

Report of Directors of the Poor House of Employment Somerset County, Pa.

Court and Grand Jury for the Year Ending Dec. 31st, A. D. 1894.

To the Honorable, the Judges of the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace and Grand Jury of said County.

In compliance with the Sixth Section of the Act Assembly approved the 13th day of April, 1884, providing for the erection of a "House of Employment and Support of the Poor of said County," the undersigned Directors herewith respectfully submit and lay before you their report for the year ending December 31, 1894, showing the manner and sex of all persons maintained and employed in said House of Employment and supported or assisted elsewhere, as well as the names of those who have died at said House of Employment during the year, and of the children by their induction, with the names of their masters, their occupations and earnings.

We also, herewith submit an account of all sales, donations, devises and bequests, and moneys received by or for them.

In addition to the information required by the Act of Assembly, the Board of Directors herewith furnish under suitable headings the names of those who have been assisted elsewhere, and also, the children who were maintained in private families under the Act of Assembly approved 13th June, 1883, and the amounts paid for their maintenance. Also, the names of all persons removed to other institutions for medical treatment and teaching.

We also, submit an account of the repairs made, description of buildings erected during the year, condition of the farm, products of the same, materials made and manufactured, improvements made or added, together with a short history of the House of Employment, as well as all other items which are of interest to the Court, Grand Jury and the Public.

All of which is respectfully submitted and certified this 21st day of December, A. D. 1894.

JOSEPH L. MILLER, L. C. Colburn, W. W. Miller, J. D. Miller, Directors of the Poor.

In submitting this annual report of the House of Employment of Somerset County we are reminded of the significant fact: In April of the present year, we will celebrate the one hundredth anniversary or centennial of the constituting and establishing of Somerset County.

Our county we all have reason to be proud of. She ranks fifth in number as to territory, and first among the counties of the state as to the production of eminent men. Her wealth is untold and undeveloped, but it remains a fact that almost her entire surface is underlaid with coal and rich deposits of all other minerals.

Her grand old mountains, lofty peaks, beautiful valleys, wide spreading table lands, and fertile glades, give her superior and greater advantages over many of the counties in the state.

Her citizens, many of whom are of the original Pennsylvania Dutch, they are industrious, intelligent, thrifty, christian and patriotic. No place in the world do the people live better and longer, enjoy life more, and at the same time have a higher regard to the duties they owe to their God and fellow man than in our grand old County of Somerset.

At the first call for troops, when the nation was in peril, company after company volunteered and were marched to the front; many of them having laid down their life in defense of their country, while scores of others returned maimed and wounded, telling more eloquently than words the struggles and hardships they endured.

While we rejoice over the extent of our territory, the wealth of our country, the peace, thrift, intelligence and contentment of our citizens, and the prospect of our country, yet there is one thing alone that we are to be proud of, and that is the provisions she has made for the poor, unfortunate and insane. Fifty years ago, by Act of Assembly, this county was constituted and formed into a separate Poor District.

The thousands of persons that have been cared for, and the thousands of dollars of charity she has dispensed, as well as the homes she has relieved, the orphan children she has cared for, the deaf, dumb and blind she has educated, and last of all, the most pitiable of all, those who have been heretofore treated in hospitals, mad and neglected, and who are now being cared for in our county, are a monument to our glory more enduring than granite or marble, and lasting as time.

Twice the Supreme Court has rendered formal decisions that Pennsylvania is a Christian Commonwealth; but important and authoritative as are such judicial utterances, far more convincing are the splendid evidences of Christian spirit seen in Pennsylvania's noble provisions for the poor and unfortunate in life. And when this work is considered in its character, its spirit, its magnitude and its far-reaching results, we may well ask, "Is not this, after all, the chief, the crowning glory of our Commonwealth?"

That the soldier and the enthusiastic student of military history will feel proud in the fact, that when in the dark days of the Rebellion, the fearful fire of war rolled Northward, it broke in fury against the hills of Gettysburg, only to recoil defeat and shame. He will remind us that on the memorable and bloody field, with a son of Pennsylvania in command, when one of Somerset County's brave sons fell in the thickest of the conflict, was fought one of the most momentous battles of history as the pivotal battle of that long and terrible struggle, on whose issue hung the fate of this great republic; and in which struggle, beyond the interests of a single nation, the great cause of human liberty and high concern.

It is in accord with the spirit of greatness, that magnanimous and heroic, the peaceful and peace-loving Penn, who in the morning twilight of our history, laid the foundation of this

great Keystone State, that we aspire to the victories of peace rather than those of war.

Spurred has been our military advancement. Great our industrial and commercial developments, and our educational enterprises, with their beneficial effects upon social and domestic life! But higher than all these, and approaching more truly the spirit of her great founder, interpreting more faithfully the teachings of the divine Master, are fulfilling more nearly the noble works of charity and christian benevolence, chief among these are our places for the care of the poor and insane.

