a like manner for the retirement of any clerk or turnkey appointed by it, and the payment to him in monthly installments for life, a sum of money not to exceed one-third in amount of the money monthly paid to him as such clerk or turnkey at the time of said retirement, provided he shall have served faithfully in any capacity under said Board of Police Commissioners for a period of not less than sixteen years, or shall have been permanently disabled while in the discharge of his duty in said service.

In conformity with the provisions of this amendment, on April 30, 1888, the Board retired Dr. George Wentz, clerk to the Marshal, who had been continuously in the service of the department seventeen years and ten months, and appointed to succeed him Mr. Josiah A. Kinsey.

The Board, under the provisions of the pension law, retired during the past two years seven policemen, who are now borne on the pension roll, in addition to those who were previously there, a list of whose names will be found herewith in table marked No. 25. The wisdom and justice of this law becomes more apparent every year. It is observed by all who take any interest in the police department, that men who have served all the best period of their lives as policemen and have become thoroughly trained in that service, grown gray and worn out in the performance of its exacting duties, are but little use in any other vocation in life, and are therefore fully entitled to be cared for under a law beneficent in its provisions as the pension law is.

Probation Officers.

The Board, under section 2, chapter 303, laws of 1888, were authorized and empowered to appoint twenty additional officers, who should be known as "Probation Officers," and who should hold their places without commission until vacancies should occur in the regular force, when they should be appointed to such vacancies in the order of their appointment on the probationary list, provided that at the time of such vacancy they should, in the judgment of the Board, be fully competent in all respects to be commissioned for the full term of four years, and that their

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