The Pittsburgh Gazette.

CITY AND SUBURBAN.

THE GAZETTE *is furnished to the city for six days of the week for 15 cents per week; by mail,* $5 *per annum;* 3 *mos.,* $1.

The police offices were barren of items yesterday.

Yesterday Mayor Drum imposed a fine of $20 upon Daniel Sturgeon for interfering with an officer on New Year's Day.

A regular meeting of the Allegheny Board of School Controllers will be held this evening, at seven and a half o'clock, in the Common Council Chamber, city building.

Some hungry individual visited the residence of A. H. Miller, Esq., Centre avenue, on last Friday evening, and helped himself to all the good things intended for a New Year's dinner.

Those Calls.—In order to satisfy the curiosity of our fashionable lady friends, we would state that the ladies mentioned as having received so many New Year's day calls, all keep beer saloons and restaurants.

Committed.—Samuel Taylor made infore the Mayor yesterday charging Henry Dickinson with the larceny of a watch. The accused was arrested, and after a hearing, was committed for his appearance at Court.

Commissions Received.—The commissions of John C. Newmeyer, appointed Notary Public, and that of John G. Creos, elected Justice of the Peace in the borough of Sewickley, have been received at the Recorder's office.

Jacob Matters, the acting police officer at the Seventeenth ward station house, and whose serious illness was noted by us a few days ago, died on Friday at midnight. He was about fifty years of age and was an excellent officer.

Washington and Jefferson College.—We learn through a private telegram that the bills in the Washington and Jefferson College cases, recently argued before the Supreme Court in this city, have been dismissed, and the Court decrees that the petitioners pay the costs of proceedings.

Omitted.—In our report of the proceedings of the Westmoreland County Teachers' Institute, published yesterday, we inadvertently omitted the name of Miss Amanda Kennedy, in mentioning those to whom prizes were awarded, who received a copy of "Robb's Plain Talks on Educational Subjects."

Larceny.—Pat. McCann was arrested yesterday on a charge of larceny on oath of W. F. Anderson. He was taken before the Mayor, and after a hearing, was committed in default of bail for his appearance at Court. It was alleged that he went into A. A. Anderson & Son's job office and stole five shirts, two pairs drawers, two undershirts and two pairs pants.

Election of Trustees.—Last evening the annual meeting of the newholders of the North avenue M. E. Church, Allegheny, was held, when the following gentlemen were chosen as a Board of Trustees for the ensuing year: Messrs. J. W. Hall, W. J. Kountz, J. L. Graham, J. B. Orr, John M. Tate, Thomas Bakewell, Jr., J. M. Carr, Jas. Walton, Simon Drum.

Drowned.—Thomas Smith, a weak-minded boy, well known about the newspaper offices of this city, was drowned a few days since in the Ohio river near Cincinnati. He shipped some time since on the "Jim Reese," and while standing on the deck was struck by a cable and knocked into the river and his body was not seen afterwards.

Meeting of Prison Inspectors.—A meeting of the Board of Prison Inspectors, composed of the Judges of the Courts, County Commissioners, Sheriff, and the Mayors of the two cities, was held yesterday morning. Dr. McKelvey was elected Physician to the jail, and Mr. Scandrett was re-elected Warden. His re election was a flattering testimonial to his efficiency in the past. Deputy Warden Smith will be retained in his old position.

Thanks.—We have received the report of the State Superintendent of Common Schools, J. P. Wickersham, Esq., which is a very interesting document. The report of Pittsburgh city—although Pittsburgh is spelled incorrectly—is a very able document. Prof. Luckey deserves much credit for the ability he has manifested in presenting our scholastic affairs in a manner which will make us compare favorably with other sections of the Commonwealth in that respect.

Election of Directors.—The Corporation known as "E. Ball & Co.," whose stockholders consist chiefly of Pittsburghers, and which has a very extensive Agricultural Implement Manufactory at Canton, Ohio, held a meeting of the stockholders, held yesterday at the office of the Corporation, No. 57 Water street, elected the following Board of Managers, viz: Isaac Jones, Thomas Fawcett, J. C. Perishing, James Veech, J. H. Walters, James Irwin, Alexander Chambers and Frank Rahm, of Pittsburgh; Lewis Peterson, of Tarentum, and E. Ball and J. Durbin, of Canton.

