

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. H. 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, U. 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 Horticultural 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

January 4th 1877.

The Special Committee to nominate an assistant Secretary after several meetings and separate interviews with the applicants for the position, respectfully report the following resolution:

Resolved: That Major Geo L. White be recommended for the position of Assistant Secretary.

Joseph Moor, Jr. Ch^m
Chaffinch.
W. A. Johnson

FAIRMOUNT PARK ART ASSOCIATION.

January, 1887.

TO THE MEMBERS:

The suggestion has been offered that many persons would willingly increase the amount of their Annual Subscription.

This may be readily done by making one's wife, daughter or son a member. Such acquisitions would be especially acceptable at this time, as they would not only increase the revenue but the influence of the Association, and it is hoped that this suggestion will be acted upon by all who can conveniently do so.

Our membership is increasing every week, yet the assistance of ALL members, to this end, is respectfully asked.

Will not EACH MEMBER resolve to send to the Secretary the names of several new members for 1887, in time to be published with the Fifteenth Annual Report, shortly to be issued?

Those who prefer to do so, are requested to send to the Secretary a list of persons who would be likely to accept membership, and invitations will be sent to them. If desired, your card will be enclosed.

It has always been contrary to the spirit of your Society to importune any one to become a member. "Are you a contributor?" "Would you like to be?" "I shall be happy to propose your name," is all that need be said to any one who is familiar with your laudable work and cares to be identified with its promising future.

There are unquestionably in this city 2500 public spirited people able and willing to connect themselves with your Association.

It is our duty to find them as soon as possible.

Respectfully,

A. J. DREXEL,
JOEL J. BAILY,
THOMAS HOCKLEY,
LINCOLN GODFREY,
CHARLES H. HOWELL,
CHARLES J. COHEN,
JOHN BELLANGEE COX,

J. RAYMOND CLAGHORN,
THOMAS DOLAN,
JOSEPH MOORE, JR.,
HENRY K. FOX,
JOHN T. MORRIS,
CHARLES J. HARRAH,
FREDERICK R. SHELTON,

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

EXTRACT FROM THE

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Fairmount Park Art Association,

TO BE PUBLISHED WITH A LIST OF THE MEMBERS IN JANUARY.

In the past fifteen years your society has been passing through new experiences. Being the first and only association of the kind, you could not profit by the errors of others. You have earned a valuable experience, and are now in a position to fulfil the original intentions of your society upon a generous scale, commensurate with the dignity of a city of nearly a million people.

For years you had an accumulation of funds with not a suitable work of art available for purchase; to-day you have contracts with three sculptors, aggregating \$50,000, and several magnificent groups ready, which you may secure as soon as the condition of your treasury will admit of giving orders.

The Preamble to your Constitution says: "Since it is desirable to increase the appreciation and love of art in our midst, to add to the number of its votaries, promote the refinements of life consequent thereon, and to encourage artists in the practice of their profession," and for other good reasons, you have formed yourselves into a society which shall aim "to enhance the beauties and attractions of Fairmount Park by a means in which all may gladly participate."

With such noble objects in view you should not rest until your list of members includes at least 2500, names representing the good taste, refinement and public spirit of Philadelphia. Then will you accomplish great results.

Surely there are three in every thousand who would willingly lend their names and influence to your praiseworthy objects; especially when they realize that their work is not perishable; that it will endure for ages; that your children's children may enjoy the work you have so laudably commenced, and delight in its perpetuation.

It is of paramount importance that a correct taste should be cultivated in a manufacturing city, where the value of her products would be greatly enhanced by the beauty and originality of the designs, and by the ability to appreciate them.

This has a salutary effect not only upon the character of her products, but upon her home life.

Familiarity with objects of art creates a taste for the beautiful. The French, recognizing this fact, have surrounded their people with beautiful works of art, and by liberal government expenditure have cultivated a taste and love for the beautiful that are reflected in her manufactures, which, by their elegance of design, are given the preference throughout the world.

Philadelphia,188

To the Secretary

Fairmount Park Art Association,

1523 Walnut Street.

Dear Sir:

Please add to the list of members, commencing 1887.

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Yours Truly,

Member.

Philadelphia, 188

To the Secretary
Fairmount Park Art Association.

Dear Sir:

I would suggest that an invitation to become a member
be sent to each of the following:

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Yours Truly,

Member.

Secretary stated that he had, at the suggestion of Mr Biddle, Chairman of the Committee on Works of Art, accepted the gifts in a letter to Messrs Boulton & Co and thanked them for their generous action, - this unofficial action was taken as the donors of works were about to return to England. Upon motion the action of the Secretary was approved and the gifts accepted and a resolution of thanks introduced and carried, tendering to Messrs Boulton & Co of London, England the thanks of the Board of Trustees for their valuable gift. Further consideration of the subject was referred to the Committee on Works of Art.

