

MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
F. P. A. A.

May 31st, 1899

CITY OF PHILADELPHIA.

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John H. Converse,	500 No. Broad Street,
Frank Thomson,	Broad Street Station,
Charles C. Harrison, L. D. D.	400 Chestnut Street,
James MacAlister, L. L. D.	Drexel Institute,
Leslie W. Miller,	N. W. cor. Broad & Pine,
Charles J. Cohen,	312 Chestnut Street,
Charles H. Howell,	212 Race Street,
Westcott Bailey,	1020 Chestnut Street,
Thomas ^J Dolan,	1809 Walnut Street
Ferdinand J. Dreer,	1520 Spruce Street,
John T. Morris,	826 Drexel Building,
A. G. Hetherington,	2049 Chestnut Street,
E. Burgess Warren,	2013 Spruce Street,
Joel J. Baily,	719 Market Street
Henry K. Fox,	102 Bullitt Building,
C. N. Weygandt,	Western Nat'l. Bank,
William W. Justice,	Manheim Street, Germantown,
James M. Beck,	1112 Girard Trust Building, Broad & Chestnut Streets.

April 16th, 1897.

A meeting of the Board of Trustees was held at 1523 Walnut Street, Friday April 16th, 1897, at 4.30 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Sartain, Morris, Warren, Cohen, Miller, Howell Secretary. Mr. Warren was called to the chair.

The question of payment to Mr. French on account of the Grant Statue, being discussed, it was upon motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Morris, ordered that upon notice of delivery of the Grant Statue in Fairmount Park as near the permanent site selected as the Commissioners of the Park will permit, and of release of the Statue from all claims, the Secretary be authorized to draw a warrant for eight (8) thousand dollars as payable under the contract. Carried.

Mr. Morris moved to authorize the Secretary to erect benches, notify members and fix prices for their use, to members for witnessing the unveiling of the Washington Monument on May 15th. Carried.

Mr. Miller offered the following: Resolved, that the

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Board of Trustees of the Fairmount Park Art Association of Philadelphia hereby enter their earnest protest against the proposition to impose an ad valorem duty on works of art, which is contained in the Dingley Bill now under discussion by the Congress of the United States, and respectfully petition the members of that body to allow the importation of paintings and sculpture on payment of a Specific Duty of not over one hundred (\$100.) Dollars for each work so imported.

Resolved: That a copy of the above resolution be sent to each Senator and Representative in Congress from Pennsylvania, and to the Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee of the Senate and House of Representatives, with a request that he use his influence to secure the adoption of a clause in the new law in accordance with this recommendation. Carrie *d*

Mr. Cohen called up the resolution passed by the Committee on Works of Art on January 15th, 1897 as follows; and moved its adoption by the Board of Trustees: Resolved: That hereafter, a box be laid in the pedestal under each

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statue or work of art, with papers and documents, and a
metallic tablet embodying facts in connection with it. Carried

Adjourned.

Charles H. Howell,
per J. D. C.

Secretary.

May 25th, 1897.

A meeting of the Board of Trustees was held at the Western Bank, Tuesday May 25th, 1897 at noon.

Present: Messrs. Dreer, Sartain, Weygandt, Morris, Cohen and Howell, Secretary. Mr. Weygandt was called to the chair.

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held April 30th were read and approved.

The Secretary called attention to the request of Mr. St. Gaudens, made under date of September 24th, 1896 as to a change in the inscription on the shield of the Garfield Monument; it being found upon reference to the minutes of Dec. 24th, 1896, that Mr. St. Gaudens' letter had been referred to the Garfield Committee the Secretary was instructed to call the Committee's attention to the fact and to ask for early action.

Mr. Cohen read the draft of the 25th Annual Report of the Board of Trustees to be submitted at the Annual meeting of the Society 26th May, 1897. On motion of Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Sartain the report was adopted. It was

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understood that the Secretary should secure a presiding officer for the Annual meeting and attend to such other matters as were incident thereto. Mr. Cohen presented the report of the Committee on Stand for the Washington Monument unveiling which upon motion was received and ordered to be filed, and on motion of Mr. Howell seconded by Mr. Morris, the chairman of the Committee was instructed to draw upon the General Fund of the F. P. A. A. for the amount of \$12.30 deficit, being the excess of expenditures over receipts. At 12.45 p.m. the Secretary asked to be excused to attend another meeting. After Col. Howell had left the following resolution was unanimously adopted:-

Resolved: That the minute adopted by the Board of Trustees at its stated meeting held May 25th, 1896 be presented to the Society at its annual meeting to be held May 26th 1897.

