

fitful light out on the street. An open fire, and the click of knitting needles were ideal accompaniments of the pleasant evening hour.

The grandfather's clock, ticking slowly and monotonously in an adjoining room or on the landing of the stairs, and the quiet atmosphere which prevailed in those nerve-quieting, unhurried days, were, undoubtedly, instrumental in causing tired eyelids to droop still farther, and in making nine o'clock seem like mid-night to us of the present. Finally, laying aside her knitting, the weary mother would gather her children about her, hear their prayers, and bundle them off to bed, after which she would resume her knitting, while the fitful flames in the fire-place cast their ghostly shadows on the wall, and the hour drew near when she, too, after a day spent in the demandful duties of the home, could lay aside her cares and retire for the night to her own well-earned rest.

How little did these devoted men and women in the formative days of Lancaster, when conveniences were limited and luxuries almost unknown, realize what far-reaching examples of unselfish simplicity in living they were transmitting to us who are now taking their places; and it may be that many who walk our streets a century from now will be as much surprised to learn of our, to them, old-fashioned and primitive ways of living, as we who read this article, are to learn of the doings of our forebears of early Lancaster.

"Tempora mutantur, et nos mutamur in illis."

("Times change, and we change with them.")

CENTENARY OF GEORGE WASHINGTON'S BIRTH OBSERVED IN LANCASTER

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A LARGE and respectable meeting of citizens was held in the court house in Penn square, Lancaster city on Thursday evening, February 9th, 1882, for the purpose of making provision for the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of General George Washington, "the Father of his Country." John Mathiot, Esq., mayor of the city, was chosen president of the meeting; George Louis Mayer and Emanuel C. Reigart, Esqrs., vice-

presidents; and Henry Keffer and George Franciscus, secretaries.

The meeting was addressed by George Washington Barton and Reah Frazer, Esqrs. The following preamble and resolutions were offered by Mr. Frazer:

"The citizens of Lancaster and its vicinity, anxious to testify, in a becoming manner, their fond attachment and deep affection for the memory of "the Father of his Country," George Washington, and that they entertain and cherish in grateful remembrance his pure principles, matchless deeds and unsurpassed devotion to the happiness, liberty and welfare of America, deem it proper to celebrate, in a becoming manner, the coming centenary anniversary of his birth; and while it proclaims to the world that Republics are not ungrateful, it will also appear to posterity that we, of the present time, hold in the fondest remembrance the cherished memory of him whose proudest, brightest and most enduring monument is the hearts of the American people."¹

It was resolved at this meeting to celebrate the 22nd of February, 1832, with civic and military honors. A committee of arrangement was appointed, which consisted of the following distinguished citizens:

Dr. Samuel Humes, George Louis Mayer, Henry Keffer, William Frick, John Wind, George Musser, Robert Elliot, John Bear, Peter Reed, Jr., Jacob Hentzell, Reah Frazer, George Washington Barton, Adam Diller, Christopher Hager and Henry Grimler Long.

Select Council of the city appointed William Whiteside, Jacob Kuntz, Dr. Abram Carpenter and Thomas Jeffries, to be added to the committee of arrangement; and Common Council appointed on the same committee, Dr. John Light Atlee, Whiteman Benner, Francis Russel and Ingham Wood.

Wednesday, February 22nd, 1832, the centennial anniversary of the birth of General George Washington was celebrated by the citizens of Lancaster in a manner worthy of the memory of our greatest American, and highly creditable to the citizens of this community. At nine o'clock in the morning, the bells rang a merry peal and the civic procession formed in East King street, under the direction of the following officers:

Dr. Samuel Humes, chief marshal; George Louis Mayer and

¹ Lancaster Journal, Friday, February 17th, 1832.

Christopher Hager, aides; George Musser, William Frick, George Washington Barton, Reah Frazer, Peter Reed, Jr., Henry Grimler Long, William Whiteside, Thomas Jeffries, Dr. John Light Atlee, Whiteman Benner, Ingham Wood, Jacob Kuntz and Francis Russel, marshals. The procession was formed in the following order:

City Battalion of Volunteers, commanded by Major Frederick Hambright.

