

ment should be found hereafter to be productive of important physiological accidents; it must take precedence of all other modes of treating this variety of the disease. No such accidents are yet known to have been produced by its employment; but the committee have not enjoyed the opportunity of personal inspection in a sufficient number of cases to determine general results, nor do they deem it proper to receive evidence from any other quarter in discharging the trust reposed in them by the society.

“The committee are induced, by the foregoing conclusions, to recommend in strong terms, the instruments of Dr. Chase to the confidence of the profession, as the best known means of mechanical retention in hernia, and as furnishing the highest chances of radical cure.”

Franklin Institute.

Annual Meeting.

The Annual Meeting of the Institute was held at their Hall, on Thursday evening, January 18th, 1838.

JAMES RONALDSON, Esq., President, in the chair.

SOLOMON ROBERTS, Esq., Recording Secretary, pro. tem.

The minutes of the last Quarterly Meeting were read and approved.

Donations of books were received from the Zoological Society of London; the Royal Geographical Society of London; Mr. John Gummere, of Haverford, Pa.; Mr. Samuel Colman, of New York; and A. L. Elwyn, M. D., R. Bridges, M. D., Heber Chase, M. D., and Mr. Robert Davis, of Philadelphia.

The Actuary laid on the tables the periodicals received during the past quarter in exchange for the Journal of the Institute.

The Annual report of the Board of Managers was read, and, on motion, was accepted, and referred to the Committee on Publications.

The Treasurer presented his report of the funds for the last quarter, and also a statement for the year ending December 31st, 1837—which were read and accepted.

The Committee on Publications presented their report on the operations of the Journal of the Institute for the year ending December 31st, 1837, which was read and accepted.

Mr. John Horton, from the Committee of Tellers of the election for officers and managers of the Institute for the ensuing year, (appointed at the preparatory meeting this day,) presented their report of the result of the election, when the President declared the following gentlemen as duly elected:

JAMES RONALDSON, President.

ISAIAH LUKENS,

THOMAS FLETCHER,

} Vice Presidents.

ISAAC B. GARRIGUES, Recording Secretary.

ISAAC HAYS, M. D., Corresponding Secretary.

FREDERICK FRALEY, Treasurer.

Managers.

Samuel V. Merrick,	John C. Cresson,
Abraham Miller,	James M. Linnard,
William H. Keating,	Andrew M. Eastwick,
John Struthers,	Isaac P. Morris,
Matthias W. Baldwin,	Charles B. Trego,
Alex. Dallas Bache,	Henry Troth,
Jas. Henry Buckley,	John S. Warner,
Alexander Ferguson,	William H. Carr,
John Agnew,	*Robert M. Patterson,
John Wiegand,	*Henry D. Rogers,
Alexander M ^c Clurg,	*John Gilder,
Samuel Hufty,	*William D. Parrish.

(Extract from the minutes.)

JAMES RONALDSON, *President.*SOLOMON W. ROBERTS, *Rec. Sec. P. T.**Fourteenth Annual Report of the Board of Managers of the Franklin Institute.*

On the return of the period which terminates their official career, the Managers of the Franklin Institute present to their fellow members their Fourteenth Annual Report.

It is with sentiments of unalloyed satisfaction, that the managers feel themselves authorized on this occasion, to renew their congratulations upon the continued success which has attended the labours of the Institute, in its useful and unpretending career.

Notwithstanding the temporary cloud, which has cast so deep a shadow over our recent manufacturing prosperity, the Institute has continued to receive the undiminished support of its members; and has, in return, imparted to them its accustomed, varied, gifts of knowledge, by means of its lectures and drawing school, its library and cabinets of minerals and models, by the social and informal interchange of opinion and experience at the Monthly Conversation Meetings, and by the valuable fund of practical and scientific information, spread upon the pages of its Journal.

Nor have its benefits been diffused only within the circle of its own members, widely as that circle is now extended.

The Committee on Science and the Arts, have maintained their zeal and activity, with no other incitement than the love of doing good; and will have contributed no small share of disinterested exertion to the common weal.

Number of new subjects brought before the Committee	37
Do. lying over from last year - - -	8
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	45
Do. disposed of by report or otherwise -	41
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Do. remaining for future action - - -	4

The Committee on Explosions of Steam Boilers, after a laborious investigation, continued during four successive years, have completed the task assigned to them; and their reports to the government of the United States

*New members.