The Minute was one of congratulation to Colonel Charles H. Howell on the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Association. On motion adjourned 1 o'clock p.m.

Charles H. Howell,

Secretary

(per C. J. Cohen.)

June 9th, 1897.

A meeting of the Board of Trustees was held at the Western Bank, Wednesday, June 9th, 1897, at noon.

Present: Messrs. Sartain, Dreer, Weygandt, Morris, Fox, and Cohen. Mr. Sartain was called to the chair and Mr. Cohen acted as Secretary.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Board held May 25th, 1897 and those of the annual meeting of the Association held May 26th, 1897 were read and approved.

The Treasurer, Henry K. Fox, Esq., presented the Financial statement of the Association under date of June 8th, 1897. On motion it was ordered received and to be entered upon the minutes.

Philadelphia June 8th, 1897.

"STATEMENT FINANCES".
"FAIRMOUNT PARK ART ASSOCIATION."

General Fund	(Park)	Cash	\$366.55
do	(City)	"	186.68
Permanent Fund	(Park)	"	\$ 5,862.15
do	"	Invest's	<u>54,500.00</u> 60,362.15
do	(City)	Cash	2,234.02

60915.38

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<i>Amounts brought forward</i>			2234.02	60915.38
Permanent Fund	(City)	Invest's \$	<u>1,500.00</u>	3,734.02
Garfield Memorial Fund	(	Cash		105.97
Grant Memorial Fund		"	1,035.33	
Do.		Invest's	<u>4,500.00</u>	5,535.33
Lafayette Memorial Fund,		Cash		112.61
McClellan Memorial Fund		"	418.91	
do.		Invest's	<u>500.00</u>	918.91
Fountain Fund		Cash		301.05
Boys' & Girls' Brigade,		"		<u>10.97</u>
Grand Total,				\$ 71,634.24

None of the Funds are in debt.

Henry K. Fox, Treasurer

A letter was read from Col. Chas. H. Howell under date of 6th instant, calling attention to the fact that a payment of \$4,000.00 was now due to Daniel Chester French on account of the Grant statue under the contract; Mr. Cohen stated that he had seen Mr. J. Sergeant Price, counsel to the Society, who had expressed his belief that all the terms of the contract or agreement had been complied with up to this point and that the amount should be paid to be receipted for as follows: "in

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full for all claims against the Fairmount Park Art Association under the above contract with the exception of the sum of \$1,000 .00 due as noted on contract". On motion of Mr. Morris seconded by Mr. Weygandt the acting Secretary was instructed to enter upon the minutes the advice given by Mr. Price and further that the Secretary be authorized to draw a warrant for \$4,000 . to the order of Daniel Chester French for payment on account of the Grant Statue under the contract; adopted.

At 12 .30 o'clock Miss Pendleton, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee appeared before the Board to ask their earnest consideration of and support to the project of an embankment on the West bank of the Schuylkill below Walnut Street; the matter was fully explained, Miss Pendleton agreeing to give the undertaking her hearty support and pledging that of the members of her Committee; it being thought undesirable that definite action by the Board should be taken at this time the matter was postponed for the present; it being understood that the acting Secretary would obtain from J. Sergeant Price, Esq., Counsel, his opinion as to the legality of the undertaking by this Society.

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Copies of reports Nos. 28 and 29 having been sent to Harry A. Garfield, Esq., of Cleveland, Ohio, his acknowledgment of the same under date of June 3rd, 1897, was read and ordered placed on the minutes.

H. A. Garfield,
J. R. Garfield

GARFIELD & GARFIELD
ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELLORS AT LAW,
Garfield Building, Cleveland, Ohio.

June 3, 1897.

Mr. Chas. J. Cohen,

% The Fairmount Park Art Association,

Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Cohen:-

Please accept my thanks for the two pamphlets you sent me concerning The Fairmount Park Art Association. I often recall with a great deal of pleasure my trip to Philadelphia a year ago and my very pleasant acquaintance with you.