The Sheriff's Office.

Samuel Cluley, Esq., who has ably and satisfactorily filled the office of Sheriff of this county during the past term, yesterday vacated the office to his worthy successor, Captain Hugh S. Fleming, who was sworn in by Jacob H. Walter, Prothonotary, and immediately entered upon the discharge of the duties of the office. Mr. Fleming has made the following good appointments: Solicitor —S. H. Geyer, Esq.; Chief Clerk Wm. J. Diehl; Deputies—Richard H. Fife, W. G. Stubbs, Joseph Mitchell, Robert W. Thomas and Fred. Wilham.

The Economites Surprised.

On Saturday last the quiet place of Economy was thrown into a state of excitement by the long promised visit of the Great Western Band, accompanied by Messrs. Apfelbaum, Foersters, Toerge and sons, and other artists, to pass the day in regular Fatherland style, with vocal and instrumental music.

The visitors were received at the depot by the Economy Band. Then a procession was formed, headed by the Great Western Band, and marched to the hotel, where a sumptuous dinner was awaiting the visitors. After the meal was partaken, all of the village and neighborhood assembled at the Music Hall (old Museum), where the afternoon and evening were passed in musical productions by all present. The vocal productions were of a very choice quality, evincing the highest degree of art and culture. All remained together till midnight, when the visitors were provided with lodgings, and returned to the city on Monday morning.

To the Economites this was an event which will not soon be forgotten, and we might add that visitations of this nature are always welcomed by that generous and hospitable people.

Register's Business.

The following is a report of the number of letters of administration granted and wills admitted to probate during the month of December, in the office of Jos. H. Gray, Register for Allegheny county:

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION GRANTED.

DECEDENT.	ADMINISTRATOR.	
Pat McFarland	Wm. McFarland	$ 200
Michael Lash	Ellen Lynch	1 000
Isaac Jackson	Mary Jackson	1,000
Mary Mowrey	Henry McMurray	400
	Jas. R. Kelly	2 000
Sam'l McElfer	John H. McElfer	500
John M. Johnson	Robt. P. Johnson	20,000
Mary Smith	Chas. Smith	1 000
Calvin Hazen	Wm. H. Hazen	5,000
Jas. Wilson, Jr	Mary Mahon-y	1 000
Fanny Hall	Martha Hall, Marion C. L. &	3 000
Samuel Orr	E. G. Krehen	400
Chas. Ferguson	Mary A. Ferguson	2 000
Jas. P. Moore	Jas. L. Brown	1, 00
Sam'l Marlin	Sam'l Marlin	6,000
Jas. Ayers	Sam'l Kerr	4,000
David Kennedy	Susan and W. H. Irwin	2,000
John Pratt	Thomas Pratt	1,000
Wm. R. McCandless	Thomas H. Hill	2,000
Daily Sarratt	Murray Carpenter	2,000
Samuel W. Lee	Elizabeth Mitchell	1,000
Sam'l H. Bennett	John Crook and Henry Mc. Crosier	4,000
Catharine Bodle	Geo. Snyder	2,000
Mar'l Montgomery	John L. Kow	2 500
Eli Biddle	G. F. Biddle	17,000
Henry Zeisenhise	Elizabeth Anderson	5,000
Dr. Wm. Pollock	Jas. R. Large	20 000
Samuel Fahley & L.	Alex. Hilands	500

WILLS ADMITTED TO PROBATE.

Decedent.	Executor.
Isaac Fangborn	Noah H. Fangborn.
Sarah P. R. McMillen	Sarah L. Parris.
Sarah Whitesides	Joseph Armstrong and W. B. Rogers Esq.
Michael Fisher	Mary F. Fisher.
Thos. R. A. Martin	
Joseph Logan	No exec'or.
Jane Hicks	John Moody.
Levi Stevenson	Samuel and Jane S. Stevenson.
Jane H. Hamilton	Amelia Hamilton.
Joseph Hilands	David Hilands.
James Carson	Wm. and Jas. Carson
Jane Ivory	W. C. Aughinbaugh.
John Teed	

During the year the number of letters of administration and letters testamentary was 625.

