

Remaining in Hospital Feb 1st 1873
 Paupers 725
 Foreign Seamen 4
 Private Pay Patients 1 77

Total number of Patients treated from Feb 1st 1872 to Feb 1st 1873
 Paupers 595
 Foreign Seamen 97
 Private Pay Patients 25 717

Mortality per Cent of Hospital

Mortality per cent Paupers 8.40
 " " " Foreign Seamen 7.21
 " " " Private Pay Patients 8.00
 Total Mortality per cent of Hospital 8.22

Largest number of Patients in Hospital at any one time 103
 Smallest " " " 48
 Daily Average " " " 75 1/2
 Expense per diem " " " \$30.06
 Expense per Capita per diem " " " 140 cts
 Number of Births in Hospital from Feb 1st 1872 to Feb 1st 1873 11

Causes of Death of Fifty nine (59) Patients in
 Saccamash Hospital for Official Year ending Feb 1st 1873

Consumption 7
 Softening of Brain 1
 Chronic Diarrhea 4
 Asthma 1
 Cirrhosis of Liver 1
 Meningitis 2
 Puerperal Fever 2
 Pneumonia 1
 Double Pneumonia 1
 Typhoid Pneumonia 1
 Tubercular Pneumonia 1
 Triennis nascentium 3

Tertiary Syphilis
 Inanition
 Pyæmia
 Fatty Degeneration of Liver
 Congestion of Lungs
 Typhoid Fever
 Congestion of Brain
 Comp. Comp. Fracture right Femur
 Malarial Fever
 Acute Diarrhea
 Defective vitality
 Erysipelas
 Lead Poisoning
 Old Age
 Debility
 Traumatic Tetanus
 Suicide by hanging
 Internal Hemorrhage from Gun shot
 Intemperance
 Abscess of Liver

Cases brought into Hospital Moribund
 Typhoid Fever 1
 Congestion of Brain 1
 Malarial Fever 1

Respectfully Submitted

(Signed) W. W. W. M. M.
 Supt.

Savannah April 14. 1873

Board of Managers met present McKim C. Green
W. R. Knapp J. H. Johnston & J. S. Hightower.

The minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed.
The president reported sale of two City bonds of
\$500 Each at 85 = \$850.

He also reported a deficiency of funds to meet
present indebtedness, viz due Treasurer for accounts
\$228 - Juggate for Coal \$30 - Tucker & Hester & Solig
\$298. 81 - Plumber for work for 4.90 = \$485.
Baker for vegetables 18.

Whereupon the following resolution was offered
by McKim seconded by W. R. Knapp.

Resolved that the president in view of the
immediate exigencies of the Hospital be authorized
to dispose of 4 (four) of the City bonds of \$500 Each
upon the best terms applying proceeds to payment
of debts now due & the future current expenses of
the Establishment - and same was unanimously
adopted.

The president stated that it has come to
his knowledge by Complaint of the Captain of the
Br. Steamer Midwington who had some of his
seamen in the Hospital for one occasion visiting
them as usual, he expressed himself as well
pleased with the attention to transport of his
men, but was shocked to see three or four
females in the seamen's ward, and one
familiarly seated on the bed with one of his
seamen - He was so disgusted that he left saying
that he had never seen any thing like it, and
his doubts to various hospitals. - He made this
statement to his Consignor who communicated
the same to the president.

Whereupon McKim offered the following
which was unanimously adopted.

"It having come to the knowledge of the
Board of Managers that inmates of the female ward

are in the habit of visiting the male patients in the
seamen's ward it is ordered that the attention of Dr.
Killook & Mr. Calder be called to this circumstance
- that they be reminded of the express rules of
the Hospital against such visits - and requested
to carefully guard against these violations - and
further ordered that copy of this minute be
furnished to Dr. Killook & Mr. Calder for their
government.

Dr. M. Johnston was appointed physician
of the Medical department and Mr. H. H. H. H.
Dr. Chilton to the Surgical & Dr. Killook to the
female ward.

Mr. Johnston moved which was duly
seconded that the president be authorized
to engage legal counsel if necessary, to deter-
mine what the state auction tax is, and to
suggest a way of enforcing the same. - This
was adopted. - The returns from this item
has dwindled to \$55 for a year when in
previous years it yielded to the Hospital
sums varying from \$400 to \$1200. - Auctioneers
claim that the state reduced the tax from
one per cent to a quarter of one per cent, which
may be so - but even at that it should yield
more \$55 if correct returns are made of sales.

The board adjourned. W. R. Knapp.

Sent copy of McKim resolution to Dr.
Killook & Mr. Calder.

A. F. Barnard was appointed House pupil
& J. S. Hightower & E. W. Murphy nurses.

P.O. 26th St. Dr. Johnston declined the appointment
& Dr. J. D. Martin was appointed to accept
in his place - W. R.

Savannah May 16. 1873. A
Meeting of the board held this day present
W.D. Durcan pres. R. B. Arnold & Green & B. Knapp
J. W. Hewitt & J. Johnston & J. D. Hopkins
The president read before the board, at letter
from J. M. Guward Esq. containing legal opinion
in reference to the state auction tax, and
the same was placed in charge of D. B. Arnold
with the view of bringing the matter before the
Mayor & Aldermen - a. d. to report.

A Communication was also read
from Mr. Geo. W. Shaffer tendering to the Hospital
a donation of one share of Gulf R.R. Stock
for the perpetual use & purposes of the South
Hospital - whereupon the following was
adopted unanimously.

Res. that the Secretary of the
Savannah Hospital be instructed to con-
vey to Geo. W. Shaffer Esq. the thanks of
the board for his donation of one share of the
Stock of the Atlantic Gulf R.R. Road & to inform
him that his wishes as to the application of his
gift shall be complied with.

The board adjourned
W.D. Durcan pres.

May 17th Sent Mr. Shaffer copy of above
resolution - Signed J. D. Hopkins Secy

Savannah Jan'y 23. 1874

Board met according to call - present W. Durcan
J. H. Johnston Charles Green & B. Knapp, J. W. Hewitt,
about D. B. Arnold & J. D. Hopkins
Minutes of last two meetings were read and
approved.

