

Tuesday, April 11th 1876
Philadelphia

The regular quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees was held today at one o'clock at the Commercial National Bank, Chestnut St., pursuant to a call of the Vice-President.

The following members were present, Messrs C. H. Rogers, Blagden, Biddle, Cox, Moore, Liphincott, Howell and Robinson, Secretary.

The Vice-President being called to the Chair the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved. The Secretary laid before the meeting a communication from the Zoological Society of Phila in reference to the location of the "Dying Lions" group, with proposal to place it at the main entrance of their garden. After informal discussion of the proposition it was resolved to defer definite action upon the subject until the next regular meeting and upon motion by the Chair it was further resolved that a Committee of three be appointed to confer with the Centennial Int-Commission in regards to their proposal to place group on the East side of Memorial Hall with full powers in said Committee to stipulate with

The Cent. Ex. Commission for the expenses of removing the group and transporting pedestal, and placing it in position. Upon amendment it was further resolved that this Committee have power to do all things necessary to remove group of "Values" from the old to the new site, transport pedestal when it arrives and place group in position. The following Committee was appointed by Chair, Messrs Biddle Moore and Howell.

The correspondence with U.S. Consul G. H. Horstmann in reference to granite pedestals ordered in Munich was submitted to the Board by the Secretary and approved. The letters of acceptance of Honorary Membership of Messrs Willits, Brunker and Horstmann, were read. The photographic design of a subject entitled "Washington Crossing the Delaware" was laid before meeting but as it was understood that the model would be exhibited at the Exposition it was agreed to lay it on the table.

The following bills were approved and ordered to be paid:

Messrs J. B. Lippincott & Co printing bill heads
and 2nd Ed. Annual Report \$ 165.75

Brought forward
 Phila Post-Master for Stamped envelopes -
 King and Baird, printing
 Moss & Co for envelopes
 J.P. Sims, Architect per J.B. Cox.

\$ 165.75
 34.10
 3.00
 2.70
 25.00
 \$ 230.55

Upon motion of Mr Moore the
 meeting adjourned.

M. J. Robinson
 Secretary

July 11th 1876

The regular Quarterly meeting of the
 Board of Trustees was held today at one o'clock
 P. M. at the Commercial National Bank, 314
 Chestnut St - pursuant to a call by the President -

The following members were present;
 Messrs: Claghorn, White, Cox, and Robinson, Secretary

No quorum being present - the meeting
 was not called to order.

M. J. Robinson
 Secretary

Monday, November 6th - 1896

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held today at one o'clock P.M. at the office of J.B. Cox Esq No 251 South 4th Street, pursuant to a call by the President. The following members were present; Messrs, Cox, Lippincott, Howell, Foy, and Robinson Secretary. Upon motion Mr Howell was called to the chair, and the minutes of the last meeting — at which there was no quorum — and of the meeting before last, were read and approved. The first business considered was the deferred action upon the permanent disposition of the "Dying Lioness" group. Upon motion of Mr Lippincott it was resolved that the committee heretofore appointed for the location of this group be continued, and that they be further empowered to confer with the managers of the Zoological Society and Park Commission, as to the transfer of this group to the former, on condition that they pay therefor, not less than \$500 — seven hundred and fifty Dollars, that it be not enclosed within the grounds of the Zoological Garden or removed therefrom, so as to deprive the public of free access to it, and that a suitable silver plate, with inscription showing the origin of the group, be placed upon the pedestal when it is permanently located. The motion being duly seconded was put by Chairman and

carried. Messrs Biddle, Moore and Howell - being the former Committee - were then appointed.

A verbal report of the Committee appointed to superintend the location of the "Young Business" group and remove and replace "Wolves", was made by Mr Biddle and there being no objection, was approved.

Upon motion of Mr H. C. Fox a resolution of thanks was introduced and carried, to Red Star Line - for remitting freight upon pedestals brought from Antwerp by them - to the Penna and Junction R. R. Co. to the Conshohocken Stone and Quarry Co, the Messrs Wm. Stuthers and Son, and Messrs Chas. A. Porter and Esekine S. Smith, city contractors, for services generously rendered to this Assn, in the removal and resetting of the "Wolves" and "Lion" groups.

