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## HEALTH-OFFICE.

Wilmington, 10th Mo. (Oct.) 12.

### DEATHS,

For the last Twenty-Four Hours,  
ending 6 o'Clock this Evening:

Robert Patterson,  
Lydia Walters—a black woman,  
Obadiah Holt, jun.  
Christiana Justice, 4

### Borough Hospital Report.

From 11 to 12th of 10th Mo. (Oct.)	
Admitted,	2
Died,	0
Discharged, cured,	3
Remaining in Hospital,	7

### TOTAL DEATHS,

From 8th Mo. (Aug.) 7, to 10th  
Mo. (Oct.) 12—inclusive.

Adults,	196
Children,	16
Tot.	212

DONATIONS received this Day.

N O N E !

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THOMAS MENDENHALL,  
President,  
JAMES LEA, jun. Secretary.

Notwithstanding the favorable aspect of the prevailing disease being nearly exterminated—yet it behoves those inhabitants who may have removed, and whose dwellings remain shut, to cause them not only to be effectually fumigated, but white-washed and aired, previous to their return.—It is uncertain to decide what effect the present changeable weather may produce—Hopes are entertained of a continuance of the temperate, for a few weeks; in which case, no hazard can result, by a return of our friends & neighbours.—This would indeed be pleasing, and is devoutly wished—But—whilst in the fervor of our hopes, we contemplate a return of our former blessings, let not the opulent—the benevolent forget the numerous families who are deprived of their heads—the many orphans who are totally dependant on their charity—and who, were it not for the unremitting attentions of the Board of Health, would have languished and died in want!—The approach of an inclement season, will meet many poor families unprepared! but the same benevolence that upheld the stranger, and provided for the orphan, will surely extend its influence to the support of the unfortunate.