The number of wills admitted to probate during the year was 199.

PITTSBURGH COUNCILS.

Organization for 1870—Lists of Members—Officers Elected.

Yesterday morning, in accordance with the law, the members elect and the members holding over, of the Pittsburgh Councils, assembled in their respective Council chambers, to organize for the year.

SELECT COUNCIL.

The Select Council was called to order by E. S. Morrow, Esq., clerk, at ten minutes past ten o'clock.

The Clerk then read the certificates of the election officers for the several wards, certifying to the election of members from their respective districts, which were approved.

Mr. Philips announced that his colleague had no opposition, but the certificate of election had not been returned. He moved that he be admitted to his seat. Approved.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Clerk announced that the next business in order was the election of a President.

Mr. Hartman remarked that at the last meeting of Councils he had announced that a meeting of the members would be held to agree upon a candidate for the Presidency. Since that time the discordant parties had been harmonized and he now moved that Mr. James M'Auley of the Fourth ward be elected by acclamation. The motion was unanimously adopted.

Mr. M'Auley, in taking the Chair, said he felt flattered with the honor conferred upon him at this time. The compliment was specially gratifying, because this would be the last year he would serve in Councils.

The oath of office was then administered to the President by Col. Wm. Phillips.

The next business in order was the election of Clerk, and on motion, E. S. Morrow, Esq., was unanimously re-elected to that position.

Captain S. B. Cooper was re-elected Messenger by acclamation.

ROLL OF MEMBERSHIP.

The roll was then called, and the following gentlemen answered to their names:

Jacob Ahl, David Aiken, C. H. Armstrong, Frank Bissell, A. M. Brown, Hill Burgwin, G. W. Coffin, J. S. Devlin, J. A. Duncan, M. Edwards, W. J. Friday, H. Lashan, Robert Liddell, James Littell, Henry Lloyd, Samuel Morrow, John Murdoch, Jr., James B. Murray, James McAuley, James M. McEwen, S McMahon, D. McNeal, William Phillips, S. Rafferty, James Rees, Levi Rush, B. Schmidt, John D. Scully, C. B. Seeley, John B. Shipton, Richard Thompson, Z. Walnwright, Henry E. White, John Wilson.

The members elect were sworn in by the President.

Mr. Hartman moved that the members now proceed to the selection of seats.

Mr. Brown moved as an amendment that the members elect be permitted to take the seats vacated by their predecessors.

The amendment was adopted.

H. Burgwin, Esq., moved that the rules which governed the old Councils be adopted, with the amendment providing for the holding of regular meetings of Councils on the second and fourth Mondays of each month.

After some discussion a motion was made that the President be instructed to report a set of rules, and in the meantime the old rules shall govern Councils. Adopted.

Mr. Burgwin moved that when Council adjourn it adjourn to meet in regular session on Tuesday of next week, at two o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of electing city officers.

The clerk was then instructed to inform Common Council of the organization of this branch.

A recess for fifteen minutes was ordered, after the expiration of which Council was again called to order.

Mr. M'Masters moved that the seat of the President be removed to the side of the chamber, and the seats be arranged in accordance with that change.

The motion was decided out of order, inasmuch as Councils had already fixed the location of seats.

Mr. Aiken moved that the vote fixing the seats be reconsidered. The motion was decided in the negative.

CITY PRINTING.

The President read the ordinance adopted in Common Council defining the duties and number of papers to do the City Printing and the compensation therefor.

Mr. Brown moved to amend by fixing the number at two English papers, as at present.

Mr. Phillips said he was in favor of the ordinance as adopted. It was not necessary to publish the ordinances in more than one English paper. Everyone who is interested in reading English will know where to look for them. He was opposed to squandering the people's money by paying newspapers for unnecessary publications.

Mr. Brown said that if such logic was good, Council should not have any paper at all.

Mr. Burgwin moved, in order to test the question, that the ordinance be amended so as to designate a Republican paper to do the city printing. If, as Mr. Brown had said, the Germans were only a small fraction of our population, it was not worth while to have the ordinances published in that language.

