessary disclosure.

It is hoped the long tried usefulness of the Institution, has secured to it many friends; it will therefore only be requisite to recall it to the remembrance of its benefactors, by whom it has been so long and liberally supported; and as the establishment is open to public inspection, and the visits of all earnestly solicited, it is believed the general appearance of the Asylum, the neatness, good order, and comfort which prevail within its walls, will obtain the approbation of benevolent visiters, and excite their kind interest in the helpless class of sufferers to whose wants this society is intended to minister.

At the commencement of the past year, in consequence of the numerous and interesting applications made for admission into the Asylum, the Managers were induced to increase the number of its inmates. During the greater part of the year, forty-seven beneficiaries have been supported in the Institution. But where

the pressure of age, infirmity, and disease, are united, any home that may be offered can be but temporary: this has been painfully experienced at the Asylum, in the recent death of six of this aged family, in rapid succession. The loss of so many of the friends with whom they have been intimately associated, appears to have induced a solemnity of feeling among those who remain; and as one and another have been taken from their number, they have generally received it as an admonition addressed to them as individuals—"be ye also ready." To supply the unusual number of vacancies which have occurred, there have been several admissions, making the present number of inmates forty-four.

It is the desire of the Managers to continue to receive into the family, those applicants whose necessities claim their immediate attention; otherwise it would be the dictate of prudence not to add to their numbers while the means of support appear to be precarious.

With respect to the funds of the Society, the Managers have, as usual at the close of the year, encountered some degree of pecuniary embarrassment, but they trust discouragements of this nature may prove salutary, by keeping in remembrance their entire dependence on that gracious Being who has styled himself the God of the widow; by whose benign Providence this Asylum has been provided, and by whom it has been and will be sustained, whether it may be his will to apportion to its inmates their bread from day to day, or whether it may please him to cause their cup of blessing to overflow.

During the year, the Society has been benevolently and liberally remembered in the will of the late Mr. John Grandom. A munificent bequest of five thousand dollars has been made by that gentleman, and the Managers desire to record, with gratitude, this distinguished instance of his bounty, which will ever place him among the most eminent benefactors of the Institution. They would at the same time express their obligations to his executors for the promptness with which the payment was made, with kind attention to the interests of the Society. Nor would they omit to render their unfeigned acknowledgments for several liberal donations, and for a legacy of four hundred dollars

from Miss Martha Powell, paid over to the Treasurer during the year. But although these repeated benefactions afford gratifying evidence that the Society is still held in remembrance and estimation, the Managers are called upon to lament the decrease in the annual subscriptions. This has been so great, from time to time, since the establishment of the Institution, that the income arising from the little funded property in possession will not make up the deficiency thus occasioned; and unless new subscriptions can be obtained, or donations are received, the resources of the Society will be totally inadequate to meet the expenses of the ensuing year. For several years, considerable assistance has been rendered by donations of vegetables, provisions, materials for clothing, &c.; it is to be regretted that such valuable contributions have greatly declined, as the expenses of the establishment have proportionally increased in consequence of these supplies being withdrawn. The Managers trust this statement of the funds of the Society will excite public attention, and that they will not be obliged, through want of means, to reject any applicant worthy of succour. It would be a painful task to refuse assistance to an aged suppliant bereft of every earthly blessing; who having through multiplied sorrow arrived at the usual limit of human existence, is asking a temporary shelter from the storm, before she is called hence to be seen no more. There is an eloquence in the supplications of a being so desolate, to which no heart will be found insensible. It is the appeal of one that is ready to perish. It would be in vain to estimate the extent of the calamity: He only who has wounded can heal.

But though human sympathy may not supply a remedy in such affliction, it is permitted at least to offer some alleviation; and the Managers confidently hope that the public liberality will enable them in every instance, as it has hitherto done, to extend relief to any who may apply to them, under such painful circumstances of aggravated suffering: and that the wants of such as are already inmates of the Institution, will be abundantly supplied by the charity of those who have benevolently provided them with the comforts of home, and thus taught them where to look for continued sympathy and assistance.

Dr. *Indigent Widows' and Single Women's Society in Account with the Treasurer.* Cr.

1828.				1828.			
	To cash paid Purchasing Committee and expended by them in support of the family,	$ 2,250	00		By balance of account from 1827,	$ 8	62
	Paid for repairs and painting the Asylum,	67	75		By cash received in Annual Subscriptions,	655	00
	Paid for printing Reports,	12	00		By Admissions and Life Subscriptions,	240	00
	Paid Messrs. Hale and Davidson, for 5 per cent. City Stock,	5,512	00		By Donations,	178	83
	To counterfeit notes,	8	00		By board of persons in the Asylum,	213	50
					By amount of sales in do.	62	00
					By nett amount of work,	82	51
					By Fines from Managers,	15	00
					By Dividends on Stocks,	417	57
					By proceeds of Mr. Maelzell's Exhibition,	124	15
					By Legacy from Mr. John Grandom,	4,875	00
					By balance of Mr. Chever's bequest,	237	50
					By nett proceeds of Martha Powell's bequest,	390	00
					By balance of account with Mr. John Wilmer,	120	39
					By ground-rent on Mr. Crea's lot,	12	50
					By cash from Charity-Box,	34	63
		7,849	75		By cash drawn from Saving Fund to meet demands drawn on the Treasury,	200	00
	Balance remaining in the Treasury,	17	45				
	Total,	7,867	20		Total,	7,867	20

Purchasing Committee's Account.

Paid balance to Purchasing Committee,		$113 64
Matron's salary and wages,		280 50
House-cleaning and washing,		31 18
Medicine,		23 00
Fuel,		171 11
Butcher's meat,		218 46
Flour and baking,		313 41
Groceries,		303 79
Fruit and vegetables,		20 25
Water-tax,		15 00
Shoes and clothing,		80 87
Iron and tin ware,		12 41
Yarn,		10 00
Sheeting and table linen,		39 59
Painting and glazing,		4 25
Soap,		11 50
Curbstone,		10 00
Brick work and materials for constructing a sewer,		124 49
Hay, shad, &c.		32 68
Carpenter's work,		15 25
Funeral expenses,		16 00
Sundries,		19 59
Cash paid Matron for house expenses,		443 00
		$2,309 88

(Balance due Committee, 1829, $62 21.)

Life Subscription.

Mrs. John A. Brown, - - - - - - $30 00

New Annual Contributors since the last publication.

Mrs. Robert Toland,
Miss Elizabeth Waln,
Miss Mary Anderson,
Miss Margaret Linnard,
Mrs. Bujac, Market Street,
Mrs. Bujac, Pine Street,
Mr. William Stewart.
Mrs. Sophia Carrol,
Mrs. Dr. L. Hodge,
Miss Sarah M'Dowel,
Mr. William Montgomery,
Miss M'Clelland,
Mrs. Jane Reston,

Donations received.

Mr. William Hulings,	$ 5 00
From an unknown friend, by Mr. Ralston,	50 00
Mrs. Lippincott from Mrs. C.,	3 00
Mrs. Scott by Mrs. Hazlehurst,	5 00
Mrs. Dr. Gibson by Miss Latimer,	5 00
Rebecca Dawson,	2 00
Through the Post-Office,	5 00
From Mrs. Dusar by Mrs. Carswell,	10 75
From Mrs. Higgins,	3 00
Mrs. Brown from a Gentleman,	15 00
From Mr. George G. Leiper through Mrs. Kane,	25 00
By Dr. Parke from the Barclay Charity,	50 00
From "A Friend to the Institution," by Mrs. Latimer,	50 00

Donations received at the Asylum.

One chest of tea, twenty pound weight, from Mrs. Tevis.
Nineteen shad, from the Clerk of High Street Market.
Earthen-ware from Mr. Miller.
Two cords of brush wood, from Mr. Richard Peters.
Fruit and vegetables from several Managers.
Poultry for Christmas, from several Managers.
Cash for do.
Half a gallon of brandy, from Mr. Sloane.
Six pounds of suet, from Mr. Sowers.
Spice, from Mr. Kean.
Twenty-seven yards of fine Welsh flannel, from Mrs. Kane.

THE FORM OF A BEQUEST.

MONEY LEGACY.

"I give and bequeath unto the *Indigent Widows' and Single Women's Society of Philadelphia*, the sum of to be paid to the Treasurer for the time being, for the use of the said Society."

DEVISE OF REAL ESTATE.

"I give and devise unto the *Indigent Widows' and Single Women's Society of Philadelphia*, [here describe the property or ground-rent] together with the appurtenances, in fee simple."

The Treasurer resides at No. 181 Walnut Street.

THE

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT,

FOR THE YEAR 1829,

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Secretary.

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Mrs. Simmons,
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Mrs. J. A. Brown,
Miss E. Latimer,
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Miss A. C. Bayard,
Miss E. Keppele.

At the Annual Meeting of the "Indigent Widows' and Single Women's Society," held at the Session Room of the First Presbyterian Church, on Thursday, the 14th of January, 1830, the following Report was read by the Reverend Mr. Sanford:—

In presenting a Report to the benevolent founders and patrons of any public charity, or useful institution, it is peculiarly gratifying to be able to make such representations of its progress and prosperity, as would be grateful to their feelings, and prove the most acceptable return which could be offered for their kind exertions to promote its welfare. But it is not always in the power of those, on whom this duty may devolve, to furnish such a statement. A faithful account, which is the only one that can be rendered, may frequently be painful and discouraging, and one which may heavily tax the sympathy and kindness of friends. The Managers of the "Indigent Widows' and Single Women's Society," as they had anticipated, from the decline in their annual subscriptions, encountered considerable pecuniary embarrassment at the close of the past year, and under these circumstances, were obliged to make a representation of the state of the Society, in the public papers. This statement did not excite all the sympathy that is usually manifested for this Institution. There is, therefore, still a debt of the past year uncancelled*—a circumstance much to be regretted, as the permanent fund is so small, that all that can be obtained in the way of incidental contributions, is necessary to meet the annual expenses of the Society. The Managers are well aware that there are numerous and important objects of usefulness, which engross public attention, and make their demand on public liberality; nor would they desire to institute any claim, which could interfere in the least with benevolent effort of any kind. There seems to be in Christian charity, a capacity to enlarge and diffuse itself, so as to meet all the wants of suffering humanity. The heart that is alive to this generous principle, will find its means to do good multiplied, and the hand that would be extended to wipe away the tear of the orphan, could not pass by, unheeded, the bitter calamity of the widow. With these views of the benevolence of the Christian public, and with entire reliance on the sure promises of the God of the widow, the Managers do not feel discouraged. They only think it their duty to offer

* Since this Report was adopted by the Board of Managers, they were informed of a legacy of 292 dollars and 50 cents, left to the society by Mrs. Ann Bilsland, which has been appropriated to the satisfaction of this debt.

a candid statement of the condition of the Society. Its operations have not been restricted by the state of the funds. The Managers have still been enabled to provide with the comforts of home, throughout the year, forty-five of that suffering class of the community, for whose relief the Institution was founded. During this period, however, several changes have taken place in the family. Four of its members have been removed by death, and three have left the Institution at their own request, to be with their friends, who have offered to provide for them a home. One has been removed to the Alms House, in consequence of a mental malady, which rendered this change necessary. The vacancies thus created, have been nearly all filled by other admissions. Two foreigners have found a home in this Asylum during the past year; one, altogether unable to speak the English language. It is when we see such instances of suffering, that the value of this Institution can be truly appreciated. What situation can be more desolate, than that of an aged female, sinking under infirmity, and bowed down with sorrow, in a state of entire destitution, in a land of strangers, unable to communicate the multiplied wants which press upon her, even to those whose sympathy might be awakened. In several instances has this Society extended its relief to the broken-hearted stranger, almost driven to despair.

The Managers desire to make their grateful acknowledgments to those kind friends by whom they have been remembered during the past year. They feel deeply indebted for the continued liberality of Mr. Robert Barclay, whose usual generous benefaction has been doubled on the present occasion, in consideration of the reduced state of the funds. In an especial manner, the Managers would express their thanks to those pious individuals, who have visited the Asylum, to promote the spiritual interests of its inmates. Such are indeed visits of mercy. These aged persons will necessarily soon be summoned into the presence of their Judge, to give an account of the actions of a long life, whether they have been good, or whether they have been evil; and if among their number, there are any who have never sought, and found mercy, through the merits of a Redeemer, it is with them indeed the eleventh hour, and there remains to them but a brief and uncertain moment to make their peace with God. Under the pressing responsibility of such a case, the Managers would earnestly solicit the continued visits of the ministers of the Gospel, and those pious individuals who are willing to engage in this labour of love.