The president laid before the board
a statement of the financial condition of
the Hospital which shows an indebted-
ness at this date of \$1578.00 and he
stated furthermore that the income is so
much curtailed by loss of American seamen,
and failure of the Central Road to pay dividends
that it will be necessary to dispose of
some of the securities to pay present indebt-
edness & provide for succeeding debts.
whereupon the following resolution offered
by Mr. Green & seconded by W. Knapp
was unanimously adopted -

viz. Resolved that in view of the debts
now due by the Hospital & those further ac-
cruing the president be authorized to dispose
of 30 (thirty) shares of the S. Western R.R. Road
Stock, held as the property of the Hospital,
appropriating proceeds to the discharge of all
claims against the Institution.

The president called the managers
attention to a proposition which he
thought would redound to the credit of the
City - viz. that this board should transfer
to the City, all their right & title to the
Hospital & adjoining grounds, and all their
property & securities to the amount of over
\$40,000, on condition that the city shall
have erected a hospital suited in every
respect to the wants now & prospectively of
our growing city, the same to be approved

by the manager of the Hospital the case and conduct of the same, to meet in the city of Savannah.

Their propositions to be acted on at a subsequent meeting of the board.

Mr. Johnston offered the following resolution.

That the president make out an estimate of auction taxes that should have been paid by sundry auctioneers for the past nine years and that a demand be made of the city for the same as it is through the laxities of the city that the amount was not collected.

The resolution was laid over for the present. The president notified the board that the annual election of 7 managers will take place on Monday 2^d feby in terms of the charter. & he appointed Cob Knapp, J. W. Hewitt & J. H. Johnston to superintend the same.

The board then adjourned.

Read and approved. *Ad. J. pres.*
Robertson

Read and approved. *absent from the city at time of meeting*
John H. Johnston

An election of 7 Managers was held this day feby 2^d 1874 under the superintendence of N. B. Knapp & J. W. Hewitt between 10 & 12 and on counting the votes the following gentlemen were duly elected for one year - W. Duncan, R. D. Arnold, J. H. Johnston, Charles Green, N. B. Knapp, J. W. Hewitt, J. D. Hopkins.

N. B. Knapp 3 Committee
J. W. Hewitt

The following are Corporators for this year (1874) - John Stephens, W. Duncan, R. D. Arnold, J. H. Johnston, N. B. Knapp, J. W. Hewitt, Harry Lathrop, J. D. Hopkins as by payment of ten dollars each \$80.00.

Savannah feby 10 1874.

Managers elect, met at the house of W. Duncan at 8 p.m. - present all the elected, except R. D. Arnold. Mr. Green in the chair & Mr. Johnston Secy. Mr. Green stated that the first business is to elect officers - and on motion W. Duncan was unanimously elected pres. & R. D. Arnold was unanimously elected Genl. Superintendent. Mr. Duncan took the chair and presented to the Managers his report for the past year as follows -

I present my reports of the condition of the Hospital for the past year.

The expenses for this year have been \$11,549. ⁰⁰ as for sundries and the rest \$11,973 ⁰⁰ in the latter are included proceeds of two 100 bonds authorized to be sold at meeting of 11th feby 1873 - \$550. & one city bond of \$500, authorized by board, to pay John Nicolson bill for plumbing. Also proceeds of sale of 30 shares of Western R.R. Stock per resolution at meeting of Jan'y 3, 1874 - viz 30 shares at 82 \$2460. There is not probable that we will have means to meet future expenses.

without further encroachments on our securities.

I have to report transfer by Richard Crockett of S. S. Kelly of title to the house belonging to the Hospital by our late associate John S. Kelly to the same is conveyed under lease of J. S. Kelly to 1st Dec. 1874, to Mrs. Saenger, - said commencing 1st Dec. last.

I beg to renew my suggestion of last meeting that a negotiation be instituted for a transfer of Hospital and Hospital grounds, and the securities belonging to the Hospital fund, to the City of Savannah on such terms and conditions, as the Board may approve, and to this end I suggest that a committee be appointed to inquire into, of such transfer to be submitted to this Board and if approved, then to be presented to the Mayor and Aldermen for their action.

I also beg to call your particular attention to the resolution of Mr. Johnston laid over from last meeting in reference to State auction taxes. I hope the Board will adopt some vigorous action in this matter. There was doubt in my mind that it is the burden duty of the City to secure the collection of these taxes. The act of the Legislature in donating the State auction taxes to Chatham Co. to the Hospital says in section 1 of the charter that the same are given for the support of said Institution, and that "the same shall be collected by the Corporation of Savannah and paid over to the managers of said Institution."

This is a matter of so much importance that I hope the claim against the City will be pursued.

It will not astonish me if a rigid examination of Auctioneers books will not disclose a delinquency of over \$4000. I suppose it may be difficult to get the Auctioneers books, and that they properly prefer a compromise rather than bring their books into Court. The risk is perfectly the business of the City, and if this Board will hold them to a strict discharge of their duty something respectable may be

realized.

I have my suggestions to the action of the Board and Sam Beatonman Esq. old servant of Mr. Johnston on motion the report was accepted & approved & the President was requested to have it inserted in the minutes.

The Resolutions of Mr. Johnston at last meeting in relation to the Auction Tax was called up by Mr. Green Vafter being thus amended for the words "make out" "endeavor to procure" were substituted & the resolution was thus passed.

The following resolutions pertaining to a transfer of the Hospital to the City to meet the suggestion of the President were offered by Mr. Johnston & seconded by Mr. Hopkins Vafter being thus amended & were passed.