The motion gave rise to considerable discussion. The yeas and nays were called and resulted in the defeat of the motion by a vote of eight yeas to thirty-two nays.

The yeas and nays were then called on Major Brown's motion when it was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Aiken, Armstrong, Brown, Coffin, Duncan, Edwards, Friday, Gallaher, Glenn, Hartman, Hervey, Isaac Jones, Kehew, Kloy, McEwen, Rees, Rush, Schmidt, Thompson, Z. Wainwright, White, Wilson—22.

Nays—Messrs. Ahl, Bissell, Burgwin, Devlin, House, E. P. Jones, Kirk, Lauman, Liddell, Littell, Morrow, Murdoch, Murray, McAuley, McMahon, Phillips, Rafferty, Scully, Seeley—19.

The ordinance, as amended, was then read three times and passed by a vote of 22 to 19.

The ordinance was returned with the announcement that Common Council adhered to its action.

Mr. Phillips moved that Select recede and concur with the Common Council.

Major Brown moved to refer the matter to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. Morrow was opposed to reference. He was in favor of the ordinance as originally presented, as it would be a great saving to the city. The extra paper was an unnecessary expense.

After some further discussion, Major Brown withdrew his motion, and the question was taken on Col. Phillips' motion to recede and concur with Common Council.

The yeas and nays were called, and were as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Ahl, Aiken, Bissell, Burgwin, Coffin, Devlin, House, Jones, E. P. Jones Isaac, Kehew, Kirk, Landman, Liddell, Littell, Morrow, McAuley, McEwen, McMahon, Phillips, Rafferty, Seeley, Shipton, Thompson and White —24.

Nays—Messrs. Armstrong, Brown, Duncan, Edwards, Friday, Gallaher, Glenn, Hartman, Lloyd, Rees, Rush, Schmidt, Wainwright Z. and Wilson—14.

So the ordinance presented by Common Council was adopted.

Council then adjourned.

Common Council.

At the designated hour the members of this body assembled in their chamber, and were called to order by Hugh McMasters, Esq., Clerk of the preceding Council, who proceeded to read the certificates of election officers of the several wards, from which it appeared that the following gentlemen had been elected:

LIST OF MEMBERS.

Addison Arshurs, John J. Albiets, Edward Barker, John Barton, C. W. Batchelor, John G. Beckman, Alexander Black, George Booth, Patrick Bradley, Samuel Cameron, D. W. C. Carroll, Joseph Caskey, George B. Chalmers, John Creegan, J. Drum, H. A. Diamond, Stephen Dietrich, C. P. Duff, Thomas Edwards, E. L. Faxon, Montgomery Fedder, Oliver Ferson, David L. Fleming, John Fleming, S. M. Fulton, Joseph M. Gazzam, John H. Have, John Jahn, John Jamison, Evan Jones, Frank Kohne, Joseph Lang, E. J. Leonard, Andrew Lyons, John C. Mattern, Henry Meyer, Thom as S. Mitchell, Christ Miller, Joseph Moore, William J. Moorehead, B. W. Morgan, H. Mosslah, A. G. McCandless, George McCoy, O. J. McGann, J. E. McKelvy, R. H. Negley, H. W. Oliver, jr., H. W. Oliver, sr., Thomas Pender, Barclay Preston, Gus. Schleiter, Nicholas Scheider, Christian Siebert, John Seifert, H. D. Seitz, G. C. Shidle, Joseph Shoeb, David S ms, W. S. Smith, J. P. Sneathen, R. M. Snodgrass, Wm. A. Tomlinson, James Verner, Maurice Wallace.

OFFICERS CHOSEN.

After all had been read and approved, the Clerk announced the election of a President, and other Council officers as the first business in order.

Nominations for President were then received.

Mr. H. W. Oliver, Jr., nominated W. A. Tomlinson, of the Fourth ward. Mr. A. G. M'Candless nominated John Barton, of the Twentieth ward.

On motion nominations closed.

The roll was then called, each member designating his choice as his name was pronounced.

After a number of votes had been received Mr. J. E. M'Kelvey withdrew the name of Mr. Barton, and moved the election of Mr. Tomlinson by acclamation, which was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. B. W. Morgan, Messrs. Barton and Schleiter were appointed a committee to induct the President into office.