The state of the funds of the Society has already been referred to. An accurate and detailed statement will be found in the treasurer's report. The Managers have endeavoured

to use all proper economy in regulating the expenditures of the Institution under their care. For a comparatively small amount, the inmates of the Asylum are furnished with comfortable accommodation, provision, fuel, medicine, and attendance in sickness:—medical advice is given gratuitously by a benevolent physician, who has for several years been interested in the Institution. It has been found, from accurate calculation, that all the comforts and advantages connected with a residence in the Asylum, are afforded at much less expense than would be incurred in any other situation in which these destitute females could be placed. Notwithstanding, however, this careful expenditure of the means of the Society, its permanent fund, as has been frequently stated, is so inconsiderable, and its certain resources so inadequate, that a deficiency always exists in the income of the Society, which can only be supplied, in the benign providence of God, through the instrumentality of the benevolent.

The Managers, though frequently embarrassed, have never yet been left without the means to redeem the pledge that has been given, of support and protection to those who have entered the Institution. They therefore trust its aged inmates will still be able to plead their own cause. Those who have provided for them hitherto, they feel will always cheerfully minister to their necessities—remembering that "the hoary head is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness." The aged who can be thus characterized, have a claim, not only on the benevolence, but the gratitude, of the generations among whom they linger. They have perhaps done much to promote the welfare of those upon whom they now depend. We can never estimate how far society may have been benefited, by the influence of a virtuous and pious example, extended through a long life. Surely, claims which can be thus sustained, and which, while they make an appeal to benevolence, appear to be founded in justice, will be recognised and answered by a generous community.

Dr. *Indigent Widows' and Single Women's Society in Account with the Treasurer.* Cr.

1829.				1829.		
	To cash paid Purchasing Committee, and by them expended in support of the family,		$ 2400 00		By balance of account from 1828,	$ 14 81
	To printing Reports,		11 00		By cash received in Annual Subscriptions,	701 00
	To cash repaid Saving Fund,		200 00		By Admissions and Life Subscriptions,	280 00
	Balance in Treasury, January 13, 1830,		112 56		By Donations,	258 65
					By Donations from the Barclay Charity,	100 00
					By ground rent,	12 66
					By board of persons in the Asylum,	302 50
					By Dividends on Stock,	667 66
					By nett amount of work done in the Asylum,	53 68
					By nett amount of sales,	14 85
					By cash from Charity-Box,	20 75
					By fines from Managers,	4 50
					By legacy from Mrs. Ann Bilsland,	292 50
			$ 2723 56			$ 2723 56

Purchasing Committee's Account.

Paid balance due R. Simmons, January 1st, 1829,	$ 62 21
Matron's salary and wages,	347 00
Fuel,	227 04
Medicine,	26 60
Butcher's meat,	173 69
Flour,	377 59
Baking,	63 24
Groceries,	347 88
Water tax,	15 00
Shoes,	25 25
Clothing,	13 00
Yarn,	5 62½
Painting and Glazing,	4 00
Soap,	7 50
Hay,	7 75
Matron, for house expenses,	435 00
House cleaning,	29 00
Fish,	14 00
Potatoes,	20 12½
Chest of tea,	71 49
Gardening,	10 00
Brushes,	11 50
Weaving,	8 00
Funeral expenses,	44 00
Bill, carpenter's work, lumber, and ironmongery,	48 81
Baker's bill,	17 90
	$2413 20

(Balance due committee, 1830, $13 20.)

Life Subscriptions.

From Mr. Edward Coleman,	$ 30 00
Mr. James Hemphill,	30 00
Mrs. E. A. Richards,	30 00

Mrs. Ellen Price, back subscriptions, $ 12 00

New Annual Contributors since the last Report.

Mrs. Lucy Carter,
Mrs. Fontanges,
Mrs. Hindman,
Mrs. Owen Jones,
Miss Elizabeth Keppele,
Miss Harriet M'Call,
Mrs. Maria Peace,
Mrs. Anna Potts,
Miss Sally R. Peters,
Mrs. Augustus Richards,
Mrs. George Richards,
Mrs. Margaret Sheppard,
Mrs. Cornelius Smith,
Mrs. Jehu Tunis,
Mrs. Mary Volins,
Mrs Rebecca Warder,
Mrs. B——,
Mrs. Harriet Carroll.

Donations received.

Mrs. Richards, from a lady,	$1 00
Miss Keppele, from a friend,	3 00
Mrs. Hazlehurst, from Mr. Hulens,	5 00
Do. from Mrs. Julia Scott,	5 00
Cash,	2 00
Mr. A. Henry, from *unknown*,	10 00
Mr. Ralston, from the New-England Society,	100 00
Miss Ralston, a donation,	2 00

From a friend,	$ 1 31
From Mrs. Higgins,	3 00
Mrs. Lippincott, from Mrs. Harland,	10 00
Do. from Mrs. Benjamin Richards,	7 00
Mrs. Graydon, from T. Edwards,	5 00
Miss Keppele, from a friend to single women,	5 00
Miss Latimer, from Mrs. Margaret Wharton,	10 00
Do. from a friend to the Institution,	20 00
Mrs. Harrison, from a lady,	10 00
Do. from Mrs. Owen Jones,	2 00
Do. from Rebecca Singer,	3 00
Do. from a lady,	5 00
Miss Susan B. Smith, from a gentleman,	5 00
A legacy from Mrs. Ann Bilsland, from her executor, Mr. Henry White,	292 50
Miss Ralston, from Miss Chester,	10 00
Mrs. Chew, from Rev. Mr. Kennedy,	10 00
Mrs. Margaret Latimer,	5 00
From a friend,	2 00
From Dr. Parke, of the Barclay Fund,	100 00
Mr. Hulings,	5 00
Miss Linnard,	5 00
Miss Latimer, received without a name,	5 00

Donations received at the Asylum.

Twenty-eight shad, from the Mayor of the City.
Raspberry jam, and currant jelly, from Managers.
Basket of pears from Managers.
Do. of sweet potatoes, do.
Twelve boxes of pills, from Mr. Bonsal.
Twelve bushels of potatoes, from Miss Ralston.
Eight do. from Mrs. Kane, and fifty cabbages, celery, &c.
Two do. of onions, from Mrs. Kane.
Sweetmeats, from a Manager.
Two barrels of apples, from Mrs. Hazlehurst.
Half gallon of brandy, from Mrs. Sloan.
Six pounds of suet, from Mr. Sowers.
A donation of pins from a friend.
Do. of medicine, from a gentleman.
Vegetables, from Mrs. Simmons.
Fruit, poultry, &c., from several managers, for Christmas and New-Year.
Forty-six yards of yellow flannel, from Mrs. Ashurst.
Twenty-three yards of red flannel, from Mrs Kane.
Thirty-four yards of white flannel, from Mrs. John Brown.

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Mrs. Elizabeth Hazlehurst,
Mrs. Rebecca Hallowell,
Mrs. Susannah Latimer,
Mrs. Elizabeth Stott,
Mrs. Margaret Vaux,
Mrs. Sarah Lippincott,
Mrs. Sarah W. Longstreth,
Mrs. Ann Richards,
Mrs. Simmons,
Mrs. E. Kane,
Mrs. Stewart,
Mrs. J. A. Brown,
Mrs. Rebecca Chester,
Miss E. Latimer,
Miss E. Ralston,
Miss A. Hall,
Miss E. Keppele.

At the Annual Meeting of the "Indigent Widows' and Single Women's Society," held at the Session Room of the First Presbyterian Church, on the 13th of January, 1831, the following Report was read by the Rev. Mr. Edward Rutledge.

On the return of another Anniversary of the Indigent Widows' and Single Women's Society, the Managers meet the assembled patrons of the Institution with a statement of the occurrences of the past year, and the present situation of the helpless family committed to their charge. The occurrences are few in number, and simple in character, but in their degree important, as they evince the benefits resulting from their *benefaction.*

Many of the inmates have been afflicted with severe illness, of an acute character, but which finally yielded to medical skill and good nursing; and there is reason to hope, leaving the subjects of these visitations with hearts softened by a sense of mercies received, and minds elevated to the source from whence these mercies flowed. Two others, of great age, have gradually sunk to the repose of the grave, cheered in their course by those assurances which can alone shed a ray on that dark abode.

One poor invalid has lost by fever the powers of her mind, but is harmless and susceptible of enjoyment; and serves to keep in exercise the kind feelings of the other inmates, by attendance on her wants and wayward fancies. There have been six admissions during the past year—making a family of forty-eight pensioners, with four assistants. Among those admissions, we cannot refrain from noticing one who has reached the climax of wretchedness—a native of the West Indies, nurtured in the lap of indulgence, subsequently bereft of fortune, relations, and friends; decrepid in person from disease, and destitute of sight and hearing, and thus shut out from all the social sympathies of our nature, and with no avenues remaining open by which to impart a gleam of hope to her mind. Yet her memory is tena-

cious of the scenes of *former days*, and her heart warm and susceptible of gratitude for the protection and kindness of strangers. The residue of the family are as comfortable as age and infirmity will admit; their *personal* wants are not only relieved, but spiritual aid is also imparted by many benevolent clergymen and pious friends, whose visits of mercy will doubtless be blessed to their everlasting welfare.

The Managers have also the satisfaction of stating, that they are enabled to close the accounts of the year with less pecuniary difficulty than they have hitherto experienced. This has been owing to the liberal donation from the executors of Mr. M'Kenzie's estate; the usual portion of the Barclay Fund; and several smaller sums, as stated in the treasury account. They feel truly grateful for this timely aid from the friends of the Institution, and humbly thankful to the widows' God, who has thus caused them to feel assured that the barrel of meal and cruise of oil shall never be suffered to fail.

Thus, while the sister Institution is drawing the desolate orphans from the scenes of want and wretchedness, and training them up for useful members of the community,—this provides a haven of rest for those who have paid their dues to society by performing the business allotted them in life with soberness and integrity; and surely it must be gratifying to every benevolent mind, to see a shelter thus provided for the two extremes of our nature, that approximate so nearly in their entire helplessness; and may we not suppose they were thus associated in the mind of our blessed Lord, when he declared that "whosoever giveth but a cup of cold water in his name to one of these little or helpless ones, should in no wise lose their reward."

The announcement of the death of Mr. Robert Barclay, of Bury Hill, in Surry, England, has occasioned a grave and solemn sensation throughout a large portion of our community. In this city his first breath was drawn. The tie which binds the affections to the place of nativity, with him remained unbroken and unusually strong, although holier bonds and an ocean separated him from the land of his birth, and from the people of his earliest and constant regard. To him Providence had been liberal; he was affluent, and he was munificent. His life, his character,

his numerous virtues of private and public utility, merit universal commendation. In his life, the rich have a bright exemplar; by his death, the poor have lost a most generous benefactor.

The tribute of grateful respect is due to his memory from the managers of most of our charitable associations; as almoners of his bounty, they have been greatly assisted by his charities, in their duties and exertions to administer bread to the hungry and clothing to the naked.

Aided by his benevolence, the shelter established among us for aged and bereaved females in the winter of their pilgrimage, has for many years been increased in its resources and comforts, for those, who, unfitted for an ordinary almshouse, had yet no other home. Having partaken of his largesses, with many other associations in this city for relieving the necessities of the poor, this Society desire, with them, to bear testimony to Mr. Barclay's benefactions.

In his adopted country he has left a name of infinitely more value to his friends, than mere crowns could purchase, or mere heroes bequeath. To all who, cherishing the memory of his worth, lament the death of this good man, there remains a consolation more soothing, more precious than the most elaborate eulogy—"His life was the life of the righteous."

DR. *Indigent Widows' and Single Women's Society in Account with the Treasurer, from January 13th, 1830, to January 10th, 1831.* CR.

