

MEDICAL SOCIETY.

At a meeting of the Philadelphia Medical Society, held in their Hall, on Wednesday evening, the 1st. instant, the following gentlemen were duly elected officers for the ensuing year:

- President*—Philip Syng Physick, M. D.
Vice Presidents—Jos. Parrish, M. D. and Saml. Jackson, M. D.
Corresponding Secretaries—J. K. Mitchell, M. D. and John Welch, M. D.
Treasurer—Hugh L. Hodge, M. D.
Curators—T. H. Ritchie, M. D. and Reynell Coates, M. D.
Librarian—Reynell Coates, M. D.
Orator—R. La Roche, M. D.
Library Committee—C. D. Meigs, M. D., R. M. Huston, M. D. and D. P. Condie, M. D.

It was, on motion, unanimously *Resolved*, That the thanks of the Society be presented to Dr. Alfred Drake, the late Librarian, for the very able and faithful manner in which he has performed the duties of his office. By order of the Society.
 CASPAR MORRIS, Recording Sec'y.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WATERING COMMITTEE.

To the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia.

The Watering Committee respectfully report their accounts and proceedings for the past year; with their estimates for the present year.

The amount expended for Iron Pipes in the year 1825, as appears by the account, is.....\$25,739 09
 Of which there was raised on loan, agreeably to the Ordinance of March 2d. 1825, the sum of.....\$18,500 00
 Which, added to the balance in the Treasury, then standing to the credit of Iron Pipes,..... 2,280 42
 Amounts to..... 20,780 42

Leaving a deficiency of.....\$4,958 67

Which was caused, in part, by laying more Iron Pipes than the Committee had contemplated to have done in 1825, rendered necessary from the orders of Councils to pave an unusual number of streets, in some of which no pipes had been laid, and in others where the wooden pipes required to be replaced, and where, of course, it was necessary to lay Iron Pipes, previous to the paving being done. Another cause arose from the extremely defective state of the wooden pipes on both sides of Dock-street, between Front and Second-streets, which it became absolutely necessary to replace with Iron Pipes.

The quantity put down, more than was contemplated, was 5,377 feet; which, added to the main in Vine-street, and mains previously laid, make the whole extent of Iron Pipes now laid, upwards of fifteen miles.

Agreeably to a Resolution of Councils, of the 8th. September last, the Committee entered into contract, on very favourable terms, for Iron Pipes nearly sufficient to replace all the Wooden Pipes with Iron, in Fifth-street, from Vine to Cedar-street, and the streets and alleys between that street and the Delaware, to the amount limited by Councils,.....\$35,000 00

A further sum will be required to be added, for the expense of lead for joints, for excavation, and for laying the pipes, estimated at..... 13,230 00
 To which should be added, the aforementioned deficiency of..... 4,958 67

Making in the whole, required for Iron Pipes, the sum of.....\$53,188 67

As it has been the policy of Councils, to raise loans for this object, payable at a distant period, so that by means of the appropriations made to the Sinking Fund annually, a gradual extinction of the debt will be ensured, without burdening the taxes of any one year, with so large a sum, for an object equally intended for the benefit of the present day, as for those of a far distant period; the Committee recommend to Councils to pursue the same course, and have prepared the draft of an Ordinance accordingly, which is herewith submitted.

The sum drawn from the Treasury to pay damages, during the year 1825, amounts to.. \$860 00
 On which account, there was in the Treasury, to the credit of that account, the sum of.....1,811 51

Leaving for future claims for damages,.. \$951 51

The cost of distribution of water power, of the Fair Mount Works, of salaries, of incidentals, and of repaving over water pipes; in 1825, amounts to \$17,708 23

To meet which, there has been received into the Treasury, for Water Rents of 1825, and for permits, ..\$26,541 42
 And upon Water Rents received in 1825, from new permits, in advance, to January 1, 1826,..... 957 76

Making together,..... 27,299 18

From which was deducted that amount of Water Rents, which, agreeably to Ordinance, is applicable to the Sinking Fund, viz. 14,000 00

Leaving for the object aforementioned, the sum of.... 13,299 18

To which is to be added, the sum received by the Register and Superintendent, for repaving over private pipes, for ferules, &c. 598 25

