

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

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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.