1830.	To cash paid Purchasing Committee, and expended by them in support of the family,		$ 2150	00	1830.	By balance of account from 1829,	$ 112	72
	To cash paid, printing Reports,		12	10		By life subscriptions,	90	00
	To cash paid, purchase of Stocks,		3305	50		By annual subscriptions,	646	00
	Balance in the Treasury,		40	98		By board of pensioners in the Asylum,	294	50
						By donation from Mr. George Harrison,	100	00
						By donation from the Barclay Fund,	100	00
						By donation from a friend signed D.	30	00
						By sundry donations from former patrons,	55	00
						By cash for admissions to the Asylum,	220	00
						By interest on Stocks,	699	00
						By sale of six per cents.	2100	00
						By cash received from the executors of William M'Kenzie,	1000	00
						By sales in Asylum,	17	16
						By work done in Asylum,	21	12
						By cash from charity box,	12	83
						By fines from Managers,	10	25
		$	5508	58			$	5508	58

Purchasing Committee's Account.

Matron's salary,		$ 112 50
Other wages,		145 00
Fuel,		158 93
Medicine		32 02
Butcher's Meat,		273 09
Flour and Bread,		235 34
Groceries		389 02
Water Tax		15 00
Shoes,		16 25
Dry Goods,		24 23
Yarn,		24 81
Soap,		17 50
Hay,		4 87
Matron, for house expenses,		519 00
House cleaning,		32 69
Fish,		17 00
Potatoes,		22 06
Gardening and repairs,		6 50
Brushes,		5 10
Weaving,		4 35
Cows,		43 00
Tin ware and ironmongery		17 24
Carpenter's work, &c.,		49 31
Funeral expenses,		44 00
	$	2208 81

(Balance due R. Simmons, January 1st, 1831, $ 58 81.)

New Annual Contributors since the last Report.

Mrs. Alsop,
Mrs. Bunker,
Miss Ann Eliza Bunker,
Miss Caldwell,
Miss Craig,
Mrs. Dunlap,
Mrs. Frick,
Miss Phile,
Mrs. Gillison,
Mrs. Stott, annual subscription, $ 20 00.
Mrs. Sarah Kean,
Mrs. M'Kee,
Mrs. Newman,
Mrs. Martha Robeson,
Miss Thurston,
Mrs. Vaux,
Mrs. Emily Musgrave,
Mrs. Knapp.

Donations received.

From Mrs. Mary Wistar,	-	-	$ 10 00
From a gentleman, through Mrs. Cope,	-	-	3 50

From a lady,	$ 2 00
From Mr. Hulings,	5 00
From Mrs. Scott,	5 00
From Mr. George Harrison,	100 00
From the Barclay Fund,	100 00
From a friend signed D.	30 00
From Mrs. Livingston,	1 00
From Mrs. Mayer, by Mrs. Lippincott,	5 00
From a gentleman, by Mrs. Brown,	5 00
Cash,	2 00
Cash, towards the purchase of a book case,	6 00
Ditto ditto ditto,	5 50

Donations received at the Asylum.

A set of books, valued at twenty dollars.
Ashmead's Sermons, from Miss Hall.
Twenty-three yards of flannel, from Mrs. Kane.
Twenty yards of flannel, from Mrs. Brown.
Twenty bushels of potatoes, from Mr. Robeson.
Sweetmeats and fruit, from a Manager.
Three baskets of melons, from Mrs. Lippincott.
A basket of sweet potatoes, from Matthew Sowers.
Fifteen bushels of potatoes, and twenty-five pounds of rice, from Miss Ralston.
Cash from several Managers to purchase poultry at Christmas.
Six pounds of suet, and a turkey, from Mr. Sowers.
Two pieces of dried beef, from a friend.
Cinnamon and raisins, from Mrs. Donah.

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Mrs. Elizabeth Biddle,	Mrs. J. A. Brown,
Mrs. Elizabeth Hazlehurst,	Mrs. Rebecca Chester,
Mrs. Rebecca Hallowell,	Mrs. I. C. Jones,
Mrs. Susannah Latimer,	Miss E. Latimer,
Mrs. Elizabeth Stott,	Miss E. Ralston,
Mrs. Margaret Vaux,	Miss E. Keppele.

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

Of the Indigent Widows' and Single Women's Society of Philadelphia.

The rotation of the seasons has again brought around dreary winter, with all its wants and deprivations. Yet, although stern and rugged in its aspect, it has attractions peculiarly belonging to it; for while the charms of the preceding periods of the year call us forth to enjoy the beauties of nature, this brings us to the heartfelt realities and endearments of *home*, and all the interesting charities of domestic life. It is now the season of social intercourse, of benevolent exertion, and intellectual improvement; the season when man is especially called to the exercise of those qualities, which distinguish and elevate him above the animal creation.

At this season, also, the various benevolent institutions hold their annual meetings, and among them the managers of the "*Indigent Widows' and Single Women's Society*" feel it incumbent upon them to present to their patrons a statement of the helpless family intrusted to their care. In the quiet and monotonous mode of living so essential and suitable to advanced life, there can be little to recreate, although much to interest, the feelings of the regular visiter. To see a number of respectable beings, who have been destined by Providence to survive all those ties that render life a blessing, and destitute of even the means of supplying the necessaries of life; to see such in the settled possession of a *home*, which affords every needful comfort, divested of all anxiety for the future, assured of good nursing and medical attendance when required, and the means of receiving spiritual instruction and consolation, must surely be gratifying to every benevolent mind; and while they are preparing for a richer inheritance, by patient resignation to the appointments of their Heavenly Father, afford a salutary lesson to those by whose kindness they are sustained.

Since the last report, three of the family have finished their course, and, we have reason to hope, have obtained their reward. One of these had been long suffering under derangement of mind, but was retained in the family until within a few months past, when it became necessary to remove her to private lodgings, within a few miles of the city, but still under the care of a committee of the board. The Rev. Dr. Ely, Capt. Whillden, and the church of which she was a member, kindly assisted to

defray the expense of this arrangement, which rendered her latter days as comfortable as her situation would admit. Five persons have been received into the asylum during the past year, making the family to consist at this time of fifty-two persons, including the matron and domestics. The managers, desirous of rendering the institution as beneficial as possible to the community, thus venture to receive as many pensioners as can be comfortably accommodated, although their funds, they regret to state, are in a less satisfactory situation than is the household establishment. Many causes may be assigned as the reason of the diminution of income. The continual fluctuations of human events doubtless produce an effect; and the numerous and ever increasing projects that lay claim to public liberality, possessing the attraction of novelty, induce many to allow their bounty to flow in a new channel. But surely an establishment that has been tested by many years' experience, should not be permitted to languish and decay for the sake of more recent experiments, however imposing in theory. But though frequently embarrassed, the managers are not discouraged; relief often comes when least expected; as recently, when the friends of the asylum were generally absent, and the treasury empty, a stranger, unsolicited, and unknown, offered to exhibit his curious mechanism for the benefit of the institution, and although the avails of this benevolent act were not sufficient to prevent the necessity of drawing from the small saving fund, yet the aid was peculiarly seasonable and cheering; like a gleam of sunshine in a darkened atmosphere, it inspired hope, and renewed their confidence of support from that Being who emphatically styles himself "the Widow's God." They also notice with gratitude the legacy of Paul Siemen, Esq. received from his executor, Mr. Bohlen, and the bequest of Mrs. Margaret Wharton, with several donations, as per treasurer's account annexed.

Thus the year has closed with much less difficulty than was apprehended, so that the managers have good reason for thankfulness and trust, believing that as their day is, so shall their strength be. The preacher has said, "cast thy bread upon the waters, and thou shalt find it again after many days." Yes, it will return when the season of action is over, and nothing remains to solace the last stage of existence, but the retrospect of the past, and the anticipation of the future. It will then return in the soothing reflection, that in the season of youthful hilarity and enterprise, when the world and its pleasures possessed every attraction, that then, even at that joyous season, the heart and the hand were freely opened to alleviate the sufferings and destitution of the aged.

Indigent Widows' and Single Women's Society, in Account with the Treasurer, for the year 1831.

Dr.				1831.		Cr.	
1831.	Upon Warrant of the Board of Managers, paid to the Purchasing Committee, - - - -	$2,350	00		By balance on account from last year,	$	42 26
	To cash paid for printing reports,	11	20		By annual subscriptions, - -		703 00
	To Chaloner and Henry, their note,	2,000	00		By life subscriptions, - -		60 00
	To Saving Fund, - - -	100	00		By admission of pensioners in Asylum,		140 00
	Balance remaining in the Treasury,	70	11		By board of persons in Asylum,		176 00
					By proceeds of Mr. Maelzel's exhibition, - - - - -		102 25
					By sundry donations, - - -		71 25
					By the bequest of Mrs. Margaret Wharton, - - -		50 00
					By the bequest of Mr. John Maybin,		97 50
					By a legacy of Paul Siemen Esq.,	1,950	00
					By dividends on stock, - -		787 49
					By knitting and work done in Asylum, - - - - -		71 65
					By sales do., - - - -		29 37
					By cash drawn from saving fund,		200 00
					By fines from Managers, -		9 75
					By cash from charity box, -		40 79
		$4,531	31			$4,531	31

ADDRESS

Delivered by the Rev. Mr. Perry, at the Anniversary Meeting of the Indigent Widows' and Single Women's Society.

It was not until the report of the Managers of this Institution was submitted to me, with a request that I should read the same at this time, and subjoin a few remarks; that it was my happiness to be in possession of much correct information concerning it.

On reading the interesting document, I was immediately and forcibly impressed with the utility of this Society, and the Bible warrant for its existence.

We are informed in the Scriptures, that a certain class of widows, were made objects of special regard by the church, in the days of the primitive apostles. And the directions given by saint Paul, showing how to proceed in this matter, seem to be substantially the ground taken for the management of this institution. And if it is a divine direction, that the church shall regard those among them who are "*widows indeed,*" (and I believe the requirement extends to all who are aged and dependant, who have manifested the spirit of kindness and charity, when they possessed the means of doing so,) then certainly, it is our duty now to regard those who are equally worthy —who have no church to look to—no children or relatives on whom they may rely—those who are worn down by toil, disappointment and sorrow—those on whose heads have gathered the frosts of more than sixty winters—who have no earthly home —to whom no human hand is presented for their relief, nor is there an eye to pity them.

Hence I consider the present, one of the happiest seasons in my life—happy I say, because I am permitted to speak on the behalf of an Institution holding such reasonable, and I may add, such powerful claims upon public sympathy and beneficence.

Kindness to suffering humanity, you know, is the highest and purest dictate of human nature. In fact, it is so nearly allied in its ostensible character, to piety itself, that not a few consider it *strictly* identified with it, so that he that hath the one, necessarily hath the other. And I apprehend it to be by no means difficult, to show that sympathy is a strong impulse, known and felt in heaven. It is said "God so loved the world," that is, He so *pitied* the world, that he exerted for it his holy regards, in the gift of his Son. Pity, then, was the exciting cause that brought our Lord from heaven to earth; and pity was the exciting energy that induced him to "*go about doing good.*" And among the various classes which engaged his attention, none shared more largely in his compassions, than afflicted, destitute females. Behold him at the bier of the

widow's son. Without doubt he had often seen other dead bodies carried along the way, and he hailed not the bearers. Why then this attention? Because, there stands by the corpse, a *widowed mother*, following, with a heavy heart, her last earthly hope, to the tomb. "And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her: and said unto her, weep not. And he came and touched the bier; and they that bare him stood still. And he said, Young man, I say unto thee, arise! And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak, and he delivered him to his mother."

Behold him at the dwelling of the two sisters of Bethany! and go with them to the grave of an only and beloved brother, and witness what took place there.

Behold him amidst the struggles and sorrows of his own dying strife! His eyes lighted upon his widowed mother, and the feelings of a son, and of a Christian rose too high to be repressed even by the anguish of death itself. "Woman," said he, "behold thy son!" True, my sufferings at this moment are very great and severe; but I have not forgotten *thee!* "Then said he to the disciple, [John] behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home." Thus our Lord provided for his widowed parent, a home, until he should take her to his own house, not made with hands, which is eternal, and in the heavens. Nor am I willing to say, that the Lord performed this act exclusively as a son; but also, to set us an example,—an example coming down to the *present* case, from which we ought to derive much to stimulate us in the noble work of human kindness.