Whereas the resources & means of the Savannah Hospital, having become reduced from various causes, viz by the loss of its bank stocks, by the results of the War, by the depletion of the Government Army, by the loss of resources from the Marine Department, from the failure of the City to collect the State auction taxes from Auctioneers as provided by the Legislature & lately by the non receipt of dividends in the Rail Road stocks, and

Whereas the Savannah Hospital cannot be kept up except by parting with its invested funds at prices below their value, and

Whereas the funds of the Institution in a few years must by such a course be entirely exhausted in the maintenance of the City poor, and

Whereas it is eminently proper that the City should have a City Hospital,

Therefore be it resolved that a Committee of three from the Board consisting of the President or Arnold Mr. Green & Mr. Hopkins tender

the Savannah Hospital to the City Authorities on the following terms:
The City to receive the Institution with all the property contained therein on the 1st of May, providing with the inmates then in the Building the same as same as in the City Hospital. The City agreeing to build another Hospital in a suitable locality with modern requirements within the next 5 years.

The Managers in behalf of themselves, their successors binding themselves to turn over to the City Treasurers quarterly the net income of the Hospital funds & further binding themselves successors as soon as the City shall have built a Hospital of the same shall have been approved by the Managers of the Savannah Hospital to assign all right & title to the present buildings & grounds & to make over to the City "in perpetuum" all the property real & personal that the Institution may then be possessed of.

Resolved that in case the Committee are unable to arrange with the City Authorities the contemplated transfer that it is the sense & desire of this Board - that the President reduce the number of inmates of the Hospital to conform to the reduced income of the Institution - unless the City will furnish means from its Treasury to assist in providing Hospital accommodations to the poor & needy.

Offered by Mr. Hopkins that the City should make in the new Building for the Managers of the Hospital to place memorial tablets in honor of the donors to the Hospital viz Thomas Young - James Wallace & John J. Kelly.
The meeting adjourned.

St. John's Church

March 10 - 1854 Board met at call of the President present W. Knapp & Charles Green W. Knapp J. Wheeler J. H. Johnston President announced the appointment of Physicians of the Hospital viz Oct. W. D. Maitland Medical Department & Elliott Surgical & Dr. Chatterton to the female department which the board confirmed.

The President reported that he had looked into the State Auction Tax & that he believed that there is justly due the Hospital from Auctioneers of the City for short returns - viz 14% on sales instead of as the law requires one per cent of 15 to 18000 dollars - on motion of Mr. Green the President was authorized & empowered to employ Mr. Seaward as counsel to prosecute the claims, either from the City direct or through the City, viz in the name of the City, as may be deemed most advisable.

In consequence of the absence from the City of Mr. Hopkins - Mr. Knapp was appointed in his place - as one of the Committee on the lands of the Hospital to the City - That committee consisting of Dr. Arnold, Mr. Green Mr. Knapp and the President agreed to meet at the S. O. B. K. Trust Company's room tomorrow at 12 m. to prepare a memorial to the City, setting

forth the proposition of the board to transfer
to the City the Hospital - on the 1st May next
as near as their proposition to transfer all
the money and assets belonging to this Corpor-
ration on certain conditions named in
the resolution -

Savannah News
Jan. 12 - 1874

Board of Managers

Wm. Green
Pres.

THE SAVANNAH HOSPITAL.

Proposition from the Managers to Surrender the Property to the City.

It will be observed by the report of the proceedings of the Council meeting last night that an important proposition from the managers of the Savannah Hospital was received. As the communication contains much of general interest and fully explains the character of the proffer, we submit it in full below.

To the Hon. Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah:

The memorial of the undersigned respectfully sheweth—

That the undersigned have been appointed a committee to memorialize your honorable body in matters appertaining to the Savannah Hospital the nature of which will appear more fully by the following resolutions unanimously adopted by the Board of Managers at two successive meetings after full and due deliberation had been given to the same, viz:

WHEREAS, The resources and income of the Savannah Hospital have become reduced from various causes, viz: The loss of its bank stock, the results of the war, the spoliation by Sherman's army, the loss of revenue from the Marine Department, the failure of the city to collect the tax from auctioneers, as provided by law, and lately by the non-receipt of dividends on its Central Railroad stock; and

WHEREAS, The Savannah Hospital cannot be kept up except by the parking with its invested funds at prices below their value; and

WHEREAS, The funds of the Institution in a few years must by such a course be entirely expended in the maintenance of the city poor; and

WHEREAS, It is eminently proper that the city should have a City Hospital, therefore be it

Resolved, That a committee of three (with the President) viz: Dr. Arnold, Mr. Green and Mr. Knapp, tender the Savannah Hospital to the city authorities on the following terms:

The city to receive the Institution with all the property contained therein, on the first of May next, together with the inmates then in the building, and to maintain and use the same as a City Hospital.

Be it further resolved, That the income from the present investments belonging to the Hospital shall be paid to the city as they become due, if the city shall receive and carry on the Hospital as heretofore in terms of the foregoing resolution.

Be it further resolved, That the managers bind themselves and their successors to turn over and resign to the city, as soon as the city shall have built a hospital adequate to the wants of the city, and as shall be approved by the managers of the Savannah Hospital, all right and title to the present building and grounds, and make over to the city "in perpetuum" all the property, real and personal, that the institution may then be possessed of.

Said property, real and personal, now consists of

308 shares Central Railroad stock, par value \$30,800.

19 shares Savannah and Augusta Railroad stock, par value \$1,900.

46 shares S. W. Railroad stock, par value \$4,600.

State bonds, City of Savannah bond and Atlantic and Gulf Railroad guaranteed bonds, \$5,200.

House and lot northeast corner Jefferson and Liberty streets, now under rental of \$7,200 per annum, and valued at \$12,000, making a total of \$54,000.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. DUNNAN,
B. D. ARNOLD,
CHAS. GREEN,
N. B. KNAPP.

Savannah, 12th March, 1874. 317

City Council and the Savannah Hospital.
The Atlanta Herald's correspondent has a recent letter from this city, bearing testimony in reference to a matter of considerable interest in this community:

About the middle of last March, the City Council received a proposition from the managers of the Savannah Hospital, a private charity, "to turn over and resign to the city as soon as the city shall have built a hospital adequate to the wants of the community and as shall be approved by the aforesaid managers, all right, title to the present buildings and grounds, and to make over to the city in perpetuum all the property, real and personal, of which the institution may then be possessed. This proposition was received with evident approbation at the time by all classes of the community, and it was generally believed that the city authorities, impressed with its liberality, would promptly accept it.