Therefore, when we come to celebrate the centennial of our county, let us rejoice together that one of our wise and human acts in early years was to provide for the poor.

Nothing has transpired at the Home out of the ordinary routine. The Home was not visited by any serious accident, neither was it visited by any contagious disease. During the year our bath tubs, improved water closets with cold and hot water, were placed in the main building; which was an improvement long hoped for and badly needed, and is quite a comfort to the aged and infirm.

The buildings are in good repair and condition. During the year the old sitting rooms for the men, attached to the ep of the White House, were torn down, and replaced with larger and more moderate ones; the one now in use being one of the original buildings on the farm when first bought by the Directors of the Poor. The same having been condemned by the Board of Public Charities, and the building of new ones recommended by the Grand Jury at their last session.

The farm is in an elegant state of cultivation and produces well, reference to the Steward's report being laid fully show, as more grain was produced the past year than any previous year.

There were eleven deaths in the home during the year. All of whom, with but two exceptions, were old, and lived out their allotted time. Some were sick for years, had suffered much, and death was a relief.

Regular religious services were held in the Home once each month by Elder Walter, who also officiated at all funerals.

During the year there were a great many visits made the Home by citizens of the County, and we were gratified at their approval of our management of the same; and we invite all persons who are interested in the Home to visit it in connection with the annual meeting of the Board of Public Charities, as well as to improve or correct anything for the better in the Poor House.

The office of Director of the Poor is one of the most responsible of any in the County, and should be an ennobling one. They have not only the care and wise expenditure of moneys, but the care of suffering humanity as well. There is a duty of love, and he who has not that virtue to a great extent dwelling in his soul cannot satisfactorily discharge the duties incumbent upon him. They are duties that should call forth the noblest promptings of the heart. Much depends upon the selection of a good steward and discipline, in order to secure order and discipline as well as the good management of the Home.

We desire to express our regret in Mr. J. C. Miller leaving the Home. He has made an efficient, industrious and painstaking steward. Much of the success of the Home is due to him and his wife for the fine appearance the buildings present, and the high state of cultivation the farm has been brought up to; and we take this opportunity of certifying to the public our appreciation of their services as steward and matron of the Home.

We, the Directors, holding over, desire to say that the thanks of the public are due to Joseph L. Miller, the retiring Director, for the conscientious manner in which he discharged the duties of his office. Much credit is due to him for the improvement of the farm and production of same.

We regret his leaving the County, but hope he may have the confidence and esteem of the people of far away Nebraska as he had of all the people here.

During the year we have been greatly aided by the Children's Aid Society. This society is founded to provide for the welfare of destitute and neglected children, by such means as shall be best for them, and for the community. And it is with pleasure we commend their work to the citizens of the county.

They seek to raise the child from a state of destitution and pauperism to that of self-reliance and support and fit and prepare them for a useful place in society; while those who are feeble minded, or deaf and dumb and blind, they place in institutions where they may be trained for useful employment, and educated so they may earn a livelihood.

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A Good Testimonial. (From Havenhill, N. H., Courser.)

"I have had for 27 years past a badly diseased ankle bone. Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy...

"A sore broke out on the ankle bone, and for 10 months the aged writer suffered day and night beyond the power of words to express. A friend advised me to try Dr. Kennedy's Favorite Remedy. I had no faith that any medicine would help me, but suffering as I did I thought I would try it, and purchased some, also a box of Dr. David Kennedy's Salt Rheum Cream. I used these medicines but a short time when my limb began to heal. I will further add, among the many medicines I have used for a diseased liver and kidneys, none has ever proved so helpful to me as Favorite Remedy. By stimulating and strengthening the enfeebled organs, even the encroachments of advanced age seemed to be checked by its invigorating power.

"I have thoroughly tested its true worth, and know without a shadow of doubt, that it will prove itself, by using Dr. Kennedy's Favorite Remedy, a given very comfortable health for a person 70 years of age. Favorite Remedy is an invaluable medicine for children as well as adults.

"This testimonial given from my own personal experience, of the 'invaluable medicines,' Mrs. MELINDA HOSBOS, Havenhill, N. H.

"No tribute to the efficacy of a medicine can be greater than these words of Mrs. Hosbos, who voluntarily tells the story of her recovery. Thousands of men and women whose daily life is made more pleasant and comfortable by the use of Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy. None are too old to be helped by it. It permanently cures dyspepsia, rheumatism, kidney, liver and urinary troubles, and for the ill peculiar to women it has no equal.

In the fall of 1894 a son of Mr. T. A. McFarland, a prominent merchant of Live Oak, Sutter Co., Cal., was taken with a heavy cold. The pains in his chest were so severe that he had spasms and was threatened with pneumonia.

His father gave him several large doses of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy which broke up the cough and cured him. Mr. McFarland says whenever his children have coughs invariably gives them Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and it always cures them. He considers it the best cough remedy in the market. For sale by Benford's Pharmacy.