To the spirit of sympathetic feeling, which, I was about to say, is generally of natural growth in the human breast, though it is purified, enhanced and elevated by the influence of divine grace—it is, I say, to this sympathetic feeling, that we ordinarily make our appeal for charity. But, you know, it is important to have every good project laid out by *system;* for order is the stability of all efficient operation. Hence the propriety, yea, the obvious necessity of *organizing* benevolent *societies* —of having individuals designated to direct them, and in some cases of having buildings erected, and of having those facilities which give permanency and regularity to a good work.

In the case before us, it is not enough to clothe and feed these indigent females. They need a shelter from the storm—they are aged, and some of them are infirm, they require *one* place —a place they can have the satisfaction of calling *their home:* —they need some one to guard and strengthen their tottering steps—somewhere to rest their weary limbs—somewhere to die amidst the consolations of kind offices, and under the cheering influence of the accents of piety—some one to lay them on the

couch of death with more than the cold feelings of a stranger, and some spot of ground where their ashes shall repose in peace, until the last trump of God shall release their bodies from the grave.

Go now to the *Widow's Asylum*, and there you will find all the aids and facilities required to make decrepit age comfortable, and to sooth the last days of those who have endured the many storms of life, until tired nature and wearied spirits sunk down in the way.

Before I close, you must allow me, as the organ of the board of managers, to direct your attention to the *funds* of this institution.

We cannot but rejoice that the present period is so nobly distinguished for benevolent enterprise. We may emphatically say, that the season of religious indolence, and stinted donations, has gone by ; and never, again, may it come over our churches, and I might add, over our world, like the blasting mildew. But, that so much is now doing, and that large demands are made upon our beneficence, and are likely to be multiplied, may prove the cause of leading us to neglect *some portion* of our duty. We are required to be ready unto *every* good work. Therefore, a regard for a certain favourite portion will not suffice. It is then hoped that amidst all our givings, we may be induced to abound in liberality towards this object.

A very obvious cause of the diminution of the income to this asylum, is assigned in the report, which you will allow me to introduce—"Many causes may be assigned as the reason of the diminution of income. The continual fluctuations of human events and operations, doubtless produce opposing effects—and the numerous and ever-changing projects which lay claim to public liberality, possessing the attractions of novelty, induce many to allow their bounty to flow in new channels. But surely an establishment that has been tested by many years' experience, should not be permitted to languish and decay, for the sake of more recent experiments, however imposing in *theory*." The sentiments here brought to view are correct, and are so much to the point, that it is unnecessary to add a single comment. We ought, however, to guard against neglecting an Institution, which has not only been "tested by many years' experience," but has been the means of consoling the last hours of very many.

As a stimulus to this work of charity, set before your mind a female, who in early life was, perhaps, attended, not only with the comforts, but bounties of affluent circumstances, and shared in the rich blessing of parental council and solicitude. Having in her day performed the work of a *good woman*, in the decline of life she has been called to bury friend after friend ;

and having seen many fair prospects unexpectedly cut off—she finally is *alone*. And have you duly considered what it is for a female to be THUS ALONE ? Such is the object you are called upon to aid. Remember, in her prosperity she blessed the weary ; and consoled the disconsolate. Her house was the home of the stranger—when tears of suffering were shed, with them she mingled her own, and her hands were ever open to relieve the wants of the needy.

The Treasury of the *Widows' Asylum* presents a repository inviting the donations of all who have aught to spare—all especially who have ample means of doing good. If you wish to aid those who are worthy—those whom you may never in this life see—if you wish "to lay up a good foundation against the time to come," one which may remain to bless those who are now dear to you, when you shall be dead ; then cast your alms into this treasury. It forms a direct channel, conveying your beneficence down, perhaps to the aid of the third and fourth generation. And who among us can determine the end, that our children, and our children's children, shall finally make. Are you a husband, a father or a brother ? You have an interest in this Institution ; for whatever may now be your situation, though you may be in affluence, and be a stranger to want, yet "you know not what will be on the morrow." Are you a wife or a mother ? You may soon be a widow, and your children, having formed other connexions, may be scattered over the earth ; and therefore, you cannot tell what fortune may attend the termination of life with yourself or yours.

My friends, permit me to say, that when I hear the term, *widow*—it goes deeply into my heart. I can assign the reason. I have a mother,—that mother is a widow. Now show me the female, attired in the habiliments of grief, because the father of her children "*is no more ;*" and I freely do acknowledge, you present an object that excites, at once, my warmest sympathy. And when a female is bereft of her companion—of her children, and then of the means and comforts of life, her's is the language—

> "To me, I feel, the world is lost,
> In it, I have no friend, no home."

But I perceive you are preparing to enter upon this work with renewed interests and energies—you are even waiting for the speaker to sit down, that you may have the opportunity *so to give*—that yours shall be the delightful reflection, that—"When the ear heard me, then it blessed me, and when the eye saw me, it gave witness to me ; because I delivered the poor that cried, and the fatherless, and him that had none to help him. The blessing of him that was ready to perish, came upon me, and I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy."

Statement of Purchasing Committee's Account.

Matron's salary,	$150 00
Other wages,	139 75
Fuel,	259 98
Medicines,	44 53
Butcher's Meat,	292 36
Flour and Bread,	257 12
Groceries,	520 74
Water Tax,	15 00
Shoes,	44 06
Dry Goods,	20 46
Yarn,	11 00
Soap,	31 00
Hay,	19 90
Matron, for house expenses,	573 00
House cleaning,	21 50
Potatoes,	35 34
Brushes and Cedar ware,	12 67
Weaving,	6 15
Tin ware and Ironmongery,	66 26
Repairs—Bricklaying and carpentering, Painting and glazing,	64 73
Mr. Walters, ironmongery,	16 85
	$2,602 40

(Balance due R. Simmons, January 1832, $252 40.)

Bills remaining in the hands of the Purchasing Committee, for 1831.

Introducing water into the Kitchen,	$32 17
Grate, Boiler, and Fixtures,	96 67
Mrs. Snyder's Board,	72 00
	$200 84

New Contributors since the last Report.

A life subscription from Mrs. Julia Rush,	$30 00
Ditto, from a Manager,	30 00

New Annual Contributors since the last Report.

Mrs. Albert Barnes,	$3 00	Mrs. David Lenox,	3 00
Mrs. J. C. Biddle,	3 00	Mrs. Lehman,	3 00
Mrs. David Caldwell,	3 00	Mrs. J. W. Morris,	3 00
Mrs. Maria Campbell,	3 00	Miss Beulah Morris,	3 00
Mrs. John Cooper,	3 00	Mrs. Joseph Swift,	3 00
Miss Henrietta Chew,	3 00	Miss Taylor,	3 00
Mrs. Dundas,	3 00	Mrs. F. H. Von Lengerke,	3 00
Miss Anna B. Hall,	3 00	Mrs. Thomas Wistar,	3 00
Mrs. M. Humphreys,	3 00	Mrs. I. C. Wickoff,	3 00
Miss Huxham,	3 00	Miss E. A. G. Hall,	3 00
Mrs. Knap,	3 00		

Donations received.

From a gentleman, by Mrs. Cope,	$3 50
Ditto, from Mrs. De Gruchy,	5 00
From Mrs. Gibbon Randolph,	3 00
From Mrs. Alsop,	42 00
From a gentleman, by Mrs. Brown,	10 00
From Mrs. Julia Scott,	5 00
By a lady,	1 00
From Mrs. Kuhl,	2 00
From Hannah Cooper,	5 00
From Mrs. Maxwell,	5 00
From Miss Chester,	6 00
From Miss Huxham,	2 00
From Mr. Harvey, by Mrs. Yorke,	5 00
Jury fees, by Mr. J. L. Hodge,	30 75
Arbitrators fees—Henry Pratt, Esq. and John Bohlen, Esq.	4 00
From Mrs. Cornell, through Miss Keppele	4 00
By a friend, through Miss Keppele,	10 00

Donations received at the Asylum in 1831.

One dozen knives and forks, from Ashur Howell.
One dozen knives and forks, from George R. Justice.
One dozen knives and forks, from Thomas C. Price.
One dozen tumblers, from Mrs. Sarah Tindale.
Two waiters and four pair castors, from a lady.
One pound of pins, from a friend.
A syringe pipe, from a friend.

One pair of spectacles, and one bed pan, from friends.
One bottle castor oil, from a friend.
Six jars currant jelly, and raspberry jam, from friends.
Three baskets of melons, and one pair of chickens, from friends.
One bag of rice, from a lady.
One ewer and basin, from a lady.
One pitcher, from a lady.
Eighteen partridges, six pheasants, and thirty-one shad, from the Clerk of the High street Market.
Twenty-three yards of red flannel, from Mrs. E. Kane.

Received for Christmas.

From several managers, for Christmas, $7 00.
From managers, two turkeys, four pounds of raisins, and one pound currants.
From Mr. Sowers, one turkey, one pair of chickens, and five pounds of suet.

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RULES FOR THE REGULATION

OF

THE BOARD OF MANAGERS.

1st. The managers shall meet on the first Thursday of every month, at such time and place as they shall appoint.

2d. Five of the managers shall form a quorum for the transaction of all business.

3d. Every meeting shall be opened with reading a portion of Scripture, succeeded by a pause for mental supplication.

4th. No person shall be at liberty to withdraw from the board without permission; and no conversation, but such as relates to business, shall be allowed.

5th. A fine of twenty-five cents shall be incurred for non-attendance at each meeting, unless satisfactory reasons be given.

6th. All reports of committees shall be in writing.

7th. Business shall commence precisely half an hour after the time appointed for meeting.

8th. Every motion, when made, shall be stated from the chair; when seconded, the directress shall invite discussion upon the subject; after which, she shall ask if the members are ready for the question; which being assented to, the votes shall be taken; first in the affirmative, and next in the negative. No other business shall be taken up by the board, or discussed by any of the members, until that which has thus been laid before them, be decided or postponed.

9th. At the desire of any member of the board, the decision of a new question may be deferred to the meeting succeeding that at which the question was proposed.

10th. No former resolution shall be reconsidered, unless called for by one of the majority, and shall in all cases be deferred to the next meeting, either special or stated, for decision.

11th. Upon motion made and seconded, the names of the yeas and nays shall be recorded on the minutes.

12th. No person shall decline acting on a committee, unless another member, approved by the first directress, shall be willing to serve in her stead.

13th. The member first named on a committee, shall preside over it, shall give notice of the time and place of meeting, and make the report of their proceedings.

14th. The first directress shall call extra meetings as often as she may think proper, but shall not be obliged to call them contrary to her own judgment, unless five members of the board shall concur in requesting it.

15th. The seal of the society shall not be affixed to any paper, without the vote of the board having been taken on it.

16th. The business of each stated meeting shall commence with the Secretary's reading the minutes of the preceding meeting, the Treasurer's report, and the reports of the committees, which if not presented must be asked for by the Directress. The unfinished business shall then be called up, and any new business brought forward. The weekly committees for the ensuing month shall be named, and the orders on the Treasurer voted.

17th. The board shall not rise until the time and place of the next meeting be distinctly made known.

18th. At the first meeting of the board in January, the standing committees shall be appointed, viz.; the weekly committees of two, for the year, which shall be inserted by the Secretary in the minute book of the committee; the purchasing committee; and the committee for receiving applications for admission.

DUTIES OF THE MANAGERS.

The First Directress shall preside at the meetings of the managers, preserve order, appoint committees, call special meetings, and in all equal divisions of the board give the casting vote. She shall furnish every new manager with a book, containing in print, the constitution, the rules for the regulation of the board, the duties of the managers, and the rules for the government of the Asylum. When a manager resigns her seat at the board, she is to return this book to the First Directress, who will make it over to her successor.

In the absence of the First Directress, the Second shall preside; and, if both be absent, a person shall be chosen from among the members present, to preside at the meeting.

The Secretary shall summon the meetings of the managers, keep a fair and correct record of all their proceedings, a register of the inmates of the Asylum, and do all other writing not connected with the office of the Treasurer, or the business of committees.