It was conceded that the city should have a hospital, and here was undoubtedly the best opportunity for securing such an institution, that would probably ever offer. Every reason was in favor of its acceptance, but what was the result? The economical and wise committee to whom the matter had been referred, after sleeping over it for two months and more, notwithstanding, according to the newspaper reports, an intimation was received from the managers that they would like to know what was going to be done, suddenly came out with a recommendation that the proposition be accepted "when over the financial condition of the city will warrant an expenditure adequate to the construction.

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suitable to the wants of the community, and in accordance with the requirements of the existing laws.

This was rather vague and indefinite; in fact, a virtual declination of this proposition, and was so regarded by the managers, who promptly withdrew the offer.

The hospital is a private one, supported by voluntary contributions, and for over forty years, has been the asylum of the destitute sick, irrespective of nationality. The changed condition of affairs has rendered it difficult for the managers to sustain the institution, and hence their proposition to the city. The refusal to accept this said necessitates a re-arranging of its charities, and hereafter the number of its patients will be limited to thirty.

In regard to Savannah, I know of no other city of similar size so utterly destitute of the means for relieving the unfortunate. Charleston, with all her evils of government, maintains several public institutions of charity, including a workhouse for the "vagrants," which is made self-sustaining almost, by a dot proper management, could easily be accomplished here. In Savannah, every benevolent enterprise—and there are several—are dependent altogether upon private charity. This is wrong in principle, for the reason that there are many

Savannah April 22, 1874.

Board met to day at call of president present W. Green, J. H. Johnston, L. Green, P. B. Knapp, and J. D. Hopkins.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved. The president reported that he had read in response to the proposition of Committee on 12th March, in reference to transfer of the Hospital to the City. After some discussion it was resolved to wait action of Council to night (if any). In the meantime the president was requested to address note to Council asking their consideration of the matter the same was moved by Mr. Green & seconded by Mr. Knapp, & passed.

The president presented the conditions of the funds, and that he was in advance on account of expenses—whereupon it was resolved on motion of Mr. Hopkins & seconded by Mr. Green, and adopted that the president be authorized to sell such securities as he has judgment he deems best to meet the present months & succeeding expenses.

It having been represented that Mrs. Calder the matron, has too many cots on the Hospital lot, probably taking off her attention from her duties at the hospital, it was on motion of Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Knapp.

Resolved, that in view of the paramount claims the onerous cases of the Hospital and have upon the time & energies of the matron Mrs. Calder, she be requested by the 1st June next to reduce the number of cots owned by herself now on the Ground of the Hospital to not exceeding two—

In the matter of the acre from land, it was agreed to postpone action, till the result of our proposition before Council.

The foregoing being read

H. Johnston Secy

Mrs. Hopkins having returned to her place in the Committee on Hospital Affairs

Sav. May 23rd 1874

A meeting of the board was held this day at
Office of the president, present Mr. Ducaup.

Charles Green, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Knapp, Mr. Neott,
& John D. Hopkins - all the members of the board
except Dr. Arnold absent.

The president read the following as the action of
the City Council on the proposition by this board on 12th
March last, tendering transfer of the Sav. Hospital,
& its assets, bonds, stocks, money, &c. to the city on
certain conditions as defined in Memorial to Council
on March 12th last.

City of Savannah

Office clerk of Council

Extract from Minutes of Council May 20th 1874

Reports adopted -

The Finance & Health & Cemetery Committee jointly, to
whom was referred the Memorial of the Managers of the
Savannah Hospital proposing to turn over to the
municipal authorities the said Institution with all
the property contained therein on certain terms & conditions
& binding themselves & their successors to turn over to
assign to the city as soon as the city shall have built
a Hospital adequate to the wants of the city, and as
shall be approved by the Managers of the said Hospital
all right & title to the present buildings or grounds, and
make over to the city in perpetuum all the property real
& personal, that the Institution may then be possessed of
have carefully considered the matter submitted to them
& respectfully recommend the acceptance of the proposition
whenever the financial condition of the city will warrant
an expenditure adequate to the construction & equipment
& support of a new Hospital suitable to the wants of the
community, and in accord with the requirements of the
Managers of the existing institution.

advised a true certificate

John D. Stewart

clerk of Council

John D. Williams
Chairman

Whereupon the following resolutions were offered
by Mr. Green & seconded by Mr. Knapp & unanimously
adopted - viz:

The City Council by their action on 20th
May inst. having declined the proposition of the
Managers of the S. Hospital on 12th March last, viz
to receive the Institution with all the property therein
on the 1st of May next together with the inmates in
the building, & to maintain & use the same as a
City Hospital,

Resolved that the said proposition be to
the same is hereby withdrawn.

Resolved

that the president ^{General} and Superintendent
be required to limit the number of beds for
paupers, to thirty - that being the number
which they find, after deliberate investigation
can be supported from the available income of
the Institution - and further

Resolved

that the Superintendent be requested to advise
the expenditures of the internal management, to conform
to the limited number of inmates now considered
as practicable.

Resolved -

That granting of permits to the
Hospital be restricted to the president, ^{General} and
president & Superintendent, who will know,
whether, when an application for admission
shall be made, there be a vacancy.

Resolved -

That no permits for admission shall
be granted until the attending physician
shall have returned the number of paupers by
discharge of convalescents, to 50. - and that
the president & Superintendent be earnestly re-
quested to reduce to the lowest possible point

The Expenses of the internal arrangements -

Resolved - That the Mayor of the city be furnished a copy of these resolutions so that he may provide accommodation for such of the sick poor of the city, as the institution cannot support, from our greatly reduced means -

On motion of Mr. Johnston seconded by Mr. Hopkins Resolved that copies of the last resolutions be furnished, ^{through} to the Superintendent, to Dr. Kollock, to the attending Physicians, & the managers, and also to the managers -

In the matter of the auction taxes, it was agreed to postpone the consideration of same for the present, the feeling seeming to favor a claim on the City direct. President reported that he would sell a State Bond -