Mr. Barton administered the oath of office, when Mr. Tomlinson took his seat, and administered a similar obligation to the members.

On motion of Mr. Morgan, Mr. Hugh M'Masters was elected Clerk of Councils, by acclamation.

For Sergeant-at-Arms, Capt. S. B. Cooper was similarly chosen.

The President administered the oath to these officers.

The Clerk of Select Council now announced the organization of that branch and the business transacted by them in relation to rules and adjournment, which was agreed to.

Mr. Morgan offered an ordinance reducing the number of papers to, two, one English, one German, and also providing for a reduction in the rates of advertising to fifty cents per square for the first insertion, and twenty-five cents for each additional insertion.

In presenting the ordinance the gentleman moved its final passage under a suspension of the rules.

After some discussion, participated in by Messrs. Morgan, Fleming, Gazzam, Hare and McCandless, a vote was taken, resulting in the suspension of the rules and the subsequent passage of the ordinance.

Mr. McCandless moved that the Republican caucus to nominate candidates for offices, be held Friday, January 7th, at 7:30 P. M. Mr. Morgan objected.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Moorhead moved that the business of selecting seats be next taken up. Carried.

SELECTING SEATS.

On motion, Mr. McCandless was allowed the first choice for the members from the Eleventh ward, and Mr. David Sims, of the Third ward, was allowed to retain the seat occupied by him in the preceding Council.

The ordinance relative to City Printing was returned from the Select branch, amended so as to designate two English papers, instead of one German and one English.

On motion of Mr. Morgan, Common Council non concurred, and adhered to former action. After receiving the action of the Select branch in relation to printing, the ordinance, the Common Council adjourned.

THE COURTS.

District Court—Full Bench.

MONDAY, January 3.—Court met at ten o'clock, but there being no cases ready for trial, Court adjourned until ten A. M. on Tuesday.

TRIAL LIST FOR TUESDAY.

36 The Citizens' Oil Refining Co. vs. Hartwell, Cameron & Roberts.
37 Same vs. Same.
57 Hopkins vs. Kleber.
100 Le Roy vs. Wiley.
103 Andrews vs. Ward, et al.
104 Hays vs. Childs.
113 Carroll & Snyder vs. Hall & Co.
174 Faber vs. Pittsburgh & Connellsville Gas, Coal & Coke Company.

Oyer and Terminer—Judges Stowe and Collier.

MONDAY, January 3.—The case of the Commonwealth vs. Gerhardt Johnson, indicted for manslaughter, in causing the death of Mrs. Annie Moore, was taken up. The defendant was tried on a similar indictment last week, for causing the death of Annie Johnson, a child, killed at the same time Mrs. Moore was, in which case the jury failed to agree upon a verdict and was discharged. The evidence in the present case is identical with that in the former case. The case will be concluded Friday morning.

Common Pleas—Full Bench.

MONDAY, January 3.—The case of Rodgers vs. King, et al., previously reported on trial, was resumed. Verdict for plaintiff in the sum of $265 00, subject to the opinion of the Court, on a question of law reserved.

Noll vs. Waldschmidt. Action on a promissory note. On trial.

TRIAL LIST FOR TUESDAY.

355 Moore, et al. vs. Moore.
356 Martin vs. Gibson.
111 Aronson vs. C. & P. R. R. Co.
270 McCullough vs. Reynolds, et al.
359 Hill, Assignee of Robb, vs. Tanner's Executors.
360 Etzer vs. Frannbolz.
366 Reifer vs. Hoevoler.
367 Hartwell vs. Hoker.
368 Beckert vs. Schwank.
370 Fritz vs. Kink.

Quarter Sessions Court.

TRIAL LIST FOR TUESDAY.

22 Com. vs. Jas. A. McFadden.
" " W. J. Robinson.
187 " M. Shierman, 3 cases.
253 " Thomas O'Neil.
254 " John Craig.
255 " David Hatch, et al.
256 " M. McClaren.
258 " Wm. Wingerath.
260 " Wm. Carr.

GUARDIANS OF THE POOR.

Regular Meeting Yesterday—The Febrile Hospital Question—The Monthly Reports.