Trusting that the future may bring us together again and with kind regards to the several gentlemen who assisted in making my visit so pleasant, I remain,

Very truly yours, (Signed.) ^{at} Henry A. Garfield.

June 9, 1897.

It having been stated that this was the first meeting of the Board subsequent to the Annual Meeting of the Society and that it was in order to choose officers for the current year, upon motion of Mr. Weygandt, seconded by Mr. Morris, the following were placed in nomination for the respective offices as named:-

President:	John H. Converse, 500 N. Broad St.
Vice Presidents,-	Joel J. Baily, George B. Roberts, Charles C. Harrison,
Treasurer:-	Henry K. Fox,
Secretary:-	Charles H. Howell, 212 Race Street, 1523 Walnut Street.

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Term expires in October, 1897.

Joel J. Baily; John H. Converse; Henry K. Fox; C. N. Weygandt;
W. W. Justice.

Term expires October, 1898.

John Sartain; Leslie W. Miller; Charles J. Cohen; Charles H.
Howell; Westcott Bailey

Term expires October, 1899.

Thomas Dolan; Ferdinand J. Dreer; John T. Morris, A. G.
Hetherington, E. Burgess Warren.

COUNSELLOR.
J. Sergeant Price.

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On motion the rules were ordered suspended and the Secretary was instructed to cast one ballot; the chair reported the above as duly elected for the term of one year, October 31st, 1896 to October 31st, 1897.

At 1.10 o'clock, Mr. Dreer was excused.

On motion of Mr. Morris the Chair was authorized to appoint a Committee of three with power to act to have engrossed and presented to Col. Charles H. Howell the minute of congratulation as instructed by the Annual Meeting of the Society May 26th, 1897. The Chair announced the Committee to be as follows:

C. J. Cohen,

C. Wegandt,

L. W. Miller.

On motion the Secretary was instructed to tender to Doctor James MacAlister the appreciation of the Board for his able and satisfactory conduct of the Annual Meeting of the 26th ultimo., and to the Art Club for courtesies extended in the use of the Gallery on the same date.

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It having been stated that avacancy existed in the position of Assistant Secretary and it being considered important to make a selection of one competent to assume the clerical duties incident thereto on motion of Mr. Morris the Chair was authorized to appoint a Committee of three, with power to act, to fill the position (at a suitable salary) for the current year. The Chair announced the Committee to be as follows:

John T. Morris, Charles H. Howell, Charles J. Cohen.

Adjourned 1.25 P. M.

Charles J. Cohen
Acting Secretary.

June 16th, 1897.

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees was held at the Western Bank, Wednesday June 16th, 1897, at noon.

Present: Messrs. Joel J. Baily, (Vice President in the chair) Sartain, Weygandt, Miller and Cohen. Mr. Cohen acted as Secretary.

Miss Pendleton, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee was present by invitation of the Board to further present the project for an embankment on the West side of the Schuylkill River.

Mr. Cohen stated that acting under instructions of the Board he had called upon J. Sergeant Price, Esq., Counsel to ascertain his views as to the right of the Association to undertake the contemplated improvement; Mr. Price's reply was read, of which the following is a copy.

Philadelphia, June 16, 1897.

Mr. C. J. Cohen,

My dear Sir:-

As Counsellor of the Fairmount Park Art Association I have carefully considered the question submitted by you to me to-day, whether or not under your amended

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charter you have the right as part of your work to undertake the improvement to certain property belonging to the City situate on the West side of the River Schuylkill, south of Walnut^{S/} Bridge by commencement of an embankment for beautifying the property and preparing it for park purposes.

The proposition is an excellent one and should without delay be undertaken by the City of Philadelphia at its expense either through the Commissioners of Fairmount Park or under the special care and direction of the City authorities who are now in charge of Bartrams Garden and other City Parks.

The objects of your Corporation as set forth in the section of your Charter is the accumulation of funds to be "devoted to and expended in adorning the City of Philadelphia and Fairmount Park in the City of Philadelphia" with Statues, busts, and other works of art, either of a memorial nature or otherwise." This would not warrant you in undertaking yourselves the work suggested, although anything that you can do to urge others to do the work should be freely given.

Yours very truly,

(Signed.)