The Secretary laid before Board a letter from E. N. Lewis Trustee of Jay Cooke & Co, bankrupts, stating that we were entitled to a dividend upon a deposit made to the credit of the Meade Memorial fund by Mr A. M. Fox, with Jay Cooke & Co, previous to their failure. The Board being divided as to the responsibility for this loss, it was duly resolved, upon a motion by Mr Lippincott that the Treasurer be authorized to ascertain of counsel, if such liability could be placed upon any one.

The date of the Annual meeting for this year, upon motion by Mr Fox, was fixed for Tuesday evening, November 23rd 1876

Mr Biddle made some suggestions in reference to the purchase of a fountain, but the matter — in the absence of the estimates — was referred to Committee on Works of Art. Mr Howell suggested a plan for increasing the membership, and the appointment of an under-secretary to attend solely to the business of collecting the income and increasing the membership. After informal discussion the matter upon motion of J. B. Cox Esq was referred to Committee on Ways and Means, with instructions to report. Upon motion of Mr H. C. Fox the meeting adjourned.

W. H. Robinson
Secretary

November 27th 1876

A Special meeting of the Board of Trustees was held today, Tuesday Nov. 28th 1876 at one o'clock P. M. at the Commercial National Bank, pursuant to a call by the President.

The following members were present, Messrs Blagdon, Biddle, Saml. S. Smith, Joseph Moore Jr, Jno. B. Cox & Robinson, Secretary.

Mr Jas. L. Blagdon was called to the chair and upon motion of Mr Cox the reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with, The Chair

called upon the Secretary for the reading of the Annual Report of the operations of the Society and for the Treasurers Report. The Secretary read the Annual Report ~~as follows~~ and after consideration and revision by several of the Board the Report was adapted.

Upon motion of Mr Biddle the meeting adjourned.

W. S. Biddle
Secretary

The Fifth Annual Meeting of the Farmington Park Art Association was held Tuesday Evening November 28th at 8 P.M. at the Board of Trade rooms, Mercantile Library Hall 10th St. above Chesnut St.

The meeting being called to order by the Secretary, upon motion Mr Charles Rogers was called to preside. The minutes of the ~~Fourth~~ ^{Fourth} Annual Meeting were called for and read, and upon motion approved. The Secretary then read the ~~Fifth~~ ^{Fifth} annual Report of the Board of Trustees and of the Treasurer and there being no objection it was approved and was entered upon the minutes as follows;

FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

TO THE

Fairmount Park Art Association.

READ AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS, TUESDAY, THE TWENTY-EIGHTH OF NOVEMBER, A. D. 1876, IN THE BOARD OF TRADE ROOM, MERCANTILE LIBRARY, PHILADELPHIA.

To the Members of the Fairmount Park Art Association:—

AGREEABLY to the requirements of the Constitution, the Board of Trustees respectfully submit the following Annual Report:—

Your Board take pleasure in presenting this the Fifth Annual Report, notice of the increased importance of your Society, and its gradual, but positive, growth in membership. The year just closing, so replete with exciting incidents to the citizens of Philadelphia, does not show any withdrawal of the public attention and support, so favorably accorded in the past, to those societies which, like our organization, have for their object the advancing and beautifying of the City.

The financial condition of the Association is laid before you in the Report of the Treasurer, Mr. JAS. L. CLAGHORN, appended to this.