Yesterday afternoon a regular meeting of the Guardians of the Poor was held at their office on Fourth avenue. Present: Messrs. Anderson, Douglass, Fitzsimons, Hutchinson, Hartley, Hays, Kincaid, McGee (Samuel), Shaw, Sweitzer, and Torrence.

After the minutes of the preceding meeting had been approved, the Special Committee on the proposed Ninth ward Hospital reported progress, and hoped to be able to present a full report at the next meeting.

Dr. Bell, Steward of the Almshouse, reported that on the first of December, one hundred and fifty inmates were at the home, during the month twenty-five were received, and sixteen discharged. Of those who disappeared ten were dismissed regularly, three eloped, and three died.

Dr. Rex reported forty visits during the month; Dr. Benham's report exhibited fifty-seven visits.

The reports were all received and filed.

Warrants were ordered on the Treasurer for $8,305 99.

Adjourned.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following deeds were admitted of record in the office of Thos. H. Hunter, Recorder for Allegheny county, Thursday, Jan. 3d, 1870:

Richard Cowan to Samuel Wilson, Dec. 14, 1869; lot No. 2 "Coal Hill" plan, Lower St. Clair township $275
Samuel Wilson to Richard Cowan, Dec. 31, 1869; lots No. 7 and 8, same plan, Carson street, Monongahela borough, 30 by 120 feet 275
Clarissa Herron to Sylvanus A. Bar, Inc., 8, 1869; lot on Perrysville, 8th ward, 1 acre 2,000
60 by 80 feet 1,500
Henry Tinsworth to Henry Dreer, Dec. 29, 1869; lot 20 by 150 feet on Nixon street, Allegheny 300
George K. Flower to Henry Kepler, July 19, 1869; 3 acres of land in 2d ward, Pittsburgh 3,500
Jas. M. Shaw to Hugh Lee, Dec. 10, 1869; 2½ acres in Robinson township 2,000
Clarissa Herron to Geo. Lambert, Dec 9, 1869; lot 60 by 150 feet, on Herron avenue, 13th ward, Pittsburgh 1,400
Bap. Miller to Joseph Miller, Sept. 23, 1869; four lots in Hamilton's plan, Reserve township 1,100
John Grubbs to Andrew Meyold, Dec. 23, 1869; 60 acres in McCandless township 6,000
Trustees of the Presbyterian Church of Tarentum to H. P. McCall, March 7, 1867; Lessor Kittanning and Ross street, Tarentum, containing 3 acres ..... Steel & Bro.'s, 2,400
Joseph Miller to H. P. McCall, March 21, 1868; 3 acres in Export township 1,650
Joh. Hile by to John S. 5th Ter. Sept. 21, 1869; lot on 7th st. Birmingham, Hoevler's plan, 16th ward, Pittsburgh, 20 by 100 feet 1,000
Mary McGonigle to S. Swaringen, Dec. 31, 1869; 25 acres and 138 perches in Penn township 2,125

Letter Carriers' Report.

PITTSBURGH.

The letter carriers of this city report the following collections and deliveries for the month of December, 1869:

	Mail Letters.	*Drop Letters.*	*Papers.*
Delivered	118,979	10,813	41,916
Collected	98,883	10,203	2,541
Total	217,862	21,015	44,457

Four collections and five deliveries are made daily throughout the business portions of the city.

ALLEGHENY.

The following is the report of the Allegheny letter carriers for the month of December, 1869:

	Letters.	*Drops.*	*Papers.*
Delivered	41,104	3,954	23,563
Collected	13,223	470	552
Total	54,417	4,424	24,115

Chincotegue and Oshcock Cove Oysters, only $6 per barrel. Enquire for Marshall's Oyster's, at Steel & Bro.'s, Third Avenue, near Smithfield. 100 barrels just arrivrd.

OUR REFORMATORY INSTITUTIONS.

House of Refuge—How it is Managed—Annual Meeting of the Contributors—Interesting Reports from Officers—Results of Reformatory Measures—Election of a Board of Managers for 1870.

Yesterday morning the contributors to the House of Refuge held their Sixteenth annual meeting at the office on Fourth avenue.