The board adjourned on motion

J. H. Johnston
Secretary

May 25th - Sent copy of resolutions to Mayor Anderson, also to Superintendent (General), to Dr. Kollock, to Mr. Calder, to attending physicians Dr. Charlton Dr. Martin & Dr. Elliott, also to each of the managers. - Those present at the meeting, & to Dr. Arnold not present at the meeting. J. H. Johnston

Wednesday Dec 21 1876

Board met, present Mr. Bruce, Charles Green, R. L. Arnold, J. B. Knapp, J. H. Johnston, John D. Hopkins

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The president reported the board concerned for the consideration of the case between the Hospital & City in the matter of Mayor's permits by the Mayor as agreed to at the last meeting and after discussing the subject, the following resolution was offered by R. L. Arnold and seconded by Mr. Green viz

Whereas the Mayor of the City on giving permits for admission to the Savannah Hospital permits them to one week, & whereas at times a patient, maybe at the end of that period in too dangerous a condition to be discharged & of course they force on the managers the attention of them either turning the patient out of the Hospital or supporting an extra patient -

Resolved that the Mayor be respectfully requested to give a permit without limiting the time, leaving it to the discretion of the attending Physicians & Surgeon when a patient should be discharged. - The same was unanimously adopted -

The president reported repairs on the Hospital new floor in pauper ward & E costing about \$175 to \$200 dollars - and on the Kelly house repairs to \$150 -

He also reported a claim of the City for \$200 for City tax on Kelly House - as to the payment of which there was some difference of opinion but it was finally agreed that the same be paid, when in funds -

The limit of 30 pauper, has been reached to except in two urgent cases -

And the board adjourned for next week the president reported no pauper on hand -

J. H. Johnston Sec

copy of a letter addressed to Mr. Smith Governor
 Dec. 7, 1874
 Sir. I take the liberty of enclosing copies
 of the acts of the State in reference to state
 auction tax in Chatham Co given for the
 support of the Poor House & Hospital of
 Savannah. These acts were copied for the
 Hospital by the late Judge Hardin & the
 opinion given by him that the same have
 not been repealed - and lately the Hon
 Jno M. Guerdon has given the same opinion
 & recommends that by a writ of mandamus
 the city be required to collect the tax.
 The auctioneers have positively ^{refused} to pay -
 after the war for some years, some of them
 made their returns & paid, but latterly, say
 for the last four years they have altogether
 refused, and the city has failed, altho asked
 to do so. to take steps to collect the same
 saying it is the business of the managers
 of the Hospital to do so how can they when
 the act section III says "the same shall be
 collected by the corporation of Savannah & paid
 over to the managers of the said Institution."
 May I ask of your Excellency to submit the
 enclosed to the proper state officer for instructions.

In consequence of the damage to the Hospital
 by the federal troops who occupied the
 Hospital in 1865 destroying property that
 it required some seven thousand Dollars
 to replace, the Institution as now poor has
 not sufficient means for its support and
 for that reason I would ask your favorable
 action in the premises.

And am very respectfully
 Your Excellency's Obedt Servant
 signed W. Duncan
 Pres. Savannah P. H. & Hospital

Savannah Jan. 9, 1875

Hon. J. E. Thomas Representative

Savannah Ga

Dear Sir - I enclose by advice of the managers
 of the Savannah Hospital a copy of the act of the legislature
 in reference to state auction tax - The same was pre-
 pared by the late Judge Hardin, & he assured me
 that after thorough search he could find no repeal.

I recently submitted it to Mr. Guerdon Esq. &
 he examined the tax laws carefully - and assured
 me that there had not been any repeal of the tax
 law in reference to the Hospital - Here is the
 following extract from Mr. Guerdon's letter to me of
 May 1873. It is confirmed by a later letter dated 9, 1874.

"I answer to your letter of 9th inst. I am pleased
 to be able to say that after examination of the various
 laws of the opinion that the grant to the Savannah P. H. & H.
 contained in the act of Dec. 26, 1835 of the auction
 dues payable to the state in the County of Chatham
 "has not been a withdrawal or withdrawal" by the
 legislature and that the same are now due to
 the Savannah Hospital."

The auctioneers made returns to the city from
 April 1866 till 1872 at one quarter per cent on
 their sales and since then they have refused
 to make any further returns, altho urged to do so, as
 I am told by the city treasurer. The amount
 now due of 3/4 per cent on their sales, would
 amount to fifteen thousand dollars, but
 many of them have ceased from business, & are
 not pay, if ordered by law to do so. Some are still
 in existence - and - altho I have not having
 a whisper of such intention, I suspect, they
 will apply to the legislature for repeal or
 withdrawal of the grant to the Hospital.

The object of my addressing you now, is to ask
 that you oppose a repeal, unless the auctioneers
 now in business, shall agree to pay the deficiency.

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on the returns made viz 3/4 p cent, and that the
make returns to the City of sales made since
they ceased to make returns - say since 1872 -

Had these taxes been regularly paid, the
Hospital would not be in its present reduced
condition. If the tax of 1/4 p cent considered onerous
I would not object to its being reduced to 1/4
but I would have such as are able be made
to pay their back dues.

Enclose two letters from Mr. Guerin &
which I beg you will peruse, as they may be
needed in any further action in the matter.

You know the Hospital and its need, & I am
sure you will do all you can in its behalf.

The board unite with me in best wishes
and that you may have a pleasant and enjoy-
able time in Atlanta - and I am your obdt
Wm Duncan Pres

Savannah Feb 1 - 1875

An election of seven Managers of the Savannah
Hospital was held this day - and the following
members, qualified by payment of \$10 for the

Year, voted - viz J. E. Dyck L. S. Guilmartin
W. Duncan J. H. Johnston John W. Nevitt James J.
Wood J. Stewart W. Knapp Ch. Green J. G. Mills R. D. Arnold
John Williamson

and on counting the votes the following
gentlemen were elected Managers for one Year
viz - Wm Duncan R. D. Arnold Charles Green
J. W. Nevitt J. G. Mills W. Knapp J. H. Johnston
and the same is certified by

W. Knapp

John W. Nevitt

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Managerial Office

Savannah Feb 4 - 1875

A meeting of the Managers elect. was held
this day, present Wm Duncan W. Knapp J. W.
Nevitt J. H. Johnston R. D. Arnold J. G. Mills.