At the date of the last Annual Meeting the number of members on the books of the Association was as follows:—

Annual Members,		1,181
Life Members,		65
Honorary Members,		5
Total,		<u>1,251</u>

In the present year we have lost, by death and resignation, twenty-three members, and have received thirty-three new members, three of whom are Life Members, which makes the total membership at this date 1,261, as follows:—

Annual Contributors and Members,		1,188
Life Members,		68
Honorary Members,		5
Total,		<u>1,261</u>

which shows a much larger membership than in any other year since our organization. The increased membership, which in our last Report it was urged upon each member to strive to bring about by personal solicitation, has been mainly accomplished in this way, and by a distribution, in the Spring of this year, of a second edition of our last Report, accompanied with a circular appeal, setting forth the objects and scope of our organization; this latter plan of solicitation, though incurring an additional expense for printing in this year, has, no doubt, been a wise one, and ought to liberally repay the

outlay, having brought into our ranks a number of new members, upon whom we can look in the future for permanent sympathy and support. The members who are credited with having secured new contributors are the following:—

WM. STRUTHERS, JR., . . . 2	HENRY C. GIBSON, . . . 4
MRS. ALEX. BROWN, . . . 1	H. K. FOX, . . . 1
MRS. GRACE BROWN, . . . 1	B. H. BARTOL, . . . 1
JAMES DOBELBOWER, . . . 1	C. J. HOFFMAN, . . . 1
EDWARD H. OGDEN, . . . 2	JNO. O. JAMES, . . . 2
SAMUEL J. DICKEY, . . . 1	ALBERT C. ROBERTS, . . . 4
GEORGE EASTBURN, . . . 1	WM. R. VALLEAU, . . . 1
A. VEZIN, . . . 1	JOEL J. BAILY, . . . 11

The Board of Trustees hope that every member, who is not yet credited with a new subscriber, will emulate the action of these members, as there is no doubt that friendly and personal solicitation is the surest way of advancing the strength and position of the Society.

After the last Annual Meeting, your Board approved of a resolution to purchase in Europe two fine granite pedestals for the purpose of mounting the "Dying Lioness" and "Wolves" groups; these pedestals were furnished through Mr. MÜLLER, of Munich, Germany, and were from quarries in the north part of that country. They reached this port in time to permit the groups to be mounted at the opening of the International Exhibition. The expenditure incurred, which may seem large, was absolutely necessary as regards the "Dying Lioness" group, in order to set it off with proper effect; and in view of the resolution to change the location of the "Wolves" group, it was deemed advisable to secure a good pedestal for it at the same time. The pedestals are of finely polished syenite, and have been gen-

erally admired by all who have examined them. In the negotiations attending their purchase, this Association was again indebted to the kind assistance of Mr. GEO. HENRY HORSTMANN, United States Consul at Munich.

On account of the duty being remitted, and owing to the generous action of the Red Star Steamship Line, to whom your Board return thanks, there was no expense in bringing the granite from Antwerp, and we were thus enabled to secure them at a smaller price than anywhere in the United States. Your Board desire, also, to thank the Pennsylvania and Junction Railroad Companies for transporting the pedestals, from the dock to the Exhibition grounds, free of cost.

The "Dying Lioness" group, the reception of which was noticed in our last Report to you, was mounted on the pedestal at the commencement of the Exposition, and was placed by the Art Commissioners on a plat of ground, near the southeastern angle of Memorial Hall, where it still remains; it has been the subject of very favorable criticism from the crowds of persons who visited the Exhibition, and was, perhaps, the most finished work of Art of its kind there. Your Board have been considering the permanent disposition of this work. The Zoological Society, of this City, some time ago made an overture to this Association, expressing a desire that we should place this group permanently in a spot (to be prepared and ornamented by them) in the middle of the concourse at the Girard avenue end of the Society's Garden. After full discussion by your Board, this location has been approved and the group presented to the Commissioners of Fairmount Park, with a request that they place it in the position desired by the Zoological Society. Before completing this arrangement, the Association made provision

that due credit should be given to this organization for the purchase of this work, by means of an inscribed plate upon the pedestal, and that its location shall be without any enclosed grounds of the Zoological Society, so as to be, at all times hereafter, accessible to the public frequenting the Park.

The removal of the group of "Hudson Bay Wolves," formerly situated near Ferndale Pool, West Park, which has been, for some time, contemplated, has been successfully accomplished; it is now located on one of the pedestals, above alluded to, on a small rise of ground, immediately north of Lansdowne entrance to the West Park.

