

Carpenter, Esquires, were appointed a general committee to receive the money collected and distribute it in proportion to the respective losses.

The Lancaster Journal of Friday, August 22nd, 1823, informed the public that the following sums had been collected:

North-east Ward	\$285.28
North-west Ward	217.85
South-east Ward	99.83
South-west Ward	106.25
At Lititz, Pa.	39.04
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	\$748.25

Relief of the Sick and Poor

By WILLIAM FREDERIC WORNER

ON Wednesday, September 10th, 1823, a meeting was held in the court house for the purpose of adopting measures for the relief of the sick and the afflicted poor of the city of Lancaster. William Kirkpatrick was appointed chairman, and John R. Montgomery secretary. Judge Charles Smith explained to the audience the reason for the town meeting. The following persons were appointed to obtain subscriptions:

North-east Ward.

Henry Y. Slaymaker	John Getz
George L. Mayer	P. W. Reigart

South-east Ward.

William White	Benjamin Ober
Emanuel C. Reigart	John R. Montgomery

South-west Ward.

John F. Steinman	Jasper Slaymaker
George H. Krug	John Myer

North-west Ward.

George Musser	B. Champneys
John Ihling	William Frick

William Kirkpatrick was appointed treasurer.

The following committee was appointed to devise ways and means to secure the desired relief:

	North-east Ward.	
George L. Mayer		Samuel Slaymaker
	South-east Ward.	
William White		Emanuel C. Reigart
	South-west Ward.	
John F. Steinman		Daniel Moore
	North-west Ward.	
George Musser		William Frick

The Rev. Dr. Christian L. F. Endress, pastor of Trinity Lutheran church, the Rev. William Ashmead, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, the Rev. Joseph Clarkson, rector of Saint James's Protestant Episcopal church and his assistant, the Rev. William Augustus Muhlenberg, Judges Walter Franklin and Charles Smith, were appointed a committee to inquire into the expediency of establishing a dispensary in Lancaster.

On Tuesday evening, January 13th, 1824, the citizens of the town again assembled in the court house. Adam Reigart occupied the chair, with Benjamin Champneys as secretary. The committee appointed to collect funds reported the following contributions and disbursements:

September 11th, 1823.

Contributions:	\$193.19
Balance:35
	\$193.54

Disbursements:

To Daniel Moore and John F. Steinman, for the relief of 21 sick families in the South-west Ward:	\$ 25.50
To George Louis Mayer, for the relief of 31 sick families in the North-east Ward:	26.55
To George Musser and William Frick, for the relief of 51 sick families in the North-west Ward:	41.75
To William White and Emanuel C. Reigart, for the relief of 19 sick families in the South-east Ward:	24.12
To Mrs. Ann Moore, for filling 356 prescriptions of medicine from Doctors Atlee, Carpenter, Heintzelman, Galbraith, Fahnestock, Herbst, Muhlenberg, Humes, Miller and Thompson:	64.38
To Mrs. Ann Moore, balance on a former account:	11.24
	\$193.54

More than 122 families received assistance.

The thanks of the members present at the meeting were tendered to the Committee of Distribution for its benevolent exertions

in executing the will of those who had contributed generously to alleviate the distress of the poor and sick of the community.

The Committee on a Dispensary recommended that one be established. The Rev. William Augustus Muhlenberg, Rev. William Ashmead, Rev. Dr. Christian L. F. Endress, William Kirkpatrick and John F. Steinman were appointed a committee to execute this recommendation. Whether or not the dispensary was established is not known.

Lancaster's Contribution to New Castle in the Fire of 1824

By WILLIAM FREDERIC WORNER

ON Monday, April 26th, 1824, a fire broke out in New Castle, Delaware. More than twenty houses were destroyed; and as many families, amongst which were the town's most industrious and worthy citizens, were without shelter except such as was furnished through the kindness of those whose houses had escaped the conflagration. This calamity deprived these unfortunate people of their property and left them, for the time, without homes or the means of acquiring sustenance.

Immediately after the fire, a committee, consisting of prominent citizens of New Castle, was formed for the purpose of obtaining assistance from the benevolent in adjoining states. The Committee of Correspondence, as it was called, sent a letter of appeal, dated April 28th, 1824, to Samuel Carpenter, Esq., mayor of Lancaster, Pa. Immediately upon the receipt of the letter, the mayor called a meeting of the citizens. It was held in the court house on Tuesday, May 4th. Samuel Carpenter, Esq., was appointed chairman, and Nathaniel Lightner, secretary. Committees were appointed to receive contributions for the relief of the sufferers, as follows:

	North-east Ward.	
Maj. John Getz		Frederick D. Hubley
	South-east Ward.	
John Reigart		Thomas Jefferies
	North-west Ward.	
Christopher Hager		John Ihling
	South-west Ward.	
George Krug		John Mathiot

The mayor was appointed to receive all monies collected and to remit to the committee at New Castle.