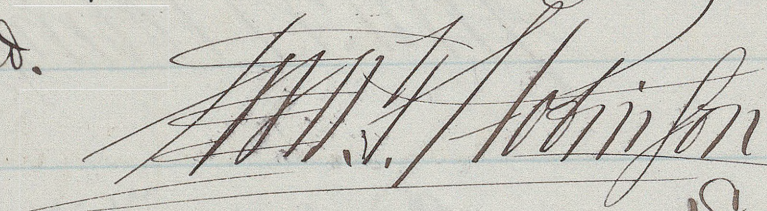
Mr Howell suggested some works of Art - reproductions from the antique - as the "Soldier of Marathon" & "The Dying Gladiator" might be purchased in Paris at moderate cost, but after discussion of the various subjects which could be recommended, and the merits of the ancient and modern types, and advisability of selecting such works as would illustrate and perpetuate the early history of this country, no definite action was taken. Upon motion of Mr Cox the meeting adjourned.

W. A. Johnston
Secretary

Philadelphia, Friday April 13th - 1877

The regular Quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees was held this day at one P.M. at the Commercial National Bank. 314 Chestnut Street. There were present Messrs

Blagdon, Smithus, Howell, Cox, and Robinson, Secretary. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The Secretary submitted the report of his transactions and the work of the Assistant-Secretary since last meeting, which was approved. The Chairman of Special Committee upon purchase of fountains, not being present, the Secretary tendered a verbal report from him, to the effect that no action had been taken but that it was intended to order the works, immediately through through the house of Messrs Grevel & Co. In accordance with the by-laws the Secretary submitted a list of the delinquent members of the Association. After discussion, a resolution offered by Mr C. H. Howell was adopted, that the Secretary be instructed to notify by letter those members, who were delinquent that their names would be dropped from the list of members, in case the dues were not paid at once, and that, using discretion, he should drop from the list those names of ^{members, who} ~~who could~~ not pay the annual contribution for two years, or more. Upon motion of Mr J Bellangee Cox, the meeting adjourned.


 Secretary

Phila, Tuesday, July 10th - 1877

The regular Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Trustees, was held this day at one P.M. at the Commercial Nat. Bank, 1034 Chestnut St.

There were present Messrs. Blagdon, Rogers, Cox, Lippincott, Howell and Robinson, Secretary. The Vice President assumed the Chair and the Meeting being called to order the minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

The Secretary submitted report of his transactions and a report of the Committee on Fountains. The latter report stated that five fountains similar to the plan of those at the Rond Point, Champs Elysées Paris, heretofore approved by the Board of Trustees, had been purchased through the house of Gaxet & Co. in Paris, and were at present in the Park in charge of the Superintendent. The bills of Gaxet & Co. paid by the Treasurer, amounting to \$1504.57 were submitted and approved. The Committee deferred further action until instructed by the Board. After a formal discussion of the different sites in the Park suited for the location of the fountains, and interchange of views in regard to the manner of constructing the basins and erecting the fountains, it was, on motion of Mr. J. B. Cox, Resolved ¹ That the Committee on Fountains, be and are hereby instructed to set up one of the five fountains lately purchased at Paris in the plot of ground between Lincoln Monument and Fannount-reservoir, East of the Steamboat Landing and to construct the necessary basin and form the connections and construct the proper drains &c. &c. using in all things their sound discretion and keeping in view the closest economy of expense, consistent with good results; and to report progress at the earliest possible day." The report of the work of the last Secretary for the last six months, by which it appears that 49 new Annual contributors and 10 Life members were secured, was submitted

and his term of office having expired, upon motion it was resolved without dissent, that Major Geo. L. White be and hereby is reappointed to the office of Assistant-Secretary, with the same duties and salary, for six months from July 5th 1877.

The Secretary placed before the Chair a communication from the Franklin Institute, donating to this Association, the group of figures in sandstone, known as the "Tam O'Shanter" group. Upon motion of Mr C. H. Howell it was re-

solved that the group be accepted, with thanks, provided it was ascertained that the Park Commissioners would receive the work.

* There being no further business before the meeting upon motion the Board adjourned.

M. J. Wilson
Secretary

* The Treasurer reported to the Board that the funds of the Association now on hand, were drawing only three per cent. per annum and requested authority to invest the Permanent Fund in such legal security, as would be directed by the Board of Trustees, to bring a higher rate. Upon motion of Mr Chas. H. Rogers it was resolved that the Treasurer, be directed to invest the Permanent Fund of the Association, in registered five per cent bonds of the State of Pennsylvania.

M. J. Wilson
Secretary

Philadelphia. Monday August 27th 1877

A Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held this day at 4.30 P.M. in Fairmount Park, near Lincoln Monument — the meeting being called at the suggestion of the Committee on Fountains, to view the first public display of Fountain No. "1", erected by them in pursuance of a resolution passed at the last meeting of the Board.

The following members of the Board were present, Messrs. Chas. H. Rogers, J. J. Bailey, J. C. Claghorn, J. B. Cox, and Robinson. Secretary

The Committee on Fountains made a verbal report of the work done by them and the Board inspected the construction and material of fountain, and at 4.30 P.M. the water was turned on and a display of the fountain had; the water being started at full head and lesser pressure to ascertain the various effects. It was found that at full force the central jet threw the water to a height of 30 ft and the effect at this & at half pressure was remarkably fine.