The meeting was organized at ten o'clock, Robert C. Loomis, Esq., being called upon to preside, with Mr. Charles S. Gill as Secretary. Messrs. Charles S. Gill and H. L. Ringwalt were appointed tellers to conduct the election for managers.

The Secretary then read the following report of the President for 1869, containing a

GENERAL REVIEW OF THE WORK.

OFFICE OF THE
HOUSE OF REFUGE FOR WESTERN PA.,
Pittsburgh, January 3, 1870.

To the contributors to the House of Refuge for Western Pennsylvania, and to the Legislature.

The Board of Managers of the House of Refuge of Western Pennsylvania, respectfully submit to the contributors, and to the Information of the Legislature their Sixteenth annual report.

From the tabular and statistical report of the Superintendent, herewith submitted, you will find the necessary information on all subjects connected with the history, the training and discipline of the inmates, their intellectual condition, and their progress in the schools.

The health of the institution has been unusually good, as will be seen by the report of the physician. But one death has occurred during the year. The inmates of the Refuge have been much more free from disease than the community at large; this is in a great degree owing to the excellent sanitary measures which are so cheerfully carried out in their various details by the officers of the institution. It would be difficult to find anywhere children so carefully guarded in sickness and in health as the children of the Western House of Refuge.

The Refuge is a place of reform and not of punishment, a home and not a prison. A sojourn within its walls leaves no stigma of conviction, no stain of infamy, no sentence of the law that rests which commits a child to its guardian care reconciles stern necessity with the most benevolent principles of the heart. To realize these facts and to adopt our discipline and instruction so as to meet the wants and accomplish the reform of those committed to our care, have been the objects of our most anxious desire and earnest efforts. The permanent reformation of many of those who have enjoyed the benefits of the institution and the frequent visits of former inmates who have become useful and respectable members of the community, the letters of approval which are constantly being received from masters and friends, of those who have been bound or indentured, are all evidences of success which more than realize our expectations, and ds full of encouragement for the future.

Homes for the reformed have been carefully selected by the Indenturing Committee with the aid and assistance of their agent and Secretary, and we are happy to state, that with few exceptions, those children placed out during the year are doing well, and, we have reason to hope, will become good and useful members of society.

Through the exertions of the Committee on Industry the children have been usefully and profitably employed during the year, and their shelves in every variety, sufficient occupation in the domestic duties of the House, and in the manufacture of the clothing for the institution. It is difficult, at all times, to find suitable employments for the boys. It gives us pleasure to state that light and profitable occupation for them has been secured for all who are able to labor.

The Board has confined its expenditures during the past year to those improvements which the comfort of the inmates absolutely required. Two new boilers were found indispensable for the proper heating of the building. The destructive fire which occurred early in the spring, and which deprived us of our carpenter shop, rendered it necessary to provide additional accommodations for the male inmates. An appropriation from the Legislature will be required to enable the Board to meet the expenses there incurred.

The various committees of the Board have faithfully discharged the duties devolving upon them. The affairs of the institution have been economically managed and the financial interests carefully watched over.

The Superintendent, Matron and officers in the employment of the institution have faithfully discharged the welfare of the souls and bodies of those committed to their charge, and they have thus won the confidence of the Board of Managers.

In retiring with my colleagues from office, I would take this opportunity of personally tendering my acknowledgments to the members of the Board for their uniform courtesy and forbearance and the assistance which they have afforded me in the discharge of my official duties; and also in expression of my firm belief in the institution as a noble charity, a wise economy, and a cheap defence of public peace, of prosperity and of life.

By order of the Board of Managers,
WM. DILWORTH, President.

Accompanying the President's report were those of the Superintendent and other officers, from which we glean the following interesting statistics and statements of the management of the Institution:

TABULAR REPORT OF INMATES.

No. of Inmates Received Discharged Remain	1868.	1869.	1869.
White Boys	98	91	120
White Girls	19	20	27
Colored Boys	8	5	7
Colored Girls	10	8	14

Of those received during the year, Allegheny county contributed 83; Armstrong, 2; Bedford, 2; Beaver, 4; Butler, 1; Crawford, 8; Erie, 5; Fayette, 3; Lawrence, 1; Venango, 4; Washington, 7; Westmoreland, 3; McKean, 1; Mercer, 1; voluntarily, 1; returned by master, 15; arrested and returned, 4; total, 141.