The Treasurer shall hold the evidences of property belonging to the Society, receive all moneys, and deposite the same at a bank, in her name, as treasurer; make payments agreeably to the orders of the managers, keep a fair account of all receipts and expenditures, which account shall at all times be open to the inspection of the managers. She shall furnish a monthly abstract of her receipts and expenditures, and of the balance remaining in her hands, and prepare a statement to be laid before the Society at their Annual Meeting.

The Managers shall be divided into committees of two, who, in weekly rotation, shall superintend the Asylum, under the name of the "Visiting Committee."

The Visiting Committees shall visit the Asylum not less than three times during their week; they shall endeavour to be present once at each meal, shall make themselves acquainted with the situation and wants of the inmates, generally direct the concerns of the family, and report their observations in the Minute Book; which book, on the last day of their week, is to be

sent to the succeeding committee; for which purpose, a list of the committees is to be kept in the book.

The Purchasing Committee shall make all purchases necessary for the family, pay all bills, and present a monthly account of their proceedings to the board.

The Committee for receiving Applications.—It shall be the duty of this committee to receive applications, to visit the applicants, and inquire into their character and circumstances, and make their report thereon to the board in writing; it shall also be the duty of this committee to keep a register of the names of the applicants, the persons by whom they are recommended, and their place of residence. It will be likewise required, that they keep a book, in which the terms of agreement, entered into between the committee and the friends of the applicants, be inserted, with their signatures annexed. No person will be admitted into the Asylum, without an order from the committee.

Church Committee.—A committee of six members of the Board of Managers shall be appointed to see that the Asylum is duly supplied with the preaching of the Gospel; and have a general superintendence of this important concern. Any minister properly authorized as a preacher of the Gospel by any Evangelical denomination of Christians, shall be cordially received, and none other will be admitted. The whole duty of supplying the Asylum with the preaching of the Gospel, to devolve on this committee, which they will be expected carefully and conscientiously to discharge; and the other members of the Board of Managers will be required to communicate with this committee, and obtain their consent previous to introducing any one into the Asylum as a religious instructer. The committee shall as far as practicable have the Asylum supplied with preaching once or twice on the Sabbath day, also twice or oftener on week evenings, as circumstances in their judgment may render necessary. The committee shall make such regulations as may appear to them proper and regular, with respect to prayer meetings, or any other religious meetings, from time to time. The committee shall give verbal instructions to the matron how to act in relation to this subject, in the absence of the committee. The committee to keep a register of applications, with the decisions of the Board in each case.

Each manager will be furnished, by the Treasurer, with a list of subscribers, whose contributions she will be expected annually to collect.

The duties of the managers appear to be generally comprised in the foregoing rules, in addition to which, it shall be considered the duty of the Visiting Committees at the Asylum, during their stated periods of attendance, not only to inquire into the temporal welfare of its inmates, but to visit them in their several rooms, and endeavour to ascertain their spiritual state, giving them such advice and instruction as may be in their power, and the circumstances of the case may render necessary.

TERMS OF ADMISSION.

1st. No persons shall be admitted into the Asylum, but those who bring satisfactory testimonials to the propriety of their conduct, and the respectability of their character.

2d. When they are pensioners on any benevolent Institution, or Society, it is expected their pensions will be continued, to assist in their support; and that their funeral expenses will be defrayed.

3d. Those who have any property are required to secure the same to the Institution, before they are admitted; in case of their obtaining property after their admission, if they remain in the Asylum it will also be necessary to make it over to this Institution.

4th. It will be required that any one admitted shall pay $ 30, and come provided with a good bedstead, bed, bedding, and furniture for a room. If they do not bring furniture with them, $ 50 must be paid on their admission.

5th. Furniture and other articles brought into the Asylum are to remain for the benefit of the Institution.

6th. Persons may be admitted as boarders, but not to the exclusion of such as are entirely dependent.

7th. No person shall be admitted as a boarder, unless satisfactory security be given for the regular payment of her board.

8th. The age of persons admitted into the Asylum, whether as boarders or pensioners, must not be under sixty years.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

FOR THE

GOVERNMENT OF THE ASYLUM.

1st. The Superintendent shall have the entire charge of the house, and keep it in neat order, under the direction of the Managers and Visiting Committee; she is to enforce the rules of the house; to be present at meals, see that they are properly served up, that every thing is on the table before the family sit down; that suitable nourishment is provided for the sick, proper order is observed at table, and Grace said before and after each meal. She must be respectful and kind to every one in the house, and attentive as their circumstances may require; never let partiality be shown in any instance, but maintain the respect due to her station. If improper conduct is observed in any member of the family, she is to inform the Visiting Committee. A list should be made of whatever supplies are necessary, and given to the Purchasing Committee. It is also expected the Superintendent will keep a memorandum of every article that is sent to the house, whether purchases or donations, and by whom sent. She will be expected to go through the house, and see the fires and lights extinguished at nine o'clock, with the exception of one lamp, which is to be left burning all night. A constant fire to be kept in the stove in the Hall, from the 15th of November to the 1st of April.

2d. No person shall be admitted into the Asylum, but those who bring satisfactory testimonials to the propriety of their conduct, and the respectability of their character.

3d. Morning and Evening Prayers to be regularly performed at the Asylum; every inmate will be expected punctually to

attend, except in case of sickness. Notice to be given by ringing the bell.

4th. It will be required of those who are capable, to make their own beds, and sweep their rooms, early every morning; those who are not, will have it done by the Assistant, while they are at breakfast.

5th. It will also be expected, of those who are capable, that they will sew, knit, spin, or render any other service for the benefit of the Institution.

6th. All that is necessary for the comfortable support of the inmates of the Asylum, will be furnished from the funds of the Society; no individual, therefore, will, on any account, be permitted to leave the Institution to solicit assistance, or procure work.

7th. Breakfast to consist of tea and chocolate, or tea and coffee. Dinner at one o'clock.

8th. Supper before candlelight—similar to the breakfast. All who are able, will attend at the general table; those who are more infirm, can take their meals in the sitting room.

9th. If any of the family are indisposed, a suitable meal will be provided, and sent into their rooms.

10th. Washing and Ironing, to be done on Mondays and Tuesdays.

11th. If any inmate of the Asylum feels disposed to visit her friends, she is requested to mention to the Matron where she intends staying, and the probable length of her visit, that no uneasiness may exist on her account; and that, in case of sickness or accident, the Managers may know where she is to be found.

12th. No stimulants or spirituous liquors to be used in the Asylum, except by order of the Physician; and, in that case, to be administered by the Matron.

13th. No person will be permitted to interfere, or find fault with the Superintendent or Assistant; but if any think they have cause for complaint, they must apply to the Managers, who will receive their statement, and take such order thereon as they may think proper.

14th. It is required that all Visiters be treated with respect and attention, and conducted through any part of the building

they may be disposed to visit. Particular attention to be paid to Ministers of the Gospel, and those whose visits are made for religious purposes. No inmate in the Asylum to be permitted to introduce any preacher of the Gospel, or invite their friends to give religious instruction, without the consent of the Church Committee.

15th. To preserve perfect harmony in the family, the strictest attention must be paid to the Rules of the Asylum. For the first and second violation there will be an admonition; for a third, a complaint will be preferred to the Board; for the fourth, a removal from the house.

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FOR THE YEAR 1832,

OF

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LIST OF OFFICERS AND MANAGERS

FOR THE YEAR 1833.

First Directress.

Mrs. Catharine Chew.

Second Directress.

Mrs. Mary Yorke.

Treasurer.

Mrs. Rebecca Chester.

Secretary.

Miss E. Keppele.

Managers.

Mrs. Catharine Chew,	Mrs. Ann Richards,
Mrs. Mary Yorke,	Mrs. Rebecca Simmons,
Mrs. Rebecca Chester,	Mrs. E. Kane,
Mrs. Rebecca Cope,	Mrs. R. Alsop,
Mrs. Ann Collins,	Mrs. J. A. Brown,
Mrs. Theodosia Graydon,	Mrs. I. C. Jones,
Mrs. Elizabeth Hazlehurst,	Mrs. Anna Lloyd,
Mrs. Rebecca Hallowell,	Mrs. Margaret Hodge,
Mrs. Susannah Latimer,	Mrs. Anna Dundas,
Mrs. Elizabeth Stott,	Miss E. Latimer,
Mrs. Margaret Vaux,	Miss E. Ralston,
Mrs. Sarah Lippincott,	Miss E. Keppele.

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With reverence, and with devout feelings of gratitude to the Sovereign of the Universe, the Managers of the "Indigent Widows' and Single Women's Society" meet the return of this day, after the lapse of a year which has been marked by more than common occurrences.

The seasons, as they have revolved in rapid succession, have borne to their eternal home, many who have been the victims of a tremendous visitation. But the Home of the Widows has been spared. The God of Providence has spared the Widows' House. The raging pestilence was not permitted to enter their peaceful dwelling. The Managers to whose care has been intrusted this interesting community, invite the benevolent supporters of the Institution to unite with them in the pious sentiment which animates their own bosoms, whilst they profess their firm belief, that to infinite mercy they are wholly indebted that neither the aged inmates trembling on the verge of the grave, nor any of those whose happiness it has been to cherish them and to alleviate their misfortunes, have been swept off by the near and threatening storm. During the period of universal trepidation, the besom of destruction was arrested at the very threshold of the Widows' House; and at the time when sickness and death pervaded almost every avenue of our city, the family at the Asylum continued to enjoy a greater share of health than could reasonably have been expected. It would however have been presumptuous to calculate upon an entire exemption from the diseases incident to frail humanity, and more especially in a family of fifty-two in number—forty-eight of whom had already passed the meridian of their strength. In the beginning of the year, when a severe epidemic prevailed, not only in our own vicinity, but generally over the known world, (an awful precursor of a far more dreadful visitation,) the health of our house was invaded, and many of our inmates were exceedingly shaken by the effects of the influenza. But on the return of that delightful season, when even age becomes renovated, and all nature glows with Eden's first bloom, this interesting family, with

very few exceptions, again assembled in their hall of social worship, to unite with the excellent clergyman, who had never ceased his pious labours for their benefit, to render up their homage of grateful praise to Him, whose mercies, during the inclement winter, had not been withdrawn from their retired habitation. It is agreeable to your Managers, as it is their duty, on the present occasion, to express their thanks to the pious ministers, and to the kind physician, who have given their time and great exertions, for the aid and consolation of weary sojourners, whose mortal career had been clouded by many distressing vicissitudes, and whose frail tenure seems to be gradually closing. From the records of the year, may be drawn many affecting illustrations of the usefulness of our Institution. In March, the trying month to age and infirmities, one of our most esteemed incumbents was called, at the advanced age of seventy-three, from her pilgrimage on earth, to that rest for which she had been long and patiently preparing. The next who followed was of peculiarly interesting character;—through a tedious and painful decline, she was soothed with the assurance, that her Saviour was her friend; and that in His presence "fulness of joy" awaited her. Two others, after severe protracted illness, have ended their troubles. The truths of the Gospel were their anchor, and the rock of their salvation.

Among the many evidences of the power and goodness of God, a remarkable instance that occurred in the Asylum, deserves to be particularly noticed. One unhappy being, whom the hand of Providence had for years bowed under the most appalling disease, and whose mind had long resisted every effort the Managers could employ to sooth, and to persuade her acceptance of instruction from "the glad tidings of the Gospel," had passed year after year confined to her bed, in a distressed state; and of those who visited her, none could leave her room without retaining impressions harrowing to their feelings. Miserable indeed was the condition of this poor old woman, when "the blessed Saviour passed in mercy by, and light from Heaven broke upon her benighted mind." On a solemn occasion, when the preacher was engaged with the family in the hall, their devotions were interrupted by the cries and noise of this poor sufferer. He desired to be taken to her room; the matron entreated that he might be admitted, but was positively refused. He was at the door; he could not, he did not resist the impulse; he entered, and the aged sufferer became instantly silent. For some time he talked to her, and then prayed; her heart was touched, and it is believed that from the date of this interview, a gradual change took place; and before her course was finished, a beam of peace irradiated her departing spirit. Surely this retrospect

cannot but be acceptable to every heart whose chords can vibrate in sympathy for the deep and solemn trials of fellow mortals in their progress through time to eternity.