The meeting was organized
by calling Dr. Arnold - to the chair, on which
the action of the corporators, & of the managers
of election of Managers, held in trust, was
read & the managers of the board as reported,
were confirmed as such for one Year, or till
their successors are chosen.

The first business being the election
of a president - Wm Duncan was duly elected
and R. W. Duncan was duly elected Genl. Supt.

The president read his report of the condition of the Hospital for the past year, which was read and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The report of the Genl. Superintendent was read & received.

Mr. Green offered a resolution in memory of Mrs. J. D. Hopkins, late a manager of the Hospital, which was unanimously adopted, & a copy ordered to be sent to the family - and to be published in the city papers.

In order to meet the expenses of the present year the president was authorized to realize on some of our securities if need be.

It having been represented to the board that the Marion is keeping Cows & selling milk, it was resolved, that, her time & attention may not be called off from her duty to the Hospital, she be requested to limit the number of her cows to one, which is deemed amply sufficient for her family use.

The president called the attention of the board to the matter of State auction tax & it was resolved that a Committee of three, of which the president shall be one be appointed by the president to take charge of that auction tax matter & to employ counsel for the prosecution of the claim against the City - and

The president nominated for this duty Mr. C. Green, Mr. J. B. Mills & president.

The report of the president is as follows
Sat. Feb 8. 1875

I beg to present my report of the condition of the Hospital for the year ending Feb 1. 1875

We commenced the year with cash on hand \$424.¹² & have since rec^d \$82101.⁸⁵ making \$8665.⁹⁷ and the Expenses for same time have been (excluding of outstanding bills to 300.00) \$8420.¹² leaving a balance on hand of \$2445.⁸⁵ - Included in the expenses for the past year are necessary repairs on the Hotel \$169.⁰⁰ & repairs on the Kelly house including city Tax, Fence

\$445.⁹⁴ - For the coming year I think expenses for repairs will be less the present year by three or four hundred dollars.

The Expenses for the past year are only \$3200 less than for the previous year arising from reduction of pauper beds to 30 & consequent reduction in substantial expenses. The reduction is not as great as I had expected, nor can we expect the reduction to be in the same ratio of the reduction of pauper patients, as we have to keep up the corps of servants.

I think we can continue however to appropriate 30 beds for paupers - in the hope of some increase from seamen & pay patients - & in the hope of a dividend from our central R.R. Stock in time to come. If that fails - we shall be forced for means to pay current expenses.

The admission into the Hospital for the past year have been 431 & the discharges for the same time 356. for these particulars & other interesting details I refer the board to the board sup^r report.

The action of the board in the matter of transferring the Hospital to the City on certain conditions was promptly attended to by the Committee, and no attention in any shape was paid to the Committee's proposition for over six weeks, & then it was deemed declared as per minutes of May 23. But subsequently an arrangement was made with the Mayor, that he should give permits into the Hospital to such paupers as in his judgment should receive them - & the Hospital agreed to receive such at the reduced rate of \$7 per week - & if death in any case ensues, funeral Expenses to be paid by him. I thought this a fair arrangement under the circumstances, but I regret to say that he has seen fit to admit only five or six during the last 4 months, whereas under the old arrangement the admission for that period would not have been less than 200. A fair conclusion is that the Mayor has turned off many a poor fellow

that needed Hospital attention. Each has one practice when we were able to support them, to take in all, and free the streets & citizens from public beggars, which need this time as it have been for months greatly increased.

I renew my recommendation at least annual meetings that steps be taken to compel the city to prosecute the auctioneers of Savannah for past auction dues, which by law it is made the duty of Mayor & Aldermen to collect, & pay over to the Hospital; by much delatation in this respect may lead to an abandonment of the claim, I propose that a Committee be appointed for the purpose.

At our last meeting our late associate Mr Hopkins was with us & engaged heartily in the business before us. Since then he has been called to his reward. A Com. mainly means his loss & we as a board unite in expressing at the loss of an associate courteous in his manner zealous in his duties, and wise in his counsels. A befitting memorial by this board will be proper & I recommend that such be adopted.

The condition of the Hospital is good. I recommend the members to make visits there as often as convenient. It will cheer the patients and will tend to keep them engaged there on the alert to their duty.

I recommend the election of Dr. Duncan as Genl. Superintendent & the interns now there. I have long desired to get the mother keeping cows & selling milk as it takes off her attention from her duties in some measure. She had five or six at one time & carried on a heavy milk business. The board advised the number to be reduced to five, & I now recommend that she be limited to one, which is quite enough for her own family's use. The Genl. Superintendent has recommended this prompted to it from his daily observation.

My acc. for the past year has been examined by Mr. Hester & Mr. Johnston a Committee found a correct & supported by proper vouchers, certified by them. The balance of cash on hand being \$235.25 with outstanding bko of \$300 to \$350. The means to carry on the Hospital to the first of Year will not be adequate to the expenses & some of our securities will have to be raised on. All which is respectfully submitted.

W. DUNCAN
Presd.

In memoriam.

John L. Hopkins
died
at Melowville Florida
on 7th January 1875.
buried from the Inde-
pendent Church Savannah
January 10th 1875
* Independent Presb. Church

RESOLUTION OF RESPECT.
SAVANNAH HOSPITAL, February 6, 1875.
At the annual meeting of the managers held this day the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:
WHEREAS, Since the last Annual meeting of this Board it has lost by the demise of Mr. JOHN L. HOPKINS, a member distinguished for his urbanity and intelligent counsel; and desiring at once to express the affection of the Board of Managers for their friend gone before, and their sympathies for the bereft, be it therefore
Resolved, That this Board, while deploring in common the removal of a gentleman endued by his worth to all, do especially lament the loss the Savannah Hospital has sustained, in that his voice, with its law of kindness, is heard in its behalf no more. And while his colleagues yield in humble submission to the Great Disposer of life and death, they remember gratefully the earnest example left for themselves and those to follow. And in offering to the stricken family their respectful condolences, they would pray them to recall how God hath tempered their great sorrow by permitting to the children of the honored dead the priceless inheritance of a stainless name; and be it further
Resolved, That these proceedings be entered on the minutes of the Society, opposite a page inscribed with the name of Mr. HOPKINS and the date of his decease, and that a copy of these memorials be transmitted to his family, and that the same be published in the City papers.
W. DUNCAN,
Feb-1 33 President Savannah Hospital.

