

evening, by a brilliant illumination of their houses; in many of which were exhibited appropriate mottoes, and emblematical transparencies and decorations.

"On Wednesday, being the anniversary of the birth of George Washington, the ringing of bells and display of flags were continued. About 10 o'clock, three companies of volunteer foot, and a troop of horse, paraded; and being joined by the officers of the regiment, in uniform, marched through the principal streets, performing a variety of military evolutions and firings. To enable the ladies to partake in the pleasures of the joyous occasion, a handsome ball was given in the evening."

It should cause a thrill of patriotic pride in the heart of every loyal citizen of Lancaster to read of these noble, self-sacrificing men who once walked our streets or tilled our soil, and who were willing to leave their homes and loved ones, and risk their lives, in order that their country might continue to be a free and independent nation.

It is the rare privilege of our Lancaster County Historical Society to perpetuate the memory of their devoted service; and surely it is demanded of us that we seek to emulate all that was noblest in their lives and do our utmost to make our God-favored land worthy of its inspiring traditions and of its heroic men and women of 1812-14!

THE CONESTOGA COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE AND ITS FOUNDER

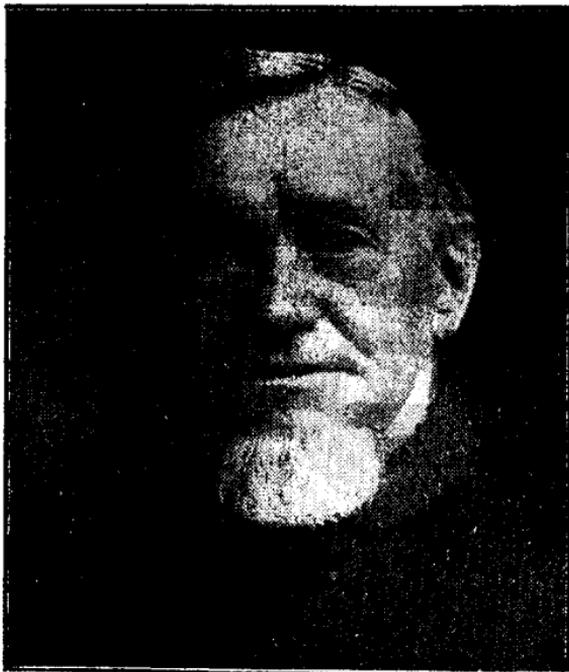
By MARY J. BRUNING

THE REV. DR. H. H. BRUNING, founder and principal of the Conestoga Collegiate Institute, was born in Baltimore, Md. He was one of the first graduates of the public high school or City College, and was distinguished as a linguist, having mastered seven languages, of which he became instructor in his native city.

In later years, he studied about as many more, to the extent that he was able to administer the Holy Sacraments to foreigners, in their own language, when they came to our shores. Why he came

to Lancaster, I do not know. Whilst here, in addition to his school duties, he ministered to congregations at Strasburg and Millersville.

The Conestoga Collegiate Institute was a select private school for young ladies. It was located in a private home on South Lime street. From an educational point of view, its rank was of high degree,—the seniors, competing as it were with the students of Franklin and Marshall College, proved by their examination tests their ability to equal if not surpass, the sterner sex. The tuition (for those days) was high, prices ranging according to classes.



REV. DR. H. H. BRUNING

The doors of the Institute opened in September, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, and, I think, closed about five years later. It was not a financial success. Rev. Mr. Bruning then accepted a call to the Lutheran church at Selinsgrove, Pa.; and, later, to Memorial Lutheran church at Erie, Pa. His health failing, he rested awhile. Later, he took charge of a small congregation at White Haven, Pa., where his earthly career ended. He was beloved by many, not only of his own denomination but also by the

patients in the sanatoriums of that place, who eagerly looked for his comforting visits.

The teachers of the Conestoga Collegiate Institute boarded with a Mrs. Mason, in the rectory of St. John's Episcopal church, (Rev. Mr. Barker, rector) ; and later, went with her to the Kramph building, a large mansion, one room of which was for some years the home of the Yeates Institute for Boys. (Prof. Warrener, principal). The grounds of the mansion extended from Charlotte street on the west, to Concord on the east; and from Chestnut to Walnut street. On this large space, many a game of croquet was played by prominent men of Lancaster. The mansion was also the home of the writer, then a happy school girl, who had many a romp on these spacious grounds.

The Stevens high school now occupies one corner of this site.

The patrons of the Conestoga Collegiate Institute were prominent men of that day, among them being Judge David W. Patterson, George Sprecher, B. B. Martin, Thomas Baumgardner, Henry Baumgardner, Jacob Getz, Benjamin Shenk, William Baker, William Peiper, Jacob Long, Rev. Dr. Amos H. Kremer, (pastor of the First Reformed church), J. W. Geist, editor, Jay Cadwell, William Brenneman, and Messrs. Bowman, Fahnestock, Amwake, Stirk, Arnold, Reinoehl, Holbrook, and others.

THE SUSQUEHANNA RIVER—A POEM

By GEORGE W. HENSEL, JR.

W. K. Martin entered the service of the Pennsylvania railroad as draftsman in 1883. Previous to this time, he had been working with Henry E. Wrigley on the location and construction of the Mexican National railroad, and his experiences in that work made him a valuable member of the Pennsylvania railroad engineering force in locating and constructing lines in the mountainous districts of Pennsylvania. He was promoted to an assistant engineership in 1894, and in 1909 was made engineer of construction. In 1923 he was retired, having reached the age limit of seventy years.

Notable as were his services in the location and construction