It is now in easy and conspicuous view of all visitors to the Park, and there is little doubt that the first site selected for this group was too far removed from the main drives and walks to allow it to be at all appreciated. Your Board, in noting the removal and replacing of this group, desire to tender thanks for the valuable services of Messrs. STRUTHERS & SON, in handling and polishing a portion of the pedestal; and also to Messrs. CHAS. A. PORTER and ERSKINE D. SMITH, contractors with the City to enlarge the bridge over Junction Railroad, for their free services rendered in setting up the "Wolves" group, having permitted the use of their siding. The works now in possession of the Association, contributed to Fairmount Park, are as follows:—

I.—"NIGHT," Bronze statue.

By SCHOCH.

Cast in Philadelphia. Presented to the Association by EDWIN N. BENSON, ESQ. Accepted by the Commissioners of the Park, April 13, 1872. Erected on George's Hill.

2.—“HUDSON BAY WOLVES,” Bronze group.

By EDWIN KEMEYS.

Cast in Philadelphia. Purchased by the Association. Accepted by
the Commissioners of the Park, September 28, 1872.

Erected at Ferndale Pool, West Park.

3.—“IL PENNEROSO,” Marble statue.

By MOZIER.

Purchased by the Association. Accepted by the Commissioners of
the Park, January 10, 1874. Placed in the Temporary

Art Gallery in the Park.

4.—“THE AMBUSCADE,” Oil painting.

Figures by Baronet WAPPERS. Landscape by KOEKKOEK.

Presented to the Association by NAPOLEON A. JENNINGS, ESQ. Ac-
cepted by the Commissioners of the Park, January 24, 1874.

Placed in the Temporary Art Gallery in the Park.

5.—“CHALK AND HIS FRIENDS,” Oil painting.

By NEWBOLD H. TROTTER.

Presented to the Association by the artist. Accepted by the Com-
missioners of the Park, March 21, 1874. Placed in

the Temporary Art Gallery in the Park.

6.—“THE DYING LIONESS,” Bronze group.

By Prof. WILHELM WOLF, of Berlin.

Cast in Munich. Purchased by the Association. Now temporarily
placed near Memorial Hall.

The Committee on Works of Art, having carefully looked
over the large collection of works exhibited at the Interna-
tional Exhibition, were somewhat disappointed to find that
very few of the many beautiful works there, were of such a
character as to be suitable for acquisition by this Association.

It is to be borne in mind that the works to be selected by us, destined for location in the Park, must combine, with their artistic merits, elements of strength and durability, so that when permanently placed in the Park, they may withstand, as far as can be, the severe climatic influences to which they must be subjected.

The liberality of the citizens of Philadelphia has now assured to the public, through the exertions of a sister society, the establishment of a new and commodious building, the Academy of Fine Arts, where the more beautiful and delicate Art creations, on canvas and in marble, can be collected, and always remain secure from exposure,—models of beauty and taste. It is the opinion, therefore, of your Board, that our organization can best subserve the interests intended by our charter, if, in our future recommendation of purchases, we confine ourselves to such works as will be most suitable to withstand out-door exposure in the Park.

In view of this, the Committee having this matter in charge, upon full consideration toward the close of the Exhibition, did not suggest for purchase any of the works there exhibited, but have concluded to authorize negotiations for the purchase of several fountains, of which some admirable plans, at moderate estimates, have been submitted to the Committee.

Your Board, therefore, hope to be able to have ready in the Spring, several of these fountains, to be located at such sites as may be sanctioned by the Park Commission. Although our Charter empowers us to place this species of decoration in the Park, your Board have not specially directed their attention to this before, on account of the inadequate hydraulic arrangements in the Park necessary to secure the proper effect and display of this kind of ornament, and the great

expense required for piping, to conduct water to the appropriate sites. An examination of this matter, however, leads us to state that the fountains which your Committee have recommended for purchase, can be located at such points as to obviate any of this difficulty, and reduce the expense of piping to the least cost.