Extreme Rudeness. As the tramp was seated on the kitchen steps eating the breakfast he had asked for, the hired girl stood by and watched him curiously.

"What you gaze at me for?" he inquired nervously. "You think I'm your long lost brother?"

"No," she replied easily, "but you somehow remind me of a man I used to know."

"Good-bye!" inquired the tramp, with charming civility. "None of your business. Something happened to him, though, that won't ever happen to you."

"What's that? Died a millionaire?"

"No. He was drowned while bathing."

Benford's Pharmacy desires to publish the following extract from a letter of Chas. M. Gifford, of Bewley, Fresno Co., Cal., as he has been referred to and wanted his customers to know what a splendid medicine it is:

"It is with pleasure I tell you that by one day's use of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy I was relieved of a very severe cold. My head was completely stopped up and I could not sleep at night. I can recommend this remedy. A cold never starts in the head and afterwards extends to the throat and lungs. By using this remedy freely as soon as the cold has been contracted it will cure the cold at once and prevent it from extending to the lungs."

Her Understanding of It. A lady living in one of the fashionable avenues had a bit of stately bearing the inscription "Kismet." The household was dusting the room one day, when the mistress appeared.

"Sure, ma'am, 'what's the main' of the 'trill' on the bottom of this?" asked the maid, referring to the inscription on the stately.

"Kismet means 'Fate,'" replied the mistress.

"Right as you are limping painfully when she was walking with 'Pat' not long afterward, and he asked:

"Pawt's the matter, Bridget?"

"Faith, was her answer, 'I have the most terrible korus on me kismet!'"

A remarkable accident happened to Solomon Burt Saturday morning as he and his wife were driving to market at Williamsport, Pa. He was knocked from his sled by a bolt of lightning. The horses became frightened and kicked the double-tree to pieces. Mr. Burt was only stunned, and with the assistance of his wife, got back into the sled. He was yet in a dazed condition when they arrived in town.

The Countess de Castellane, nee Gode, has a fortune of \$100,000 in her own right. She has the use of the income, but cannot touch the principal. She is, however, bequeath the principal by will to her children in such shares as she may like, but if she has no children the money will revert to the Gode estate, to be shared by her brothers and sisters. Since she came into possession of her princely income there have been large accumulations, and it is said that she has a little of all, which she can do as she pleases with.

Be Your Own Doctor. For one dollar get a bottle of Mayers' Favorite Catarrh cure. It will last for eight months, and is absolutely guaranteed by your druggist.

Doctors say the only way to cure Catarrh and Hay Fever is by inhalation. We have worked for years to accomplish this, and have succeeded. By using our Catarrh and Hay Fever cure, you can cure your Catarrh and Hay Fever in such a short time, and guarantee it to cure any case, no matter how long standing. Our bottle is all you need of Catarrh and Hay Fever cure for three months. Ask your druggist or address: THE MAYERS' DRUG CO., Speech Makers.

For five years I suffered with pain and disease of the throat, hacking cough, frontal headache, weak eyes, etc., at times, could not talk above a whisper, lost weight, and was unable to do any work. I was treated by the best physicians in the country, but received no relief. After giving up all hope I was recommended to use a bottle of Mayers' Favorite Catarrh cure. By using it for four weeks my speech returned. All symptoms of catarrh have disappeared and I feel as well as ever. W. W. BAKER, Miss ELIAS HANDEWERK, Elk Lick, Somerset Co., Pa.

W. W. BAKER, County Auditor.

Advertisement for Dr. J. C. Jacobs' Lumbago Cure, featuring a portrait of the doctor and text describing the medicine's effectiveness for back pain.

CONDENSED TIME TABLES. Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. Somerset and Cambria Branch.

CONDENSED SCHEDULE. Trains arrive and depart from the station at Johnstown as follows:

Western Express, Somerset Accommodation, Paoli Express, etc.

For rates, maps, etc., apply to Ticket Agent at address: Mrs. W. P. A. W. D. 19 Fifth Street, Johnstown, Pa.

Advertisement for Ely's Catarrh Cream Balm, describing its use for various ailments.

Advertisement for the Grand Hotel, highlighting its amenities and location.

Advertisement for a medicinal drink, described as a 'delicious drink' and 'a beautiful tonic'.

Special Notice. The following will sell, until further notice, the following goods at the old prices, viz: 25 lbs. of the advance of 20c per gallon tax...

Two Valuable Friends. A physician can not always be had. Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Sprains, Bruises and Burns occur often, and sometimes when least expected.

JORDAN & HINCHMAN. We are now ready with our new and large in stock of Fine Confectionery Goods, popular brands of Biscuits and Cakes, Fancy Goods of all styles, and everything else pertaining to a first-class house to fill orders promptly, and to supply resident families in any extent. Goods always fresh, and always offered at lowest figures. Call and see one of the finest assortments ever carried.

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