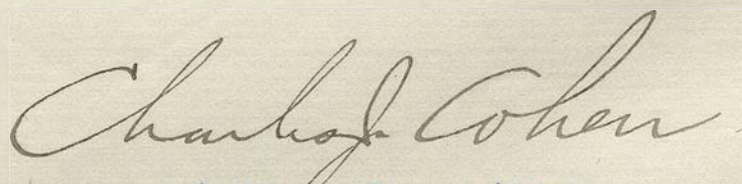
J. Sergeant Price."

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The following motion was offered by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Sartain and after a full discussion in which every one present participated it was adopted.

R E S O L V E D : That the Board of Trustees of the Fairmount Park Art Association warmly approves the proposition made by Miss Pendleton to improve a certain tract on the West bank of the Schuylkill River belonging to the City and promises to give to the movement the fullest support that is consistent with the purposes of this Association as defined by its Charter; it being understood that no pecuniary obligation is assumed by this Association by this action.

Adjourned 1.25 P.M.


Acting Secretary.

October 13th, 1897.

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees F. P. A. A. was held at the Western National Bank, on Wednesday, October 13th, 1897 at noon. Present: Joel J. Baily, first Vice President in the chair, Charles C. Harrison, C. N. Weygandt, W. W. Justice, E. Burgess Warren, Charles J. Cohen.

On motion C. J. Cohen was appointed to act as Secretary. A message was received from Col. Howell from New York to the effect that absence from the City would prevent his being present at the meeting; word was received from John T. Morris to the same effect. Miss Pendleton, Chairman Entertainment Committee, F. P. A. A. was present by invitation and addressed the meeting as follows:

"Owing to the political situation and the financial depression it was considered inopportune last winter to press our embankment project.

I returned from abroad chiefly on this account, but when I was confronted with the Loan Bill and the Municipal projects covered by this Bill it seemed unlikely that the City would at this juncture consider a general improvement

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of the West bank of the Schuylkill water-front, such as we had originally contemplated.

Early in June it occurred to me that we could raise a fund from private sources to transform the wasteland lying between the Alms House and the Schuylkill into a Municipal Park, with embankment, boating and bathing facilities, bicycle paths, etc., etc., provided the City would grant us the land for this purpose.

It was, unfortunately too late in the season to hold a meeting of the Entertainment Committee, but I took all the preliminary steps; procured in writing the assurances of the officials of the Pennsylvania R. R. that it would not interfere with their projects; secured the approval of this Board, embodied in your resolutions and also promises of financial aid.

Thus armed I went to the last stated meeting of the Finance Committee of Councils and laid the project before the Chairman, who was so enthusiastic over it that he urged me to present it at once to the Finance Committee. I explained that I could not do this until it was in legal shape and

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He then said "Well, Miss Pendleton, I promise you that it shall not be diverted to any other purpose during the summer I will hold the fort until the autumn and you can then present it."

Thus assured, I continued my efforts only to learn from the papers in September that a project was before Councils looking to the transference of this property to the Commercial Museum. I hastened my return at great pecuniary inconvenience to myself.

Mr. Seeds assures me he exacted that this ground should be used for the purpose I had in mind.

I have asked to be allowed to present to you this statement because it seems to me unwise to let such an important matter go ^{by} default; and I believe with all the pledges that were made in the spring and owing to the intrinsic importance of the subject we are so placed that we may render a great service to the community by seeing that there is a proper guarantee as to use and time limit.

Mr. Seeds has this park and embankment project at heart as well as other influential men in and out of Councils.

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The sixteen acres lying between the Alms House and the tracks are devoted to the Commercial Museum, whose projects for a specialized exhibit must appeal to the imagination and judgment of all.

The property to be protected; the only unimproved property left to Philadelphia of all her splendid possessions; is the thirty acres lying between the Penna. R. R. tracks and the Schuylkill River.

Charlotte Pendleton,

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After an active discussion by the members present the following preamble and resolution moved by E. Burgess Warren, and seconded by C. N. Weygandt was unanimously adopted.