The amount of sundry articles sold, which was placed in the Treasury in 1825, by Mr. Graff, the Superintendent,..... 3,248 35

And also sundry sums paid in the same manner into the Treasury in 1824, and placed to the credit of the Water Works, for 1825, amounting to..... 1,634 44

Amounting, in the whole, to..... 18,730 22

And leaving a surplus of..... \$1,071 94

The estimated means for the present year's expenses, consists of the Water Rents for 1826, which amount, by the duplicates, to.....\$29,160 50
 From which, deducting for allowances and cost of collection,.....\$1,160 50
 And the sum appropriated by Ordinance to the Sinking Fund, out of the Water Rents,14,000 00

15,160 50

There will remain, the sum of..... 14,000 00

To which is to be added, the new Water Rents, for permits, to be issued in 1826, the Rents of which are receivable in advance, to January 1, 1827, estimated at..... 1,000 00

And also the probable receipts from the sale of old materials, rent of engine-house, &c. 1,000 00

Making on aggregate for the service of 1826, of 16,000 00

The estimate for which, is..... 12,500 00

Leaving a surplus of..... 3,500 00

To which, if their be added the surplus of Water Rents of 1825, as before stated,..... 1,071 94

There will be found a total surplus of.. \$4,571 94

Which may be applied in aid of the Tax Fund of the present year, which the Committee recommend, and herewith offer a Resolution, the object of which is to place at once to that fund the sum of \$1071 94; and on the 1st. day of June next, the sum of 3,500 dollars; the latter sum being the probable surplus, as already stated, of the Rents of 1826.

The increased productiveness of this branch of the City concerns, must afford great pleasure to every member of Councils; for it should be stated, that in 1825, there was applied to the Sinking Fund, out of the Water Rents of that year, the sum of..... 14,000 00

And that from the Water Rents of 1826, a like sum will be taken,..... 14,000 00

And in 1825, there was placed to the credit of the Tax Fund, out of the sum standing previously to the credit of the Water-Works, (by order of Councils,)..... 6,893 50

And if there be added the above-mentioned surplus of..... 4,571 94

The sum total will be.....\$39,465 41

It is proper to state, in this stage of the Report, the reason for a larger expenditure for general objects, in 1825, than the Committee had anticipated, in their Annual Report of that year, which are as follows:—

First. The all-important matter of a full and complete backing to the Dam, which was estimated as requiring 3,000 cubic yards of earth, and other materials, and the actual quantity found necessary, which was upwards of 9,000 yards, making a difference of.....\$1,050 00

Second. Laying 5,895 feet of wooden pipes, not taken into view, but which became necessary, in streets ordered by Councils to be paved; and as the Committee had not Iron Pipes at command, were substituted in situations where the soil is of a nature to warrant a belief, that the wooden pipes will last from fifteen to twenty years, and where the head of water occasions less pressure than in low situations. This item may be considered as having cost..... 2,947 00

It is to be noticed, that these pipes were taken out of Vine and other streets, where it became necessary, according to the plans of the Committee, to place Iron Pipes, though the wooden pipes were in perfect repair. Other expenditures (some of which were made by special order of Councils) would add to the foregoing items; but these are sufficient, if added to the sum estimated by the Committee. 14,147 00

Making together,.....\$18,144 00

To show that the sum expended for the general works of 1825, amounting to 17,708 dollars, falls short of the estimate presented by the Committee.

It will be seen, by reference to the Account, that the annual cost of raising the water into the Reservoir at Fair Mount, including wages, fuel, lights, tallow, &c. amounts to less than four dollars per day.

The iron shaft, mentioned in the last Report, has been received, and is entirely approved.

The contract made for Iron Pipes, under a Resolution of Councils, of the 8th. September last, is partly executed, and there is no doubt will be satisfactorily completed, by Samuel Richards, Esq. the contractor, who has heretofore most faithfully and liberally met all his engagements with the Committee.

The increase of the Water Rents during the past year amounts to \$1,867 95, which is nearly double that of any preceding year. If, as the Committee believe, the neighbouring districts will soon be supplied with Schuylkill water, the income of the City from the Water-Works will be very materially improved.

Upon the whole, the Committee are fully satisfied, that their former wishes and hopes, as expressed in their several Annual Reports to the Councils, will be, and in fact are, in a great measure accomplished; and that the benefits derived from the new Water-Works, will justify the zeal of the Councils in prosecuting them to a conclusion, amid "good and evil report."