The chambers which were vacant and desolate, are now re-occupied. From the many recesses which our city affords of bereaved and suffering merit, six new incumbents have supplied the places of those departed, and the Asylum of the Indigent and the Aged is earnestly recommended by its Managers to the liberality of the munificent.

The Treasurer's report exhibits the exhausted state of those means by which the establishment has been maintained. In the confiding hope that their appeal for the aged and the indigent shall not be in vain, the Managers submit their report.

Although the Managers have expressed their gratitude for having through mercy escaped the fearful disease which recently existed in our city, yet there remains a painful duty for them to fulfil.

In paying the tribute of respect and affection to departed merit, there is a feeling of sadness so pure and so soothing, that it is difficult to define or give it utterance. The death of two beloved associates in our board, since the last anniversary, is still deeply felt and deplored by the Managers they have left.

The merit of Mrs. Hodge as a manager and treasurer of the society, and her devoted attention to the comfort and welfare of the Institution, cannot be delineated even by the pen of warmest friendship. The recollection of her excellence in the various characters she sustained, and the active services which she faithfully rendered, will be long cherished in the hearts of those who intimately knew her virtues.

Nor is the tribute of affection and respect less due to the memory of Mrs. Elizabeth Biddle. The amiableness of temper, suavity of manners, and correctness of judgment, for which both these beloved friends were distinguished, whilst remembered with regret for themselves, affords the consoling hope of meeting them again—where they have gone to reap the rich reward of duties fulfilled and faith triumphant.

Dr. *Indigent Widows' and Single Women's Society, in account current with R. Chester, Treasurer.* Cr.

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March 21	To cash paid Thomas Biddle & Co., for $3,000 Schuylkill Navigation 5 per cent. stock, - -	3,057	50	Jan'y. 12	By balance of former account,	70	56
					By amount of collections taken up after a sermon delivered by Rev. Mr. Barnes, - -	141	71
Sept'r. 6	To cash paid for printing reports, &c.,	26	35				
				March 21	By amount of Chaloner & Henry's note, - -	2,000	00
1833.							
Jan'y. 3	To cash paid upon warrant of the Board of Managers to the Purchasing Committee, - -	2,600	18	Aug't. 12	By estate of Charles Evans, dec'd., in full of residuary legacy, through C. Evans, Esq., Executor, -	861	09
	Balance in favour of the Society,	42	51	Dec'r. 6	By Saving Fund, a return of deposite,	100	00
				1833.			
				Jan'y. 3	By admission of pensioners into asylum, - -	210	00
					By board of persons in asylum,	152	50
					By work done in the asylum, -	50	39
					By furniture sold, - -	10	25
					By dividends and interest on stocks, &c., - - -	959	00
					By annual subscriptions, -	700	00
					By life subscriptions, - -	60	00
					By sundry donations, - -	38	71
					By fines from managers, - -	8	00
					By charity box, - -	15	33
		5,726	54			5,726	54

E. E. Philadelphia, Jan'y. 8, 1833.

Statement of Purchasing Committee.

To cash refunded Mrs. Simmons, balance due her, Jan. 1, 1832, as per printed report of that date, - - - - -	$ 252 40
Paid matron's salary for 15 months, - - - -	187 50
Other wages for one year, - - - -	187 62
Fuel, - - - - - - - -	210 87
Butcher's meat, - - - - - - -	142 47
Flour and bread, - - - - - - -	225 18
Groceries, oil, &c., - - - - - -	483 86
Water tax and repairs of hydrant, - - - -	17 50
Shoes, - - - - - - - -	31 36
Dry goods, - - - - - - -	49 62
Yarn, - - - - - - - -	33 50
Matron, for house expenses, - - - -	621 00
House cleaning, - - - - - -	24 25
Potatoes, - - - - - - - -	26 00
Brushes, - - - - - - - -	15 25
Repairs, bricklaying, carpentering, painting, glazing, &c.,	55 35
Stoves, boilers, and fixtures, - - - -	118 64
Gardening, - - - - - - -	5 75
Soap, - - - - - - - -	15 00
Tin ware and stove pipes, - - - -	16 36
Medicine, - - - - - - -	22 20
Sundries, - - - - - - -	12 64
Extra expenses for Mrs. Snyder, - - -	11 25
	$ 2765 57

(Balance due Society, $ 7 61.)

Dr.

Amount of money received from Treasurer, - - -	$ 2750 18
Received of Miss Keppele, from the 3d Presbyterian Church, Dr. Ely, and Captain Whilldin, for Mrs. Snyder's benefit, - -	23 00
	$ 2773 18

Cr.

As per above statement, - - - - -	2765 57
Balance in hands of purchasing committee, Jan. 1, 1833, -	$ 7 61

One hundred and fifty dollars of the amount paid purchasing committee, was accounted for in the last Treasurer's report for 1831.

Bills remaining unpaid in the hands of the committee, amounting to $285 66½.

NEW CONTRIBUTORS SINCE THE LAST REPORT.

Life Subscribers.

Mrs. Susan Sansom, - - - - - -	$ 30 00
Mrs. Edward Coleman, - - - - -	30 00
Mrs. James Coleman, - - - - -	30 00

New Annual Subscribers since the last Report.

Mrs. Lewis Ashhurst, -	$ 3 00	Mrs. E. W. Cope, - -	$ 3 00
Mrs. S. Bettle, - -	3 00	Miss Jane Humphreys, -	3 00
Mrs. E. F. Backus, - -	3 00	Mrs. S. Johnson, - -	3 00
Mrs. C. Bird, - - -	3 00	Mrs. Mary Ingersoll, -	3 00
Mrs. Carroll, - - -	3 00	Mrs. Elizabeth Large, -	3 00

Mrs. Lloyd,	$5 00	Mrs. H. Ralston,	$3 00
Mr. S. C. Garrett,	3 00	Mrs. E. G. Randolph,	3 00
Mrs. S. E. Cresson,	3 00	Mrs. Schott,	3 00
Mrs. Julianna Miller,	3 00	Mr. Peter Thomson,	3 00
Mrs. J. M'Ilvaine,	3 00	Mrs. Julia Williams,	3 00
Mrs. H. M'Ilvaine,	3 00	Miss Caroline Watson,	3 00
Mrs. E. G. Price,	3 00	Miss Eliza West,	3 00
Miss Prowel,	3 00		

Donations received in 1832 *and* 1833.

From a manager,	$100 00	From Mrs. Julia Scott,	$ 5 00
From a friend,	5 00	From a manager,	20 00
From Mr. Ashhurst,	10 00	From Henry Pratt, Esq.,	100 00
From a lady, through Miss Ralston,	10 00	From Miss Chester,	6 00
From Mrs. Eppelsheimer,	3 00	From J. A. Brown, Esq.,	50 00
From Mrs. Stevenson,	50 00	From Mrs. Kelly,	5 00
From a friend, by Miss Keppele,	5 00	From a gentleman, through Miss Keppele,	5 00
From J. R. Neff, Esq.	102 46	From Mr. Caleb Cope,	3 00
From Mr. Knott,	6 50		

Donations received at the Asylum.

Four cast iron plates and two grates, from Levi Morris & Co., amounting to 5 dollars 85 cents.

A large keg of lard, piece of green paper, and sweet meats from Managers.

Six bottles of Port wine, from a lady.

Fifteen bushels of potatoes, from Miss Ralston.

Forty-six yards of red flannel, from one of the Managers.

Twenty-three do. from Mrs. E. Kane.

Thirty yards of diaper, from a Manager.

Eighteen do. from Mrs Hallowell.

Thirty almanacks, from Key, Mielke & Biddle.

One dozen knives and forks, from a gentleman.

Two carving knives and forks, from Mr. Abbot.

Crockery, from Mrs. Tindale, amounting to $2 40.

Ten dollars worth of crockery, from a Manager.

The Works of Newton, in 2 vols.; the Life of Oberlin, in 1 vol.; the Life of Francke, in 1 vol.; the Life of Moses in 1 vol.; from a friend to the Institution.

The Christian Advocate, and other periodicals, from a friend.

A number of books, from Miss R.

Received for Christmas, 1832.

Five dollars and seventy-five cents, from several Managers.

Currants and raisins, from Mr. Donnell.

Two gallons of cider, from a friend.

Two turkeys, from a Manager.

A piece of beef, suet, and one pair of chickens, from Mr. Sowers.

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Second Directress.

Mrs. Mary Yorke.

Treasurer.

Mrs. Jasper Cope.

Secretary.

Miss E. Keppele.

Managers.

Mrs. B. Chew,
Mrs. Mary Yorke,
Mrs. Susannah Latimer,
Miss Elizabeth Latimer,
Mrs. Joshua Lippincott,
Mrs. Theodosia Graydon,
Mrs. W. Collins,
Mrs. Jasper Cope,
Mrs. John Hallowell,
Miss Elizabeth Ralston,
Mrs. Samuel Richards,
Mrs. I. C. Jones,
Mrs. Stephen Simmons,
Mrs. Elisha Kane,
Mrs. J. A. Brown,
Miss Elizabeth Keppele,
Mrs. Rebecca Chester,
Mrs. Elizabeth Stott,
Mrs. Roberts Vaux,
Mrs. Richard Alsop,
Mrs. Dr. H. L. Hodge,
Mrs. Anne S. Janney,
Mrs. J. Browne Smith,
Mrs. James Coleman.

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

Of the Indigent Widows' and Single Women's Society of Philadelphia.

In presenting the Seventeenth Annual Report of the Indigent Widows' and Single Women's Society to the patrons of the Institution, it is believed that a plain statement of facts will be most acceptable.

The Managers during the past year have had mingled feelings of pleasure and of pain. Pleasure, that the family committed to their care have enjoyed unusual health, and pain, in having had great difficulty in meeting the expenses, necessarily incurred, in the maintenance of so large a family.

Fifty-two aged females have been in the Asylum the last year —four have been admitted—four have died—forty-eight are still under our care, many of whom are now suffering from the pains and infirmities incident to advanced age. Five are entirely blind, and three are nearly so, but being accustomed to the house, are able to move from their chambers to the sitting room without difficulty. Among the former number is the widow of Peter Helm, who braved the pestilence of '93 to attend the sick of Philadelphia.

Visit the Asylum, and you will there behold the sad reverse of fortune! Those, who in youth were in affluence, and met in different scenes, are there—and the niece of a man who was foremost in all acts of charity and mercy, in *his* day and generation, has been an inmate for many years—and in one instance an individual, who, when *her* husband was living, was a subscriber to the Institution, is *now* a beneficiary of *your* bounty.

Their lives being regular and free from care, seems to give them renewed vigour; and those who, when admitted, appeared near the verge of the grave, have gained a longer lease of life.

The lady from the West Indies, mentioned in a former report, who had lost sight and hearing, is still in the Asylum, in better health.

The Society was originated January 9th, 1817, and on the 18th of March of the same year the first individual was enrolled. Since that period one hundred and forty-eight have been received; of twenty of that number some have been dismissed for disobedience to the rules—some returned to their families—forty-eight still in a comfortable home—eighty have passed from this world to another, and in the enjoyment of religious privileges, many have found a peace which the world could neither give nor take away, and died in the hope of a glorious immortality.

Twice we have been obliged to change our Matron, but trust the one who has now the charge of the Institution, will long be able to retain it.

The expenses have been much greater than in former years, in consequence of the alteration of the street in front, and of some changes in the interior of the house, which have been unavoidable. A petition has been sent to Councils for aid, which has not been successful, and another application will be made, in the hope, that after a plain explanation of facts, we shall meet with success.

We are, however, obliged to appeal to a benevolent Public, to whom we have never applied in vain, and our confidence is unshaken in Him who has said He will be a husband to the Widow, and we humbly believe He will open the hearts of the charitable for their support.

By the Treasurer's Report, it will be found how entirely inadequate the funded property is, for the maintenance of the family, and how much we depend upon subscriptions and donations. Let us remember, therefore, the words of Him who hath said, "the poor ye have with you always, and whensoever ye will, ye can do them good," and "inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Dr. *Indigent Widows' and Single Women's Society, in account current with R. Chester, Treasurer.* Cr.