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WHEREAS The Board of Trustees, Fairmount Park Art Association adopted at a meeting held June 16th, 1897, the following resolution:

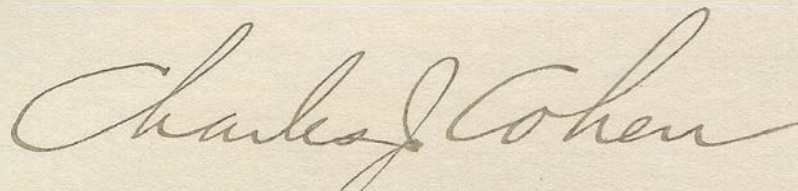
RESOLVED That the Board of Trustees of the Fairmount Park Art Association warmly approves the proposition made by Miss Pendleton to improve a certain tract on the West bank of the Schuylkill River belonging to the City and promises to give to the movement the fullest support that is consistent with the purpose of this Association as defined by its charter; it being understood that no pecuniary obligation is assumed by this Association by this action.

Therefore it was resolved by the Board at a special meeting held this thirteenth day of October, 1897 that, in view of the proposed grant by the City Councils of Philadelphia to the Philadelphia Museum of thirty acres of land lying between the tracks of the Pennsylvania Railroad and the West bank of the Schuylkill River south of Chestnut Street, extending to Bartram's Gardens, that Miss Pendleton, Chairman Entertainment Committee, F. P. A. A. be authorized to request John M. Converse, Esq., President of this Board to use his influence

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X with the directors of the Philadelphia Museum to the end
that the above mentioned grant may be so modified as to provide
for the creation of a Park or embankment for the free use of
X the the public with a proviso that the Philadelphia Museum
shall act in the matter within five years."

On motion adjourned. 1 o'clock P.M.


Acting Secretary.

November 19th, 1897.

A meeting of the Committee on Works of Art F. P. A. A. was held at the School of Industrial Art, Broad & Pine Streets Friday, November 19th, 1897, at noon.

Present: John T. Morris, Chairman, Colonel Charles H. Howell, Messrs. Charles M. Burns, Leslie W. Miller and Charles J. Cohen. Mr. Morris took the chair and by request Mr. Cohen acted as Secretary. Col. Howell stated that the object in calling the meeting was to ask the committee's attention to the importance of prompt and positive action as to the responsibility it was called upon to assume in connection with the "Smith Memorial"

For the information of those who had not been present at both the meetings referred to, the minutes of the meeting of the Joint Committee on Smith Memorial and Works of Art of date Oct. 26, and Nov. 6 respectively were read. The chair summarized the question and on motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Col. Howell, the following minutes were adopted and ordered to be placed on record.

After full discussion the unanimous sense of this Committee is as follows: That the terms of the Will under which the Smith Memorial is to be erected indicate that the

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phrase "Auspices of the Fairmount Park Art Association" should carry with it responsibility for the artistic character of the sculpture; that this Committee therefore feels that it will and ought to be held responsible for the character of the sculpture and further, that if it shall act in the matter at all the Association should be given full authority in the selection of the sculptors."

On motion of Mr. Miller seconded by Col. Howell the following was adopted:

"That Mr. Warren and Mr. Coates members of the Committee on Smith Memorial F. P. A. A. be asked to name a date on which they will meet the other members of the Committee on Works of Art."

On motion adjourned 1.40 P.M.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Charles Cohen". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name "Acting Secretary".

Acting Secretary.

November 4th, 1897.

A meeting of the Board of Trustees F. P. A . A. was held at the Western National Bank, Thursday November 4th, 1897 at noon.

Present, Messrs . C . N . Weygandt, E . Burgess Warren, John T . Morris, Charles H . Howell, Charles J . Cohen.

Mr . Warren was called to the Chair and Col . Howell acted as Secretary .

The Minutes of the meetings of June 9 and 16, and Oct. 13 were read and approved.

The Committee on Smith Memorial presented its report of a meeting held Oct. 26, which was read and approved.

The clause at the end of the proposed circular, in reference to photographs of the work of the sculptors addressed was, on motion, ordered to be separately prepared and issued by the Association?

The death of J . Sergeant Price, Counsellor of the Association was announced and, on motion, of Col . Howell, seconded by Mr . Morris, the following minute was adopted and ordered to be spread upon the minutes and a copy sent to the family

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of the deceased.

"The Board of Trustees F. P. A. A. desires to enter upon its minutes the record of the demise of J. Sergeant Price, Counsellor of the Association, who as an officer of the Board had for a number of years rendered the Association important and valuable services leading to its success in every manner within his power. With ripe judgment and intelligent direction his counsel was always freely and generously granted, showing a specially active interest in Fairmount Park and in the work in which the Association is engaged."