The report is also accompanied by a tabular statement of the nationalities of the inmates, who represent nearly every land in the world. Added to this, the offences for which each was committed throws some light on the waywardness of the youth. In a table showing their ages, it appears that the youngest offender is a little boy twelve years of age, and the oldest a youth of nineteen. The average age of the boys is thirteen and girls fourteen. The proportion of boys to girls is about in the ratio of three to one. The white number in the Institution at present is two hundred and eighteen.

FINANCIAL MATTERS.

Table sixteen shows the amount of labor done and receipts therefrom, as follows:

Copper Shop	$ 30
Wire shop	1 700
Shoe Shop for Institution, including shoes, mending, &c. for the inmates	2 054 15
	$3 784 15
Net cost of materials	$30 25
Overseer's salary	7 00 00
	$1 830 25
Net proceeds of labor in shoe shop	533 90
Total	$2 363 90

This report is followed by a detailed report of the knitting done by the small children, together with a similar report from the tailoring department.

FROM FORMER INMATES.

The accounts received from former inmates are of the most encouraging character. It appears from the tabular record that of those leaving, more than two-thirds of the boys have become good members of society, and only about one-fourth of the whole number are doing badly. The record of the girls is not so good. Only about one half, as far as heard from, are doing well, and about one-fourth leading immoral lives.

VARIOUS MINOR TOPICS.

The fire in April, 1869, necessitated the occupancy of the Assembly and Reading rooms by the boys for workshops. The destroyed portion of the House has been rebuilt, and in a short time will be occupied as a broom factory. This branch of manufacture in connection with the others, will furnish employment for all the boys.

During the year one inmate, George Martin, of Canada, died from consumption. Mrs. Louisa C. Williams, a former matron also died at the Institution while on a visit a short time since.

In the School Department the resignation of Superintendent, P. A. Paluter, is reported. All the schools are flourishing and the pupils apparently learning rapidly.

The religious exercises every Sabbath, conducted by the Principal assisted by pastors from the city, and the daily morning and evening exercises seem to have a beneficial influence.

During the year a number of excursions have been granted the most exemplary pupils, under the supervision of the Principal, and in no case has his confidence been betrayed.

Mr. J. M. Boyce, Librarian, returns a report of 1,227 volumes in the boys' library, and 340 in the girls'. The library is now in better condition than it has been since the opening of the institution. Large and valuable additions have been made to it during the year. The Reading Room has also been greatly improved, and a number of magazines and papers added to the files. Great interest is manifested in this department.

The reports were quite voluminous, and contained a great deal of valuable information, which cannot be here given, owing to its great length.

After being heard, on motion of Mr. H. L. Ringwalt, the reports were referred to a committee for publication, Messrs. R. C. Loomis, C. S. Gill, R. N. Avery and H. L. Ringwalt being appointed by the chair.

A communication was received from the Commissioners of Fayette county, appointing Dr. R. M. Walker to represent that section in the Board of Managers.

The polls which had been open during the transaction of the matters mentioned, were now closed, when the tellers reported the election of the following gentlemen:

And Whereas, We believe this policy has been inaugurated for the purpose of destroying the efficiency of the Telegraphers' Protective League;

And Whereas, Our brethren in California, feeling the initial effects of this policy, now call upon us to support them in vindication of their rights; therefore be it

Resolved, That upon the prosperity and success of the Telegraphers' Protective League depends the present and future welfare of the profession.

Resolved, That we extend our cordial sympathy to our California brethren, and that we will support them by resisting the proposed reduction.

Resolved, That to make this support substantial, we feel compelled to withdraw our services from the Western Union Company until justice has been accorded to our western brethren.

Resolved, That we designate the hour of 9:30 A. M., January 4th, 1870, as the time for leaving our instruments.

Resolved, That in this contest we realize the embarrassment that may result to the public. We value their sympathy, and would present our grievance as the only reason for thus jeopardizing their telegraphic interests.

Resolved, That a Committee of Three be appointed for the purposes of conference and carrying on the necessary details arising from this movement.

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