1833.		*Dolls.*	*C.*	1833.		*Dolls.*	*C.*
Feb'ry.,	To cash paid Thomas Biddle & Co., for $1000 Schuylkill Navigation Loan, - - -	1,070	00	January,	By balance of former account,	42	51
					By Saving Fund, return of deposite,	700	00
					By admissions of pensioners into asylum, - - -	120	00
	To cash paid Purchasing Committee upon warrant of the Board of Managers, - - -	3,050	00		By board of persons in asylum,	289	41
					By sundry donations, -	815	00
					By annual subscriptions, -	729	00
1834.					By life subscriptions, -	240	00
January,	Balance in favour of the Society,	25	40		By charity box, - -	34	28
					By fines from managers, -	2	00
					By one year's ground rent, -	11	91
					By dividends on stocks, and interest,	994	00
				Decem'r.	By cash received, amount of collections taken up in First Presbyterian church, - - -	144	79
					By work done at the asylum,	22	50
		4,145	40			4,145	40
					Balance of account in favour of the Society, - - -	25	40

The committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's accounts, find them correct.

E. KEPPELE,
E. A. RALSTON.

Statement of Purchasing Committee.

Matron's salary.—Paid Mrs. M'Masters in full,	$102 00	
Mrs. Savage in full,	61 20	
		$163 20
Paid Other wages,		210 38
Fuel,		217 30
Flour and Bread,		326 28
Groceries, tea, &c.,		805 85
Matron, for house expenses		571 10
House cleaning,		13 00
Water tax,		15 00
Shoes,		39 56
Dry goods,		21 06
Butcher's meat,		292 98
Yarn,		7 20
Potatoes and turnips,		19 77
Repairs of asylum,		136 83
Tin ware and crockery,		27 81
Medicine,		27 39
Stationary and printing,		18 35
Ironmongery,		13 30
Weaving,		17 20
Funeral expenses,		74 37
Repairs and alterations produced by change of City regulations in height of Cherry street, (in part)		164 75
Curb stone on Cherry street,		40 70
Total,		$3223 38

Balance due Society, January 1st, 1833,	$ 7 61
Amount received from Treasurer during 1833,	3050 00
Balance due Mrs. Simmons, January 1st, 1834,	165 77
	$3223 38

New Life Subscribers since the last Report.

Mrs. Hazlehurst,	$30 00	Miss H. Sansom,	$30 00
Mrs. James Lloyd,	30 00	Mrs. S. B. Brown,	30 00
Mrs. Joseph Swift,	30 00	Mrs. Lewis Neil,	30 00
Mrs. Lewis Duval, Jr.,	30 00	Mrs. S. W. Cope,	30 00

New Annual Subscribers since the last Report.

Mrs. Bedford,	$3 00	Mrs. Dr. E. J. Coxe,	$3 00
Mrs. Edward Biddle,	3 00	Mr. W. M. Collins,	3 00
Mrs. Frederick Brown,	3 00	Miss Catherine Carson,	3 00
Dr. Henry Bond,	3 00	Mrs. Susan Eckard,	3 00
Mr. J. B. Bispham,	3 00	Mrs. Ellmaker,	3 00
Mrs. J. B. Bispham,	3 00	Mrs. H. Foster,	3 00
Mrs. H. Bohlen,	3 00	Miss Ann Ford,	3 00
Mr. W. N. Bispham,	3 00	Mrs. William Irvine,	5 00
Mrs. Henry Chancellor,	3 00	Mrs. Elizabeth H. Stocker,	3 00
Mr. Isaac Cooper,	5 00	Mr. T. Garrett,	3 00

Mrs. G. H. Garrett,	$3 00	Miss Elizabeth Marshall,	$3 00
Mrs. I. C. Jones,	3 00	Mrs. Eliza R. Newell,	3 00
Rev. Mrs. James,	3 00	Mrs. Sarah S. Johnson,	3 00
Mrs. Ann Janney,	3 00	Miss Rhodes,	3 00
Miss Anna Morton,	3 00	Mrs. T. M. Pettit,	3 00
Miss Miles,	3 00	Mrs. B. Tilghman,	3 00
Mrs. Dr. Meigs,	3 00	Mr. John Warder,	3 00
Mrs. Dr. Morris,	3 00	Miss Ann Diver,	3 00
Mrs. Abby Morris,	3 00	Mrs. Thomas Flemming,	5 00
Mrs. Dr. Thomas Betton,	3 00		

Donations received in 1833 *and* 1834.

From a gentleman, by Miss Keppele,	$20 00	From Dr. Joseph Hartshorne,	$5 00
From Mrs. Stott,	205 00	From Mr. Seth Craige,	5 00
Donation by Mrs. Kane,	2 00	From Mr. Tobias Wagner,	5 00
From Mrs. James Large,	2 00	From Mrs. John Grigg,	5 00
From Mrs. T. Jackson,	1 00	From Mrs. Abraham R. Perkins,	5 00
From Mrs. J. A. Brown,	50 00	From Mrs. Sarah Handy,	5 00
From Nathan Dunn, Esq.	100 00	From Mrs. D. Bevan,	5 00
From an old woman,	5 00	From Mrs. James Fassitt,	5 00
From the 1st Baptist church, under the care of Rev. Dr. Brantly,	32 00	From Mrs. Thomas Fassitt,	5 00
From Mrs. S., by Miss Keppele,	10 00	From Mrs. Quintin Campbell,	5 00
From E. B., Esq., by Miss Keppele,	5 00	Donation from a lady, by Mrs. Richards,	10 00
From Mr. W. S. Williams,	5 00	From Mrs. Carswell,	3 00
From Thomas Astley, Esq.,	10 00	From Miss E. Lapsley,	2 00
From Samuel B. Morris, Esq.,	10 00	From Mr. George W. M'Clelland,	3 00
From Paul Beck, Esq.,	20 00	From a lady, by Mrs. Richards,	1 00
From Alexander Henry, Esq.,	10 00	From Mrs. Heberton,	1 00
From Bartholomew Wistar, Esq.,	10 00	From Mr. Andrew Cochran,	1 00
From a gentleman, by Mrs. Graydon,	2 00	From Mr. Hugh Stevenson,	1 00
From a lady, by Mrs. Graydon,	1 00	From Mrs. P., by Mrs. Richards,	2 00
From Miss Hannah Cooper,	5 00	From Mrs. M. Brown,	2 00
From Miss C. Hopkins,	5 00	From W. Brown, Esq.,	10 00
From Miss E. Hopkins,	5 00	From Mrs. Gilchrist,	10 00
From James Bayard, Esq.,	5 00	From Mrs. George Blight,	5 00
From John L. Hodge, Esq.,	25 00	From Miss M. Latimer,	5 00
From John A. Brown, Esq.,	50 00	From Miss E. Latimer,	5 00
From Mrs. Gilbert Robinson,	5 00	From Mrs. E. M. Donnaldson,	2 00
From Mrs. Richard Alsop,	25 00	From Caleb Cope,	5 00
A trifle for the Widows, by Mrs. Alsop,	5 00	From John Fleeger,	5 00
From Mrs. Samuel Richards,	5 00	From Lindsey Nicholson,	5 00
From Miss Sarah B. Richards,	5 00	From Mrs. Massey,	3 00
From Miss Elizabeth A. Richards,	5 00	From Mrs. Moss,	1 00
Jury fees from a gentleman, by Mrs. Richards,	6 00	From Miss Lang,	0 50
From Mrs. Elizabeth Greenfield,	5 00	From Miss Butler,	50 00
From Mrs. Jane Preston,	5 00	From Mrs. Wagner, Sen.,	5 00
From Mrs. B. Tevis,	5 00	From a friend, by Mrs. Yorke,	0 50
From Mr. Henry Kuhl,	5 00	Amount of collection taken up in the 1st Presbyterian church,	144 79
From Mrs. A. Holmes,	5 00	From Miss Ann Mifflin,	5 00
From Mr. M. Newkirk,	5 00	From Miss Chester,	25 00
From Mr. Thomas Reeves,	5 00	Cash,	1 00
		From Miss Hannah Parke,	20 00
		From Mrs. Joseph Hemphill,	10 00
		From Miss Ann Hall,	5 00
		From Mrs. Hindman,	5 00
		From Mrs. John Markoe,	5 00

From Mrs. Julia Scott, -	$5 00	Cash, by Mrs. Lippincott,	$5 00
From Ambrose White, Esq.,	5 00	From Mr. William Fotterall,	5 00
From J. Browne Smith, Esq.,	5 00	From Mrs. S. Lippincott,	10 00
From Mrs. C. W. Smith,	5 00	Donation from Mr. J. Struthers,	50 00
From Mrs. J. R. Smith, -	5 00	From Jacob Ridgway, Esq.,	5 00
From a friend, by Mrs. Smith,	10 00	From Mrs. Pearson, -	5 00
From Mr. Edward Coleman,	10 00	From Mr. Levy, - -	5 00
From Mrs. Edward Coleman,	10 00	From Mrs. Harland, -	5 00
From Mrs. Ashhurst, -	50 00	From Miss S. Dickinson,	5 00
From a friend, by Mrs. Stott,	5 00	From Mrs. Susan Sansom,	5 00
From Thomas Hale, Esq.,	5 00	From Mrs. C. Graff, -	5 00
From William Davidson, Esq.,	5 00	From Mrs. Morrison, -	5 00
From Mrs. Abby Morris,	5 00	From Miss M. Pearson, -	3 00
From Dr. Joseph Parrish,	5 00	From Mrs. John Stillé, -	10 00
From Lewis Clapier, Esq.,	5 00	From Mrs. Robinett, -	1 00
From Charles Norris, Esq.,	5 00	From Mr. W. Hart, -	25 00
From S. C. Wykoff, Esq.,	5 00	From the Misses Chew,	10 00
From Miss Adelaide Montmollin,	5 00	From Mr. William Swaim,	1 00
From Miss Patience Morris,	5 00	From Mr. Henry Troth, -	3 00
From Mr. Hudson Foster,	10 00	From Mrs. Sarah E. Cresson,	10 00
From Mrs. S. Pogson Smith,	2 00	Cash, by Mrs. S. E. Cresson,	5 00
From Miss Sarah Drayton,	5 00	Cash from E. P., by Mrs. Jones,	5 00
From Mrs. J. K. Kane, -	10 00	Cash, by Mrs. Jones, -	3 00
From Mrs. J. P. Wetherill,	5 00	From Mrs. Dr. Gibson, -	5 00
From Miss Mary Sheaff, of New York, - - - -	3 00	From Mrs. Robert Maxwell,	5 00
		From Miss E. Huxham, -	2 00
From Mrs. Elisha Kane, -	5 00	From a young gentleman,	5 00
From Mrs. James Coleman,	10 00	By Mrs. Vaux, a friend to the cause, - - -	10 00
From Mrs. Cornelia Cooper,	10 00		
From Messrs. Ronaldson,	10 00	From Mrs. Margaret Vaux,	5 00
From Miss Janet Ronaldson,	5 00	From Mr. L., by Mrs. Richards,	5 00
From Mrs. Rachael Wetherill,	5 00	From Mrs. P. Marshall, -	5 00
From Mrs. Rebecca Grimbs,	1 00	Cash at Anniversary, -	0 50
From a friend to old ladies, by Mrs. Lippincott, -	5 00	From Miss Anna B. Hall,	5 00
		From Mrs. G. R., by Miss Keppele,	2 00
From a gentleman, by Mrs. Lippincott, - - -	5 00	From Mr. Joseph Diver,	5 00
		From Mrs. Henry White,	5 00

Donations received at the Asylum.

Donation of vegetables, from Mr. Pratt.

Buckwheat flower, Indian meal, one coffee-pot, three tea-pots, a table cover, vegetables, a large iron boiler, and one load of boards, from Mrs. Simmons.

One pair plated castors, silver rims, from Mrs. Yorke.

A bundle of cinnamon, from Mrs. I. C. Jones.

A donation of valuable medicines, and sundry other articles, from Mrs. J. Lex.

Vegetables, raspberry jam, jelly, and apples, from Mrs. Chew.

Twenty yards domestic muslin, and fifteen yards calico, from Mrs. William Bryan.

Twenty-two quarts of strawberries, and sixty-three yards domestic muslin, from Mrs. Lippincott.

A donation of Shrubbery, to the amount of $3 25, from Robert Carr.

Twelve bushels of potatoes, from Miss Ralston.