Savannah March 18th 1875

Mr Geo W. Shaffer has this day presented to the Savannah Hospital, one share of guaranteed stock of the Atlantic Gulf & R Road Stock - for \$1000 present value of same \$100. = and I have acknowledged to him the acceptance of the same with the thanks of the board. W. Duncan

March 18th 1875

Dr. Chantow & Dr. Hallerlin met at attending physicians to the hospital.

June 1 1875

A meeting of the board was called this day when only two members appeared in business none except the president reported the Hospital in good condition as usual.

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A meeting was called - but no quorum present. The president stated that he had petitioned the City to release the Hospital from City Tax on the Kelly house \$218. Pr. Annum. He also petitioned the City to refund \$808. previously paid on said house - refused to commence (finance) who reported unfavorably on I have heard W. Duncan

Dec. 10. 1875

A meeting of the board was held this day present W. Duncan & E. Green nothing of 19 merits. The president reported the

The Special Committee on Accounts, to whom was referred the application of Mr. William Duncan, President Savannah Hospital, asking Council to refund a sum of \$398.75, and exempt from taxation certain property belonging to said hospital, have considered same, and report adversely to petitioner. John L. Vitzthum, Chairman Finance Committee. The Finance Committee, to whom was referred the application of Mrs. Ann M. Bragdon, requesting to be relieved of real estate taxes upon certain conditions, have considered same, and recommended that the application be rejected.

action of the charges heretofore made, so that in future the cost for patients received into hospital under order from the city shall not exceed the rate of six dollars each per week, and that all permits hereafter granted from the Mayor's office shall be limited to a period not exceeding two weeks. In case of non-convalescence the permits may be extended on the recommendation of the attending physician for a like term. Respectfully submitted, FRED M. HULL, JNO. A. DODDGE, Special Committee.

Action of Council in the matter of permit of admission to be given by the Mayor and after few communications on the subject. The following resolution was unanimously adopted -

"At a meeting of the board of managers held this day.

The action of the City Council in the matter of admitting patients into the hospital was agreed to, so far as limiting the charge to \$6. per week.

But in consequence of the circumstances expiring at 2 O'clock, & it often happening that persons sick persons, apply after that hour, that the Mayor be respectfully requested to delegate the authority to give permits after that hour to such person or persons as may be accessible, & acceptable to the city authorities.

The president reported a thousand dollars realized on a State bond, the same being due in April and one City of Sav. bond for \$4500 sold for \$4500 all during the current year; he also reported as being in a advance for the hospital \$953.97 with bills to pay over \$3000 exclusive of Medicine bill - probably \$2000.00 - Collected from the president on motion of W. Green, & approved by all was authorized as he was at previous meetings, to realize on as much of our assets as may be necessary.

On Motion it was unanimously resolved to refer the above resolution to Dr. Chantow with the request that he confer with the Mayor.

The board then adj.

W. Duncan

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Sat. July 21. 1876 -

A meeting of the board of Managers was held on this day present W. Duncan President, Charles Green, W. Knapp, L. W. Herdt, J. B. Mills, J. H. Johnston, R. D. Arnold. The meeting was organized when the president laid before the board a synopsis of the condition of the Hospital & its finances - He showed that the expenses for the year to 1st July will be good - two or three hundred - and there is due the Treasurer at this date \$312. - so that the next year will be commenced with a debt of \$312. - but to meet this some ^{five} hundred dollars will be rec'd from the County Ordinary in full for appropriation, also such rec'd as we may get for seamen & for patients of the City Council, also rent of the Kelly house which is payable monthly - viz on 1st of each month - He reported, as directed by the State \$1000 - & one of the City - \$500 for 1876, used for the expenses of 1876 -

He reported the Kelly house rented at \$800

Remuneration to Mrs. James McIntyre till 1st Nov 1876

He reported the failure of his application to the City to refund \$308.75 City tax on the Kelly house & also failure to exempt same from city tax - whereupon Mr. Green offered the following which was unanimously adopted -

Resolved that the president repeat the application to the City to refund \$308.75 of City tax paid and also to exempt the Hospital from city tax on its property and with its present the following reasons which are believed to be sound, in behalf of the petitioners -

1st. The Savannah Hospital has been devoted to the care & welfare of the sick pauper of the City for the past forty years during which period some 13000 to 20000 have been its beneficiaries without a dollar of expense to the City -

2d. The income of the Hospital is inadequate to its support;

and to meet current expenses. Its income has been greatly reduced by failure of dividends from Rail Road and other stocks; also by the loss of American seamen, from which a handsome revenue was received.

It became also believed that property belonging to the Savannah poor House & Hospital is exempt from taxation by the law of the State - See Code of Georgia Article 1 § 729 page 144. "Persons & property exempt - All poor houses, almshouses, houses of industry and any house belonging to any charitable institution."

For the above and other reasons that might be urged, this petition is respectfully presented with the hope that Council will do the justice and propriety of its claim & grant the petition prayer for; & also order the notice of sale for taxes by the City Marshal, withdrawing the Savannah Hospital property for sale, herewith drawn.

The Managers & Physicians work for the Hospital without compensation, and they do so cheerfully but think the City may well take so much of the burden off their shoulders, with the utmost of humanity & duty. If the reasons we have urged shall not be sufficient to secure exemption, then be it said that the law of the State is carefully examined will determine their action on legal grounds -

The above having been read & unanimously adopted, the board adjourned

W. Duncan
Secy.

The above resolution Memorial sent to Council on Wednesday 27th July at 1 pm for action of Council at meeting same evening.

