

The Rev. Mr. Davie then delivered an able and eloquent address, very forcibly exhibiting the destructive consequences of the continued use of intoxicating drinks, and concluded with a solemn and affectionate appeal to the good sense, morality and patriotism of a respectable auditory, well calculated to give new energy and increased action in arresting an evil, ruinous alike to body and soul. Following the address the choir sang a temperance hymn.¹⁹

A temperance meeting was advertised to be held in the English Presbyterian church on Friday evening, January 1st, 1836.²⁰

The Lancaster Union of Tuesday, February 2nd, 1836, contained an announcement that a temperance meeting would be held in the session room of the English Presbyterian church on Tuesday evening, February 9th, 1836. Whether the meeting was held as advertised is not known.

This is a brief history of the beginnings of temperance in Lancaster. It was a movement for which the good people of this community labored devotedly from November, 1832, to February, 1836. At some future time, I propose continuing the history of this worthy cause down to the present day.

¹⁹ The Lancaster Union, Tuesday, July 14th, 1835.

²⁰ The Lancaster Union, Tuesday, December 22nd, 1835.

THE WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF LANCASTER

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IN Vol. XXXIII, pp. 160-7, of the Proceedings of The Lancaster County Historical Society, is an article on "The Washington Association of Lancaster." Since that paper was published, my attention has been drawn to several items in old newspapers which state more fully the activities of this organization during the brief period of its existence.

Apparently, the first reference to the association in the Lancaster Journal was in the issue of Friday, October 28th, 1814. In this announcement, the members of the standing committee were notified of a meeting to be held at Col. Jacob Slough's White Swan tavern, south-east corner of Penn square and South Queen street,

on Saturday evening, October 29th. No name accompanied this notice. The *first* stated meeting of the organization was held at Slough's tavern on Tuesday, November 8th.¹ The notice of this meeting in the newspaper was signed by the secretary, Jasper Slaymaker. Other meetings of the committee were to be held at the White Swan tavern on Monday evening, November 14th;² and in the court house on December 12th³ and 26th,⁴ 1814, and January 9th⁵ and 30th,⁶ 1815.

The Washington Association held a banquet at Slough's tavern on Wednesday, February 22nd, 1815, at which time it celebrated the birthday of General George Washington.⁷ Eighty members sat down to an elaborate dinner. Eighteen toasts were drunk,—the fourteenth being as follows:

"The memory of the gallant and accomplished Col. Gibson. As a citizen of Lancaster and a disciple of Washington, we are proud of him; as a soldier and a gentleman, we lament him."

This toast was drunk standing.

A member of the Washington Association of Philadelphia who was present, responded with a volunteer toast, as follows:

"The Washington Association of Lancaster. May it continue to cherish and disseminate the principles of its political father!"

Volunteer toasts were offered by the following local citizens: Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. White and Jasper Slaymaker. After Mr. Slaymaker had retired, the company drank: "The Orator of the Day."

Jasper Slaymaker delivered an able address before the association.⁸ The toasts were published in the Lancaster Journal of Friday, March 3rd, 1815.

Tuesday, July 4th, 1815, the anniversary of American Independence was celebrated in Lancaster with the usual demonstrations of joy. The ringing of bells, the parading of the volunteers, and the firing of guns, all tended to enliven the citizens. A num-

¹ Lancaster Journal, Friday, October 28th, 1814.

² Lancaster Journal, Friday, November 11th, 1814.

³ Lancaster Journal, Friday, December 9th, 1814.

⁴ Lancaster Journal, Friday, December 23rd, 1814.

⁵ Lancaster Journal, Friday, January 6th, 1815.

⁶ Lancaster Journal, Friday, January 27th, 1815.

⁷ Lancaster Journal, Friday, February 24th, 1815.

⁸ Lancaster Journal, Friday, February 24th, 1815.

ber of parties dined together. An able and eloquent oration was delivered in the court house by James Buchanan before the Washington Association and an assemblage of friends and citizens.⁹ Following this, the members of the association, joined by some of their friends, gathered at Mr. Smith's spring, where they enjoyed a bountiful dinner. The fifteen toasts which were drunk on this occasion, were published in the Lancaster Journal of Friday, July 7th. The utmost harmony and good-fellowship prevailed during the day, and the company separated "in peace and good will towards man."

The Lancaster Journal contained announcements of meetings as follows: The committee on elections, at Jacob Slough's tavern, on Thursday, August 24th, 1815;¹⁰ the standing committee September 6th;¹¹ and stated meetings of the association in the court house on September 12th¹² and November 14th.¹³ At the meeting on November 14th, an election of officers was to take place. A meeting of the standing committee was advertised for Monday evening, December 18th, 1815.¹⁴

The issue of the Journal of Wednesday, February 14th, contained an announcement that a stated meeting of the association would be held on Thursday, February 22nd, 1816, in the court house, at 10 o'clock in the morning. An oration was to be delivered by a member on the morning of that day. The issue of the paper on Wednesday, February 21st, contained a similar statement, except that there was no mention of an oration. The issue of Monday, February 26th, contained a report of the celebration held in Lancaster on Washington's birthday, but, unfortunately, no reference was made to the activities of the Washington Association. Whether or not the organization participated in the ceremonies of the day or whether the local papers failed to cover the matter, is not now known.

Subsequent issues of local papers do not contain references to the association.

⁹ Mr. Buchanan's oration was published in the Lancaster Journal of July 21st and 28th, 1815. This was 41 years before his election to the presidency of the United States.

¹⁰ Lancaster Journal, Wednesday, August 23rd, 1815.

¹¹ Lancaster Journal, Wednesday, September 6th, 1815.

¹² Ibid.

¹³ Lancaster Journal, Monday, November 13th, 1815.

¹⁴ Lancaster Journal, Monday, December 18th, 1815.