The death was also announced of John Sartain a member of the Board and, on motion of Mr. Weygandt seconded by Mr. Morris the following resolution was adopted.

R E S O L V E D , that in view of the death of John Sartain a very distinguished artist and most prominent member of the Association, that Dr. James MacAlister be invited to prepare a suitable minute on the life and character of the deceased, the same to be presented at the Annual Meeting November 11th, 1897.

The Secretary presented a draft of the Annual Report of

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X of the Board to the Association, of date October 30th, 1897 and after various corrections had been made, it was adopted and ordered to be placed before the meeting of the Association on November 11th.

The Treasurer's report was presented and on motion of Mr. Weygandt seconded by Col. Howell it was received and referred to the Auditing Committee for audit.

Announcement was made that the Annual Meeting would be held on Thursday November 11th at 8 p.m. in the Gallery of the Art Club, and that after the reading of the Annual reports Earnest Seton Thompson, Esq., of New York would deliver an address; subject "The Art of the Stone Age, or the earliest known drawings" the lecture to be illustrated by stereopticon views.

The Secretary was authorized to draw a warrant for \$50. net as an honorarium to Mr. Seton-Thompson and to incur an expenditure of \$15. for the lantern and of a sum not exceeding \$100 at his discretion for the refreshments to be provided.

The Secretary was further authorized to select a Chair-

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man to preside at the Annual meeting .

A letter under date of Oct. 24th, 1897 from Daniel Chester French was presented and read, a copy of which is here appended:

My dear Mr. Howell:

Lest you should forget my existence, let me remind you of it '.

I understand from Mr. Day that the statue will not be erected till next spring. In view of this long delay and of the fact that I have so nearly completed my contract and that the thousand dollars that you still hold will much more than cover the expenses of setting the statue on its pedestal, I write to ask that the bonds &c. to the amount of about \$6,000.00 that I deposited with Mr. Fox as security for the performance of my contract, be now returned to me. Will you kindly lay the matter before the Committee at the next meeting ?

I hope you and yours are well.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed.) Daniel Chester French."

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Upon motion of Mr. Morris it was ordered that the Secretary be authorized to draw a warrant for \$1,000. being the final payment, the balance due Mr. French under the contract, provided that, a written statement be received from the Chairman of Committee on Grant Memorial stating that the statue had been entirely completed and that all the terms of the contract with Mr. French had been complied with. It was also ordered that the following securities deposited with the Treasurer as a guarantee be returned to Mr. French:-

List of Securities. Mr. French.

3 bonds Colfax Tr. Co., 158, 196, 198. \$3,000.,
coupons Sept. 97.

Bond & Mtge. note Jan. 10/93, 5 years, John West
to D. C. French. Coupon Jan. 1898.

10 shares Pullman Pal. Car Co., \$1,000. with P/A.
in safe, 11/5/97.

At 12.45 P.M. by invitation Miss Pendleton Chairman
Entertainment Committee was received by the Board.

Miss Pendleton presented a report of which the following
is a copy.-

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REPORT OF MISS PENDLETON .

As it was difficult for the President of your Board and myself to fix an hour for meeting which was convenient for both of us, I wrote to him conveying your resolution of the 13th of October. When we met at Princeton accidentally I asked if my letter had been received. He replied that the publication of that day or the day previous of the ordinance the Museum plans, or the loan bill, I do not know which; at all events of the proposition of the Commercial Museum, was an answer. That he intended, however, to consult with the Museum authorities and to write to me. I have not yet had any answer to my letter, and, am, therefore, only able to report that I carried out the request of the Board. In regard to the ordinance it covers all we asked for as to the objects of the grant of land. There does not seem to have been any time-limit fixed excepting that it shall be opened forthwith as a public park forever. There is no provision made in Councils or in the loan bill for this purpose and it is in the class of projects named in the bill, but for which no provision is made, such as the Library, Art Gallery and

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presumably the Exposition.

While it is quite true that the Legislature had set apart this and additional land adjoining for the purposes of a park, the fact that some of this land had been devoted by the City to other purposes since this action of the Legislature and the personal assurance of the Chairman of the Finance Committee of Councils that he had required that our project should be guaranteed in the ordinance justifies us in assuming that the work we have done in this matter has not been wasted, and that it has so brought it before Councils as to as to have secured this matter in the passing of the ordinance.

(Signed.) Charlotte Pendleton.