By order of the Watering Committee.
 JOSEPH S. LEWIS, Chairman.
 Philadelphia, January 4, 1826.

Fire at New Brunswick.

The undersigned Committee of Superintendence and Correspondence, appointed at a Meeting of the Citizens of Philadelphia and the adjoining Districts, on the 22d. of November, 1825, submit the account of the Treasurer of the Fund for the relief of Sufferers by Fire at New Brunswick.

The most convenient mode for the transmission of the benefaction was its deposit in the Branch Bank of the United States, at New York, immediately after the first payment of which your Committee addressed a letter to Sir Howard Douglass, Governor of New Brunswick, requesting him to draw for the amount on that office.

As soon as your Committee are advised of the receipt of their letter, and the money put at the disposal of the Governor, they will make a final report.

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| John C. Browne, | John Sergeant, |
| Samuel Humphreys, | Roberts Vaux, |
| Joshua Percival, | Robert Ralston, |
| James Ronaldson, | Silas E. Weir, |
| John Goodman, | Joseph S. Walter. |

Collections for sufferers by fire at New Brunswick, in account with Elisha Chauncey, Treasurer.
 February 1, 1825. CR.

- By Collections in Upper Delaware Ward, \$112 12
 Lower Delaware Ward, 187 00
 High-street Ward,..... 282 25
 Chesnut Ward,..... 252 95
 Walnut Ward,..... 157 75
 Dock Ward,..... 250 75
 New Market Ward,.... 97 12
 Cedar Ward,..... 35 00
 North Mulberry Ward, 41 75
 South Mulberry Ward, 86 00
 North Ward,..... 42 00
 Middle Ward,..... 147 00
 South Ward,..... 72 25
- By Collections in the First Ward
 Northern Liberties,.....\$116 36
 Do. do. Second do. do. 115 78
 Do. do. Third do. do. 31 50
 Do. do. Fourth do. do. 53 00
 Do. do. Fifth do. do. 56 75
- By Collections in Penn Township,..... 28 25
 Germantown,..... 311 61
- By Cash received from a Pennsylvanian, 50 00
 from Mr. Martin,..... 5 00

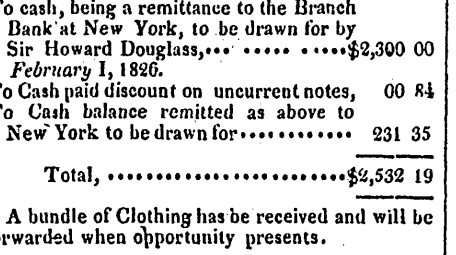
Total,\$2,532 19

December 6, 1825. DR.
 To cash, being a remittance to the Branch Bank at New York, to be drawn for by Sir Howard Douglass,.....\$2,300 00
 February 1, 1826.

To Cash paid discount on uncurrent notes, 00 84
 To Cash balance remitted as above to New York to be drawn for..... 231 35

Total,\$2,532 19

A bundle of Clothing has been received and will be forwarded when opportunity presents.



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Applications at the Office, No. 101 Chesnut-street, either personal or by letter, promptly decided on.
 JOB BACON, Secretary.
 Jan 30 dtf.

HOUSE OF REFUGE,

THE Citizens of Philadelphia, and the adjoining Districts, are requested to meet at the County Court House, corner of Sixth and Chesnut-street, on Tuesday next, the 7th. inst. at 4 o'clock, P. M. to consider the propriety of establishing a house of refuge, for Juvenile Offenders. Signed at the desire of the Philadelphia Society, for alleviating miseries of Public Prisons. WM. WHITE, feb 2—d5t President.

Two Nights More.

MESSRS. MINNICH & LINDSAY'S Performances at the Saloon of the Pennsylvania Museum, commencing on Monday Evening, the 30th. inst. In addition they have engaged the use of the Museum each evening.

Messrs. MINNICH and LINDSAY, have a variety of peculiarities, and Mr. Minnich exhibits the Hanging Feats, after the manner of the celebrated Mr. Stoker. He will be suspended by the neck upwards of 20 feet high.

Admittance 25 cents—Children half price.
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