Your Board of Trustees are yet unable to note any very active interest in the means taken to increase the MEADE Memorial Fund, the Trusteeship of which rests with this Association. The hope is entertained that the public, now relieved from the distracting influences of the International Exhibition, will see the merited character of this intended Memorial, and assist, in the proper way, to secure it. The amount at present to the credit of the fund is \$2,056 46. The bronze cannon secured by the Association from the United States for this Memorial, are valued at \$7,000, and this Association has consented to give \$5,000 to the object, provided the remaining sum be raised; as, by the estimates, \$25,000 is thought sufficient to purchase an appropriate kind of statue, there is only \$10,000 needed from subscription.

Your Board do not desire to make any odious comparisons, but will state, in this particular, that the citizens of New York have, within a little less than a year, unveiled in their Park the statues of two eminent public men, the funds for the purchase of which having been secured there by subscriptions in a very short time; the memories of the men to whom these dedications were made—like that of General MEADE—are equally the heritage of Philadelphians, as they are of our whole country.

It will be observed, by reference to the Treasurer's Report, that the resolution of your Board of December 16, 1874, directing the establishment of a permanent fund, has been a

measure that, in time, will be of great use to the Association as a source of revenue; the amount at present to the credit of this fund, \$5,012 70, shows it to have almost doubled, and it will soon bring in a very fair return by interest on the investment.

The term of office of five Trustees, elected to serve in this Board for three years, expires to-night. It is your duty to elect five others for the same period.

In conclusion, your Board of Trustees have marked, and each member of the Association must have noticed with pleasure, during the past year—so fruitful in grand enterprises by the people of Philadelphia—the very great impetus which Art, and the culture and impulses it quickens, have received. There has grown up among our people a healthful appreciation of the pure and tasteful in Art; the wondrous collection which the spirit of our people permitted so many to study and enjoy for a season, has had a most beneficial influence, and the crude ideas and meretricious elements which have been so conspicuous in American Art heretofore, have had types set before them which cannot fail to effect an improvement.

This Association has seen, with some satisfaction, the progress which kindred societies have made in their efforts to beautify the Park. It shows an element which, if properly organized and controlled, can do a great deal for the adornment of Fairmount Park. Most, if not all of these works, however, have been of a specific character, born of an enthusiasm to perpetuate some great deed,—the memory of a noble name,—or yet some great principle, like the fountain of the Catholic Total Abstinence Society. This organization has always viewed with pleasure the success of each of these

separate and limited attempts to ornament the Park. In all praiseworthy objects there should be no jealousy, but friendly co-operation and partnership, and though we cannot always indorse the artistic value of the works the indiscriminate zeal of these associations has produced, we can always most heartily approve the motives which have prompted the acquisition of them. We desire to remind the public of Philadelphia that this is the only permanent organization having an avowed purpose, and working continuously, with the limited means at its disposal, to add to the natural beauties of Fairmount Park those embellishments that Art can supply. It is our intention to place nothing there but what will be an ornament and what can be universally approved, and we offer ourselves as a medium and agency to effect this ambitious end, with confidence that the co-operation we must have to compass the laudable end of our existence will be gradually extended to us. We cannot do better, in closing this Report, than to recall to you the words of the distinguished citizen who addressed you at your Third Annual Meeting, that—

“We are beginning in these latter days to find out that the
“love of beauty—not in the privileged few, but in the masses,
“as well—is a very real thing, and that the æsthetic, and the
“practical, lie very close to each other in every man’s life, and
“that that civilization is the noblest which, while it seeks to
“diffuse most widely the comforts and conveniences of life,
“strives also to develop every sentiment which may help to
“dignify, purify, and adorn it.”

By order of the Board of Trustees.

A. J. DREXEL, *President.*

JOHN B. ROBINSON, *Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA, *November 8, 1876.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

1875.	NOVEMBER 25, 1876.
October 23, Balance as per last Report,	\$10,726 66
Receipts from members,	\$4,801 00
“ “ “Dying Lioness” exhibition,	285 79
Interest to date,	471 76
	<u>5,558 55</u>
	\$16,285 21
Expended on approved bills,	\$1,623 74
Draft to pay for pedestals,	3,326 70
	<u>4,950 44</u>
Balance, (including permanent fund,) November 25, 1876,	<u>\$11,334 77</u>

TREASURER'S REPORT OF PERMANENT FUND.