Two barrels of turnips, forty heads of cabbage, from Mrs. Hallowell.

One barrel of apples, thirty-four and a half yards of shirting muslin, from Mrs. Stott.

Thirty yards of fine scarlet flannel, from Mrs. Kane.

Thirty-three yards domestic carpet, from a friend to the Institution.

Forty-six yards yellow flannel, from Mrs. Ashhurst.

One load of boards, and three drip stones, from Mrs. Collins.

One and a half dozen table spoons, and one and a half dozen teaspoons, from C. H. & George Abbott.

Two pair sad-irons, from Benjamin H. Yarnall.

Twenty-six almanacks, from Uriah Hunt.

Twelve almanacks, from John Grigg.

Twenty-six yards domestic shirting muslin, from Mrs. Clapier.

Donations for Christmas, 1833.

Seven dollars from Managers.

One turkey, from Mrs. Cope.

One turkey, from a Manager.

One turkey, from Mr. Sowers.

Raisins, currants, &c., from Mr. Donnell.

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Mrs. J. R. Latimer.

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Mrs. Thomas Latimer,
Mrs. Joshua Lippincott,
Mrs. Theodosia Graydon,
Mrs. William Collins,
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Mrs. John Hallowell,
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Mrs. Samuel Richards,
Mrs. I. C. Jones,
Mrs. Stephen Simmons,
Mrs. John A. Brown,
Mrs. John R. Latimer,
Mrs. Rebecca Chester,
Mrs. Elizabeth Stott,
Mrs. Roberts Vaux,
Mrs. Richard Alsop,
Mrs. Dr. H. L. Hodge,
Mrs. Anne S. Janney,
Mrs. J. Browne Smith,
Mrs. James Coleman,
Mrs. S. Hazlehurst.

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

Of the Indigent Widows' and Single Women's Society of Philadelphia.

The season has again arrived, when it becomes the duty of the Managers of the Indigent Widows' and Single Women's Society to present their Annual Report, which they do with gratitude for the kindness which has been extended to, and the prosperity which attends the Institution at, the present time.

It may be remembered, that at this season last year, the Society was in great difficulties, and an appeal obliged to be made to the benevolence of the public; it was not made in vain, and we were liberally supplied. Of all charities this is the most disinterested; in the sister Institution, we expect to raise up useful members of society; in this, all that can be hoped for is to render the closing scene of life peaceful and happy. Under the most favourable circumstances, age brings with it many infirmities and distresses; how many more, combined with poverty! When we contemplate therefore the object of this Institution, and see those who were formerly in the possession of the comforts, and many of them of the luxuries of this world, reduced by sad reverse of fortune to penury and want, who have outlived all those tender and endearing ties which render life desirable, will not the feelings be excited to contribute to their support?

Eighteen years have elapsed since the Society first commenced its operations; during that period, one hundred and fifty-four individuals have partaken of your bounty, and found a quiet comfortable home; seventeen have returned to their friends, either in this country or in Europe, and only three have been

dismissed for improper conduct. Fifty-six have been in the Asylum the past year, six have been admitted, five have departed this life, and fifty-one still remain the beneficiaries of your bounty. The family enjoys as good health as can be expected in persons of their advanced age; the excellent matron who has now the charge of it, deserves high commendation for the internal arrangement of the house, and for her unwearied and affectionate attention to her aged charge.

The Managers feel desirous of acknowledging their thanks to Dr. Caspar Wistar, who has been for many years a kind and faithful physician to the Institution.

It will be found from the Treasurer's report, that the income is not sufficient for the support of the family: it depends in a great degree upon donations and subscriptions, and it is confidently believed, that a Society, the usefulness of which has been tested for so many years, will not be permitted to languish or decay. God has emphatically styled himself the "Widow's God;" with him, therefore, and you, we leave the Institution, knowing Him, who hath said, "the poor ye have with you always, and whensoever ye will ye can do them good, and inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

The Managers are called upon to mourn the death of Mrs. Elisha Kane, who was for ten years one of their most benevolent associates, and who never visited the Asylum without carrying with her some manifestation of her remembrance to the poor and the infirm.

Dr. *The Indigent Widows' and Single Women's Society, in account with R. Cope, Treasurer.* Cr.

1834.		D.	C.	1834.		D.	C.
January,	Paid balance due Rebecca Simmons, the former purchasing committee,	107	29	January,	By balance of former account,	25	40
	Warrants drawn by the board of managers, for use of the purchasing committee, - - -	3,315	00		By admission money for inmates the present year, - - -	260	00
	For 16 shares Girard Bank stock, bought 10th month, 1834, -	998	00		By board of persons in the Asylum,	297	35
	Deposite in the Saving Fund, -	200	00		By sundry donations, - -	1,272	50
1835.					By annual subscribers, - -	826	00
January,	Balance in favour of the Society,	511	05		By life subscriptions, - -	150	00
					By charity box, - - -	24	25
					By one year's ground rent, -	12	10
					By dividends on stocks, - -	981	75
					By work and materials, - -	159	01
					By articles sold, - - -	48	43
					By money found after decease of two of the inmates, - -	7	05
	Counterfeit note of the Susquehanna Bridge and Bank Company, Port Deposit, Md., 5 dollars.	5	00		By legacy from Esther Waters,	975	00
					By legacy from Rebecca Huddle,	97	50
						5,136	34
		5,136	34	1835.	By balance in hands of the treasurer, at close of the year 1834, say	511	05

REBECCA COPE, *Treasurer.*

Philadelphia, January, 1835.

Statement of Purchasing Committee.

Paid matron's salary for fifteen months,	$187 50
Other wages for one year,	252 00
Fuel,	158 68
Butcher's meat,	314 49
Flour and bread,	238 94
Groceries, oil, &c.,	667 85
Water tax,	15 00
Dry goods,	138 01
Yarn,	13 95
Matron, for house expenses,	465 00
Masonry, carpenter's work, and repairs of Asylum,	118 00
Iron pipes, and introduction of Schuylkill water in 1833,	65 00
Ironmongery, tinware, &c.,	60 61
Medicine,	33 19
Funeral expenses,	59 50
Sundries,	4 31
Stationary, and printing annual reports,	22 82
House cleaning, &c.,	33 68
Repairs and alterations produced by change of City regulations in height of Cherry street,	400 79
	$3249 32

Amount received from treasurer during 1834,		$3,422 29
Balance due Purchasing Committee from last year,		$165 77
Expenditures during 1834,		3,249 32
Balance in hands of Purchasing Committee,		7 20
		$3,422 29

12*th Month* 31*st*, 1834.

There are bills remaining unpaid in the hands of the Purchasing Committee, amounting to upwards of $300, independently of the current expenses; therefore the balance in the hands of the Treasurer is not more than sufficient for the present month, January.

New Annual Subscribers since the last Report.

Mr. Lewis Ashhurst,	$3 00	Mrs. Jonathan Jones,	$4 00
Miss Sydney Coates,	3 00	Mrs. Kelly,	3 00
Miss Sarah Coates,	3 00	Mrs. Isaac Lawrence,	3 00
Mrs. Camac,	3 00	Mrs. R. M. Lewis,	3 00
Mrs. Colquhoun,	3 00	Mrs. Lawrence Lewis,	3 00
Miss Chester,	3 00	Mrs. Levi Morris,	3 00
Miss H. Chauncey,	3 00	Miss M'Call,	3 00
Mr. Isaac Collins,	5 00	Mrs. John Paul,	3 00
Mrs. Captain John Campbell,	3 00	Mrs. J. L. Pearson,	3 00
Amy Y. Ellis,	3 00	Hepseba Potts,	3 00
Miss Mary D. Fox,	3 00	Mrs. Dr. Rivinus,	3 00
Mrs. G. W. Fobes,	3 00	Mrs. Margaret Shuster,	3 00
Mrs. Farquhar,	3 00	Townsend Sharpless,	5 00
Mrs. Isaiah Hacker,	3 00	Mrs. H. Sloan,	3 00
Miss C. Hartung,	3 00	Mrs. J. R. Smith,	3 00
Miss A. C. Hartung,	3 00	Mrs. W. Worrell,	3 00
Mrs. Dr. T. Harris,	3 00	Miss M. C. Baker,	3 00
Mrs. Hertzog,	3 00	Mrs. James Bayard,	3 00
Leonard Jewell, Esq.,	3 00		

New Life Subscribers since the last Report.

Mrs. John M'Allister,	$30 00
Mrs. Dr. Otto,	30 00
Miss Eliza Lex,	30 00
Miss M. Lex,	30 00

Donations for 1834.

From a friend, by Mrs. Graydon,	$10 00	From Mrs. James Cooper,	5 00
From Mrs. H. Whitehead,	20 00	From William Stevenson,	5 00
From Elizabeth Brown,	5 00	From Thomas Stewardson,	20 00
From two friends to the Institution,	6 00	From Maria Bryan,	3 00
From an unknown friend, by Mrs. Richards,	20 00	From Mrs. Banyier,	10 00
From an old lady, by Mrs. Stott,	20 00	From Mrs. C. W. Smith,	5 00
From Mrs. Gapper, by Mrs. Stott,	5 00	From Mrs. Dr. Horner,	5 00
From George Harrison, Esq.	100 00	From B. F. Loxley, for the present year, from the 1st Baptist church,	40 00
From Mrs. Troutman,	5 00	From W. Parker,	5 00
From Mrs. Elizabeth Stott,	50 00	From John Bacon,	5 00
From Mrs. Rebecca Warder,	5 00	From Rachael Roberts,	5 00
From Mrs. Foulke,	5 00	From a friend, by R. Hallowell,	5 00
From Miss M. Foulke,	3 00	From Mrs. M'Allister,	5 00
From John Keating, Esq.	5 00	From Mrs. James Cooper,	5 00
From a friend, by H. Jones,	100 00	From Mrs. R. W. Sykes,	100 00
From Mrs. Francis Willis, a part for her funeral expenses, the residue donation to the Society,	30 00		

Donations received at the Asylum.

One bushel of dried peaches, from Baldwin and Colton.
One bag of potatoes, from a Manager.
Twenty bushels of potatoes, from Israel W. Morris.
Two barrels of cabbage, one bag of beets, onions, and celery, from Mrs. Simmons.
Sixty-seven heads of cabbage, and other vegetables, from Mrs. Simmons.
One patent coffee mill, from a Manager.
One coffee urn, from a Manager.
One piece of calico, from P. B. Chase.
One-half bushel of dried apples and peaches, from E. Price.
Dried peaches from Mrs. R. Cope.
Two loaves of sugar, and one cheese, from a Manager.
One bushel of peaches, and one-half bushel of oatmeal, from S. Tyndale.
Matting, and fifteen pounds of bacon, from Mrs. Cope.
Twenty-five yards of flannel, from Mrs. Brown.
Sundries from Mrs. Lex, by Mrs. R. Vaux.

Donations on the following bills paid in 1834.

Stephen P. Morris, on bill of iron work,	$3 25
Levi Morris & Co., on bill of castings,	9 21
Matthias Sowers, on bill,	2 00
Jacob Singlass, on bill,	8 10
John Willets, on work done at the Asylum,	33 00
William Fisher, abatement,	65
Mills and Morrow, ditto,	1 00
John Tickner, ditto,	1 00
Levi Morris & Co.,	5 00

Donations for Christmas.

Mrs. Brown, two dollars.
Mrs. Lippincott, two dollars.
Mrs. James Coleman, two dollars.
Two turkeys, one goose, one pair of chickens, one box of raisins, and preserves for the sick, from Mrs. Stott.
One turkey, from Mrs. Cope.
Raisins, from Mrs. Vaux.
One ham, potatoes, &c., from Mrs. Chew.
Fruit and spice, from R. Donnell.
Six pounds suet, from Lewis Lowry.

THE FORM OF A BEQUEST.

MONEY LEGACY.

"I give and bequeath unto the *Indigent Widows' and Single Women's Society of Philadelphia*, the sum of to be paid to the Treasurer for the time being, for the use of the said Society."

DEVISE OF REAL ESTATE.

"I give and devise unto the *Indigent Widows' and Single Women's Society of Philadelphia*, [here describe the property or ground rent] together with the appurtenances, in fee simple."

The Treasurer, Mrs. Jasper Cope, resides at No. 391 Arch street.