THE CITY.

COMMISSIONERS OF POOR.—The Board of Commissioners of Poor held an adjourned meeting yesterday afternoon, at the Blockley Almshouse, E. W. Keyser, the president, in the chair.

Though the hour of meeting was fixed at three o'clock, it was twenty minutes to four before the board was called to order.

The following gentlemen were present: Messrs. Gregg, Dickinson, Evans, Lentz, Linnard, Maris, Marks, Robbins, Server, Keyser, president.

The report of the majority of the committee, appointed to examine into the propriety of abolishing the office of the chief resident physician of the Almshouse, was taken up.

Mr. Maris moved that the consideration of the report be postponed, as Mr. Williams, a gentleman much interested, was absent.

The motion was lost.

Mr. Leonard rose to a privileged question, and said that at the last meeting of the board he had, at the solicitation of one of the members of the board, voted to displace from office a gentleman he knew not, and to install another person in his place, with whom he was then unacquainted. His action then, he had become convinced since, was most decidedly wrong, and he felt constrained by a sense of the sternest duty to ask a review of that action on the part of the board.

On the occasion referred to he was waited on by the Guardian of the Poor from the First ward, who asked him to vote for one Samuel Griffiths, as visiter of the poor, in place of the person who had been the previous incumbent. He asked the Guardian (Mr. Lentz) a number of questions as to the character of the man Griffiths, and only after receiving assurances of his being a capable man did he vote for him. Mr. Griffiths was elected unanimously on the strength of the public assurances of Mr. Lentz. The next morning a friend of the speaker called on him and asked him if he knew who it was he had voted for. He replied no, and to his surprise, learned that he had been instrumental in putting into office the keeper and occupant of a low, dirty lager saloon, on Tenth street. He went down town, and found, from personal inquiry, that such indeed was the case. He was now sad-hearted at the idea of his having done this thing was a stain upon his conscience. He did not think that man a proper person to dispense the bounty of the city, who was engaged in the business of manufacturing paupers. He did not think that, under the circumstances, the public expected such things of the Commissioners of Poor. Another reason that constrained him to oppose this man (Griffiths) was the fact that he was the brother-in-law of the Commissioner from the First ward. To be sure, that was no sin; but yet, the principle of providing for relations was one that he did not admire. Mr. Linnard concluded by moving that Mr. Griffiths be ejected from the position of out-door visitor in the First ward.

On motion, the consideration of the resolution was postponed.

The consideration of the report of the committee being in order,

Mr. Marks read a lengthy document, expressing, very elaborately, his views on the subject. He argued in favor of an abolition of the office of chief resident physician, as he thought it would be for the best interests of the institution.

Mr. Leonard said he signed the majority report, but had himself, open to offer a resolution at any time in favor of going into an election for chief resident physician.

Mr. Evans thought the matter something above the consideration of the members. He did not think there were two-thirds of the members that understood fully the subject.

Mr. Robbins cordially coincided in the views of the preceding gentleman. He believed that no institution like the Almshouse could prosper without a head.

Mr. Maris offered his resolution, and wrote the report under consideration from motives of mere humanity. He did not think the system, as it now is, equal at all to that of other times. It was impossible for a chief resident physician to attend to all the duties of the office. He was confident that no man had a due physical, let alone the mental, powers to perform the duties assigned to him. He was decidedly in favor of abolishing the office of chief resident physician, and he hoped the resolution attached to the report would be adopted.

The yeas and nays on the resolution were called, and resulted as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Gregg, Dickinson, Faber, Lentz, Linnard, Maris, Marks, and Keyser (president)—8.

NAYS—Messrs. Evans, Robbins, and Server—3.

ABSENT—Mr. Williams.

So the resolution was agreed to.

Mr. Robbins moved that the committee on examining into the expediency of abolishing the office of chief resident physician be instructed to report the names of consulting physicians, and to report also as to the propriety of having a head to the insane department, appointed to it.

On motion, the time for dispensing with the services of the chief resident physician was extended to the 15th of August.

Mr. Server moved that as Mr. E. E. Smith, the treasurer, died the last board, and paid over the balance in his possession to the new treasurer, the Solicitor be authorized to enter satisfaction on his bond. Agreed to.

Mr. Baker moved that the steward be authorized to diminish the number of persons drawing from the stores. Agreed to.

It was stated that there was such a large number of persons drawing from the stores, that it was impossible for the board or the steward to exercise a due economy.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. Robbins moved that the secretary be instructed to change the advertisement for beef and mutton for the Almshouse, so as to have the cattle furnished in pieces, and not as a gross.

Some debate arose on the question, when it was agreed to.

Mr. Dickinson moved that the committee report the names of twenty-four candidates for the choice of the board, and not the mere number of twelve as first proposed. Agreed to.

Mr. Maris desired to have a distinct vote on the question as to whether professors in medical schools are to be debarred from serving on the medical board.

Mr. Linnard was opposed to having professors of medical colleges on this board, with so much patronage in their hands. They would invariably dispose their offices to students from abroad, ignoring the deserving young men of Philadelphia.

The matter was finally dropped without any action being taken on it.

Mr. Linnard moved that on Monday next the board go into an election for door keeper, store keeper, matron, gardener, messenger, and school teacher. Agreed to.

Mr. Maris, from the Committee on Accounts, presented a report in relation to the salaries of the clerk of the house, the secretary, and the other officers.

The report was read.

The report as far as related to the clerk's demand, was referred back to the committee.

Warrants for the salaries were ordered to be drawn.

Mr. Linnard gave notice that he would call up his motion in relation to the visiter of the First ward. Adjourned.

ARREST OF GAMBLERS.—On Tuesday evening, about eleven o'clock, a descent was made, by Lieutenant Pastorius, on a gambling house, at the corner of Sansom street and Juniper lane, kept by one John Stevenson. The building was used also as a tavern, and bore the reputation, in the neighborhood, of being anything but a respectable place.

When the officers entered they found a party of some fifteen men eagerly plying their unlawful calling. Great efforts were made by the surprized sportsmen to escape, many of them taking to the swing and the window, but as a squad of policemen were stationed around the house, all efforts of that character were abortive, and the whole company was gallanted to the station house. The faro bank, cards, and cue-box, together with a half-dollar, which was on the bank when the descent was made, were removed to the station-house. The party had a hearing before a magistrate in the morning. The following gentlemen were held in the sum of $500 to keep the peace: Joseph Hoxen, John Short, James Brown, James Walton, James Atley, Henry Winters, Henry Williams, George Johnson, Benjamin Dilley, Charles Sailor, George Bowman, William Thomas, Charles Stafford, and Robert Newbit. Stevenson, the keeper of the house, was held in the sum of $1,000 bail to answer at court.

ALLEGED BURGLAR ARRESTED.—High Constable Somers yesterday arrested a German, Lewis Rheinehart, on the charge of being concerned in several robberies lately. The arrest was effected at a boarding house in Rodman street, where Rheinehart was staying. He is charged, in Detroit, as