Balance Permanent Fund, last Report, October 23, 1875,	\$3,997 00
Receipts from Life Members, and 10 per cent. of Annual Contributors,	610 00
“ “ “Dying Lioness” exhibition,	285 79
Interest to date,	119 91
	<u>\$5,012 70</u>

TREASURER'S REPORT

IN ACCOUNT WITH

MEADE MEMORIAL FUND.

Balance to Meade Memorial Fund last Report, October 23, 1875,	\$1,879 77
To cash per Thos. Hoeckley, March 1, 1876,	25 00
“ “ “ S. G. King, Chairman Eleventh Ward Committee,	66 00
Interest to date,	85 69
	<u>\$2,056 46</u>

JAMES L. CLAGHORN,

Treasurer.

The undersigned, Auditing Committee of the Fairmount Park Art Association, have carefully examined and audited the above account of the Treasurer, and find the same to be just and true, according to the statement thereof.

HENRY K. FOX, *Chairman.*

WALTER LIPPINCOTT.

Upon motion of Mr Samuel S White the meeting adjourned.

W. J. Proctor

Secretary

Philadelphia

December 18th - 1876

A Special meeting of the Boards of Trustees was held this day at 1 P.M. at the Commercial Nat. Bank. There were present the following members, Messrs. Rogers, Vice Pres. Blagdon, Treas. Howell, Moore, Dippincott and Robinson, Secretary. The Vice President taking the chair the meeting was duly called to order. The Secretary stated the object of the meeting to be the consideration of a resolution presented by the Committee of Ways and Means, and the organization of the Board, pursuant to Sect. 4. Art. I. of the bylaws. Upon motion of Mr. Blagdon the Secretary reads the present list of officers and Boards of Trustees. Upon motion of Mr. Jos. Moore for the present officers were put in nomination and unanimously elected. The Secretary laid before the Board the following resolution from the Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means, "Resolved" that it is the opinion of the Com^{tee} of Ways & Means that the interests of this Assocⁿ will be greatly advanced by the appointment of an Actuary whose duties shall be to collect and give receipts for - such receipts to be countersigned by the Secretary - the Annual and other contributions; to make a vigorous canvass for new members and to devote his time & energies to the interests of the Assocⁿ. That the said Actuary shall be engaged for six months at a salary of \$83.33 per month, with a further compensation of 50 c per member for all members he secure in six months above the number of 100. That he shall be required to give bonds in the sum of \$1000. for the faithful performance of his duties." The resolution being before

the Board it was debated at length and upon motion of Mr Blagham the Chair appointed Messrs Howell, Moor & Robinson Secretary a Committee with power to act to carry out the resolution which was duly adopted by the Board. Upon motion of Mr Lippincott the meeting adjourned.

W. L. Robinson
Secretary

Phila January 5th 1877

The regular Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held this day at one P. M. at Commercial Nat. Bank, - No 314 Ches. St. - There were present Messrs L. H. Rogers, V. P. J. B. Blagham, Cox, Moor, Howell and Robinson, Secretary. The Vice Pres. took the chair and the meeting being called to order the minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

The Special Committee upon appointment of Asst Secretary reported as follows, "That after several meetings and separate interviews with the applicants for the position, we beg leave to report the following resolution, Resolved - That Major George I White be recommended for the position of Assistant-Secretary. The resolution being put by the Chair was unanimously adopted and Maj. White elected to the office without dissent. The Secretary reported his action since last Meeting and laid before the Board of Trustees a letter from the firm of H. Doulton & Co of Lambeth, London, England presenting this association with a colossal statue of the Diana Borgheesi in Articultural Hall and also a Buff Terra cotta Trophy, with faience ornaments, in Memorial Hall - these being part of the late exhibits of Messrs Doulton & Co at the International Exhibition, - The Sec