

Some valuable machines and apparatus for the purposes of natural philosophy, &c. and a variety of curious artificial and natural productions also belong to the company, and are deposited in their apartments. It was not thought necessary to insert the particulars of them in the present catalogue, but lists are in the possession of the Librarian, who attends to show them at stated times,* and the Directors, on proper occasions, permit the instruments to be made use of.

Besides the collection, the personal property consists of some monies at interest; the sales of shares, which since the year 1768, have been fixed at ten pounds, and the annual payment of ten shillings from each member.

A house and lot of ground which belonged to the Union Company; two lots of ground (one the generous donation of the late Thomas Penn, Esquire,) and several ground rents constitute the real estate.

The members hold the property as tenants in common, and dispose of their shares by will or deed; but the assent of the Directors, as well in such cases as in case of an original purchase, is previously necessary—a restriction early adopted, in order, as much as possible, to prevent improper persons from having access to a collection of a nature so liable to injury.

Ten Directors and a Treasurer are annually elected by the members; the Directors appoint a Secretary and a Librarian,—for the respective powers and duties of whom, the reader is referred to the charter and the subsequent laws and regulations.

* The present time, is on Saturday mornings, from ten till twelve o'clock.

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