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Report of the Mayor
to the City Council
July 9th 1876

The exemption of property from Taxation in view of the interest that is manifested in the larger amount of property exempted from taxation in this city, we give in full the report of Council on the petition of the President of the Savannah Hospital for the remission of taxes paid on property belonging to that institution and the future exemption. The report is as follows: -

1. The exemption of the Savannah Hospital from taxation is a matter of great importance to the City, as it is a source of revenue to the City, and the exemption of the Hospital from taxation would result in a loss of revenue to the City. The Council has therefore recommended that the Hospital be taxed on its property.

2. The Council has also recommended that the Hospital be exempted from taxation on its property, as it is a charitable institution and its property is used for the benefit of the poor.

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10. The Council has also recommended that the Hospital be exempted from taxation on its property, as it is a charitable institution and its property is used for the benefit of the poor.

W. Duncan
Secy.

Savannah Feb 1 1876

An election was held this day for seven managers of the Hospital agreeably to the charter and the following votes were polled.

John Seavon	\$10
J. H. Miller	\$10
W. Dunne	\$10
St Johnston	\$10
Chas. Eason	\$10
J. W. Nevitt	\$10
N. B. Knapp	\$10
R. D. Arnold	\$10

The undersigned Committee have attended the election and find the following persons duly elected managers of the char Hospital for one year from this date Feb 1 1876.

W. Dunne
R. D. Arnold
Chas. Eason
N. B. Knapp
J. W. Nevitt
St Johnston
J. G. Wells

W. B. Knapp
J. W. Nevitt

Committee

Savannah Feb 10 1876

A meeting of the managers elect was held this day present W. Dunne St Johnston J. W. Nevitt N. B. Knapp R. D. Arnold & W. Eason the other members elect being absent in Norfolk &c. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The board then proceeded to the

election of Officers when the same officers were re-elected viz W. Dunne President, J. D. W. Dunne Secy & Superintendent. Phy Officers for the Year. J. Johnston & R. D. Arnold.

The president made the following report of the business and condition of the Hospital for the past year.

Admissions discharges and deaths for the Year
Number remaining 1st Feb 75

Paupers	30
Foreign Seamen	7
Private pay P.	23
	60

Admitted into Hospital for the Year

Paupers	16
Foreign Seamen	54
Private Patients	53
Total	123

Discharged for the Year

160 Paupers
56 Foreign Seamen
40 pay patients
241

Died in Hospital during the Year

Paupers	23
For Seamen	1
Private Patients	5
	30

Remaining in Hospital 1st Feb 76

Paupers	35
For Seamen	4
Private pay P.	5
	44

Total Number of patients treated during the Year

Paupers	191
For Seamen	64
Private Patients	58
Total	313

Mortality per Cent of the total

Paupers	10.89
For Seamen	16.4
Private pay p.	10.31
Total mortality per Cent of the total	9.09

Largest Number of patients in Hosp. at any one time 47
 Smallest. 25
 Daily Average 36
 Average number of attendants 8
 Expense for diet 20.²⁵
 " for Capota for diet 46
 Total Expense for official Year \$7441.¹²
 Number of births in Hosp. for the Year

Males 1 Females 2 Still born infants 2 total 5.

Causes of death of 25 patients in the Year—

Disease of heart 2	Filoid tumor of uterus 1
old age 1	Opium poisoning (long standing) 1
dropsy 3	Infantile fever 3
Apoplexy 1	Carcinoma 1
Consumption 5	Chronic stomitis 2
Drunk & Typhs 1	Traumatic Fractures 1
Fracture Skull 1	" Tetanus 1
Pneumonia 1	Hepatic abscess 1
	Still born 2

Brought into the Hospital Moribund 3

Fracture of Skull 1 Hepatic abscess 1 Congestion brain 1

The receipts for the Year amount to \$7441.¹² and Expenditures \$7391.⁷⁸ which leaves a balance to begin the next Year of \$49.³⁴ We cannot hope to get along any better this Year than last, unless we get help from our Rail road stock. We could realize on our central RR stock 49 or 50% but whether that would be judicious is a question. The opinion of some is that the stock will never be better, while others think it must improve. I submit whether it would not be well to realize on 100 shares & place the proceeds where we might get 7 or 8% interest say in City bonds or State of Georgia bonds.

In compliance with your instructions at last meeting I sent a petition to Council in reference to exemption of the Kelly house from city tax and the same was refused, see report of Mayor on their preceding page. It is for you now gentlemen to determine what is best to be done, whether to submit to the injustice or take legal

measures to resist and in that event to employ counsel.

I present to you a note from Mr. Charles Gann asking us to allow the dining room at the Hospital for occasional religious instruction of persons who are at large destitute, imbecile and of uncertain firmness of mind. I shall ask your action thereon.

The report was accepted & resolved to be acceded on the minutes.

I was thought to be advisable to dispose of any of our C. R. R. stock & to send a resolution to that effect which was adopted rather well state bonds when necessary. In reference to the note of Mr. Green the precedent was estimated to say to her on a resolution to that effect was passed, that it is not deemed expedient, to throw the Hospital open for such persons.

In the matter of our petition to Council, twice rejected—after free & full discussion, the following resolution was offered by Mr. Ward and seconded by Col. Knapp—

Resolved, Whereas the City Council of Savannah did on their meeting on 9th Feb. 1876, reject the petition of the Board of Managers of the Savannah Hospital, for exemption from taxation, which exemption is in accordance with the laws of the State in now existing—therefore unanimously

Resolved that this Board adhere to its petition as represented by incontrovertible facts; and that as long as the present law exists, the property of the Savannah Hospital is as much exempt from taxation (independently of its undoubted practical charity) as that of any Church property, or any property belonging to any Masonic lodge.

Resolved that a copy of this resolution be furnished to the City Council and that Council be notified that the payment of this tax will be resisted by this board, by all proper legal means.

all which was unanimously adopted after which the board adjourned.
 Sent copy of above resolution to Council Feb. 22 to be presented at a meeting on 22nd to be
 Wm. M. C. C. Pres. & W. G. C. Sec.

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By James M. G. Lewis sent to feed house
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house, on 15th May, both from Hospital
with swill pot -



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