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Upon motion of Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Weygandt it was ordered that the report be received and entered upon the minutes and that the thanks of the Board be tendered to Miss Pendleton for her efforts and perseverance towards the end of providing for a public park on the banks of the Schuylkill.

Adjourned 1.10 P.M.

December 17th, 1897.

A meeting of the Board of Trustees F. P. A. A. was held at the Western National Bank, Friday, December 17th, 1897 at 11.30 o'clock A. M.

Present: Joel J. Baily, Vice President, in the Chair
John T. Morris, Henry K. Fox, C. N. Weygandt, E. Burgess
Warren, C. J. Cohen acting secretary.

The following minutes were read and approved: The meeting of the Board November 4th, 1897; The Annual Meeting of the Association, November 11, 1897; the Committee on Smith Memorial, November 6th and 29th, 1897; the Committee on Works of Art, November 19th and 24th.

The chair announced that the first business in order would be the nomination of officers for the current year ending Oct. 31st, 1898, whereupon Mr. Weygandt made the following nominations comprising the former Board of Officers with Frank Thompson as Vice President to succeed the late George B. Roberts; Dr. James MacAlister as Trustee to fill the term of the late John Sartain, expiring October 1898;

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and Hon. James M. Beck as Counsellor ~~to~~ succeed the late J. Sergeant Price.

On motion the rules were suspended and the Secretary authorized to cast one ballot for the nominees; the Secretary reported the unanimous election of those named for the respective offices.

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President.

John H. Converse,
500 North Broad Street.

Vice Presidents.

Joel J. Baily,
Frank Thomson, Charles C. Harrison, L. L. D

Treasurer.

Henry K. Fox.

Secretary.

Col. Charles H. Howell,
212 Race Street,
1523 Walnut Street,

Board of Trustees.
Term expires in October, 1898.

Dr. James MacAlister,
Leslie W. Miller,
Charles J. Cohen,
Col. Charles H. Howell,
Westcott Bailey,

Term expires in October, 1899.

Thomas Dolan,
Ferdinand J. Dreer,
John T. Morris,
A. G. Hetherington,
E. Burgess Warren,

Term expires in October, 1900.

Joel J. Baily,
John H. Converse,
Henry K. Fox,
C. M. Weygandt,
William W. Justice.

Counsellor.
Hon. James M. Beck.

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At 11.50 o'clock Mr. Fox was excused and on motion the Board took a recess until 12.30 o'clock at which time it reconvened. The chair stated that a joint meeting of the Board and Committee on Smith Memorial had been held at which the previous action of the Committee approving the form of circular as submitted with the amendment suggested, had been confirmed. On motion of Mr. Weygandt, seconded by Mr. Morris the report of the Committee on Smith Memorial was received and the following resolution unanimously adopted:

"That this Board confirms the report of the Committee on Smith Memorial adopted at its meeting held November 29th, 1897, and further that the form of circular with the amendment therein adopted, is approved."

A letter from Daniel Chester French dated New York, Dec. 12, 1897 was read of which the following extracts are given:

Daniel Chester French,
125 West Eleventh Street,
New York.

December 12, 1897.

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The Century Magazine, through Mr. Gilder and Mr.

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Johnson, has expressed the wish to publish a picture of the Grant Statue about the time of the unveiling, in connection with a sketch of my career. It seems to me worth considerable effort to have the statue introduced to the public in this way. If the Association thinks as I do, perhaps it will be thought worth while to try to get as good a photograph of the statue as possible. It seems to me possible to engage a photographer to take three or four photos. of it and to have the statue uncovered for this purpose. I should be willing to share the expense.

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Yours faithfully

Daniel Chester French.

On motion of Mr. Warren, seconded by Mr. Morris the following was adopted.

That the request of Mr. French, as contained in the letter above noted, be referred to Col. Howell, Secretary, with power to act at his discretion, it being understood that the magazine article and photographs or illustration were not to appear until after the unveiling of the Grant

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statue .

On motion of Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Warren, it was ordered that three complete sets of the Annual Reports of this Association, covering the period of the twenty-five years of its existence, be substantially bound and presented as follows, one set each to the

Philadelphia Library,

Historical Society of Pennsylvania,

Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts.

Adjourned 12.40 o'clock p.m.

Charles J. Cohen,

Acting Secretary .