Over an hour was taken up by the Board, in company with the Supt of Fairmount Park, the Engineer of Park, members of Park Commission and of the Press and other citizens in examining the working of the Fountains and in witnessing the various effects. An examination of the various localities pointed out by the Park authorities as suitable for placing other fountains was also made, and the meeting resolved to give the Committee on Fountains authority, as by resolution under which they have acted, to proceed immediately to erect Fountain No. "2" upon

the South end of plat of ground near Lincoln Monument, as originally suggested, and as laid out in plan. The members of the Board as well as others who saw the fountain in operation, expressed themselves as very highly pleased with the manner of construction and effective display made by fountain. The Committee on Fountains were directed to proceed with their work as under original resolution and report progress at next meeting. The business for which Meeting was called being over, the Board adjourned.

W. J. Smith

Secretary

Philadelphia, Tuesday October 9th 1877

The regular Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held this day at one P.M. at Commercial Nat. Bank No. 314 Chestnut St. There were present Messrs S. S. White, Liffincott, Coy, Blagdon, Howell and Robinson Secy. The Chair upon motion was assumed by Mr S. S. White and the meeting being called to order, the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Committee on erection of Fountains, submitted a full verbal report of the progress of the work, with estimates, contract papers, and charts of location of fountain $\$1 + 102 \times 704.00 = \627.26 in full. and correspondence with Park authorities, and bills of expenditure to date, all of which was upon discussion, fully approved and the Committee directed to proceed to complete the work of construction, and report progress at next regular meeting.

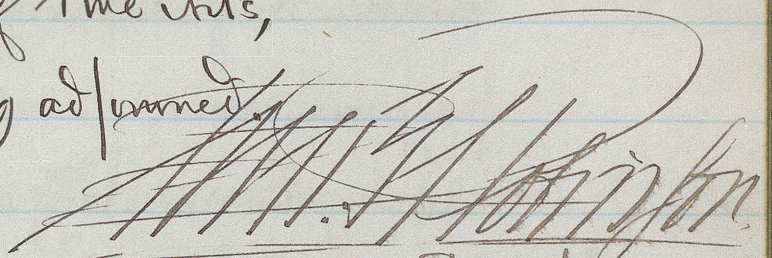
The Secretary laid before the Board a report of correspondence with Mr H. H. Hushmann M.S. Consul at Munich and Mr B. O. Duncan M.S. Consul

Naples Italy in regard to art works, heretofore suggested. After discussion the subject was referred to Committee on Works of Art. Upon motion of Mr J. L. Blagburn the following resolution was proposed and duly carried "Resolved" that the Committee on Works of Art be instructed to ascertain at what cost a reproduction of "The Amazon" by Kio, could be obtained and that to this end, estimates of cost of model and casting therefrom be obtained from Messrs Bailly and Roberts, sculptors and Robt Wood & Co, founders, it being deemed expedient to contract with native artists, in future purchases."

Upon suggestion of Mr J. L. Blagburn the Secretary was directed to have such photographs or other views of works submitted to the approval of the Assn suitably framed.

Upon motion of the Secretary it was resolved that the Annual Meeting be held in the building of the Academy of Fine Arts,

Upon motion of Mr Lippincott the Meeting adjourned.


Secretary

Philadelphia, Monday November 26th 1877

A Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of this Assn was held this day at 1.30 P.M. at Commercial Nat. Bank, No 314 Ches. St. There were present Messrs Rogers, Blagburn, Cox, Howell & Robinson Secy. The Vice Pres. Mr Rogers was called to the Chair and upon motion the reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with. The Chair called upon the Secretary for the reading of the Sixth Annual Report of the Board of Trustees, which

was read, together with the Annual Report of the Treasurer, Mr Jas. Le Blagham. After consideration and revision of the Report it was upon motion adopted. In accordance with Sect. VI. Art VI. of the By-laws of the Assⁿ the Secretary laid before the Board a list of the delinquent members for the current year. Upon motion of Mr J. B. Cox the meeting adjourned.

Wm. V. Worthington Sec'y

The Sixth Annual Meeting of the Fairmount Park Art Association was held Monday Evening, November 26th A.D. 1877 at 8 P.M. in the Academy of Fine Arts building, Broad and Cherry Sts Philadelphia. The Meeting being called to order by the Secretary the Hon. Wm S. Stokely, Mayor was called to preside and upon assuming the Chair made a few remarks congratulating the members present and the Assⁿ upon its prosperous career. The minutes of the Fifth Annual Meeting were read by the Secretary and upon motion were approved. The Chair then called for the reading of the Sixth Annual Report of the Board of Trustees and the report of the Treasurer Jas. Le Blagham Esq; after the reading there being no objection the Report was adopted, and was entered upon the minutes as follows:—