Soldiers of the Revolution, numbering about twelve.

Clergy of the Several Religious Denominations.

Judges of the Courts.

Members of the Bar.

Officers of the Courts.

Magistrates of the County.

Orator of the Day and Reader of Washington's Farewell Address.

Mayor and Recorder of the City.

Aldermen and Justices of the City.

President and Members of Select Council.

President and Members of Common Council.

Directors of Public Schools.

Trustees of Lancaster County Academy.

The Youth of Lancaster, to the number of about one hundred, with a handsome banner.

Apprentices under the control of the Mechanics' Society, with a banner representing a naked arm, hand and hammer, bearing the motto, "Labor conquers all." These young men formed a very interesting part of the procession.

Franklin Beneficial Society, with an appropriate banner.

Union Beneficial Association of Lancaster, with a handsome banner.

Lancaster Beneficial Association, bearing an appropriate banner with a fine likeness of Washington.

The procession moved down East King street to North Queen, and up North Queen street and down the same, and through the other main streets of the city, to Trinity Lutheran church. As the procession entered the church, the organist played "Hail Columbia." After the procession had been seated, the choir sang an anthem entitled, "Happy the Land." The Rev. Dr. Samuel Bowman, rector of St. James's Protestant Episcopal church, offered prayer, which was followed by an ode entitled, "Hail! First of Men."

Washington's Farewell Address was read by Washington Hopkins, Esq., accompanied by a few appropriate and eloquent



HEINITSH'S DRUG STORE, FOUNDED 1780. Said to be the oldest drug store in the United States continuously conducted by representatives of the same family. The business is still carried on by the Heinitsh estate, under the family name of the original proprietor, at No. 16 East King Street, where it has been for nearly one hundred years. Note the old-time bulging shop windows, with outside folding shutters. Most of the

remarks. An oration by Benjamin Champneys, Esq., followed.²

The Lancaster Journal of Friday, February 24th, 1832, thus refers to the address:

"It was judicious, sensible and pertinent to the occasion; highly creditable to the author and gratifying to the immense audience collected on the occasion."

An original ode, "Swell the Loud Paeon," was sung in a grand and imposing style by a choir of ladies, accompanied by a band of excellent musicians from Lititz and the fine toned organ of the church. After a prayer by the Rev. Richard W. Dickinson, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, the choir sang an anthem entitled, "Come, Joyful Hallelujah." The ceremonies concluded with the benediction, which was pronounced by the Rev. Dr. John C. Baker, pastor of Trinity Lutheran church. Washington's March was played as the worshippers left the venerable church building.

The procession moved up South Duke street to East King where it was dismissed.

The Battalion of Volunteers,³ justly the pride of Lancaster city, and excelled in discipline and military appearance, by no other military organization in the State at that time, was commanded by that able drill officer and tactician, Major Frederick Hambright. It paraded again in the afternoon, and discharged a number of rounds of musketry, in honor of the day. The parade was larger than any previously held, and every member appeared anxious to be under arms on that day, so glorious to every freeman's heart!

The Lancaster Journal of Friday, March 2nd, states:

"The day closed with a splendid ball at Mr. William Cooper's [Red Lion] hotel, at which the fair ladies of the city displayed their beauty and charms.

"Nothing occurred to disturb the harmony of the celebration, and everyone seemed desirous to support the dignity of the citizen and soldier, on this centenary birthday of the champion of liberty, and the founder of the country's freedom."

² Mr. Champney's oration was published in the Lancaster Journal of Friday, March 2nd, 1832. It occupied more than three columns.

³ The Battalion was composed of the following companies:
The Lancaster Phalanx, commanded by Lieutenant W. Hambright.
City Guards, commanded by Captain J. Longenecker.
Jackson Riflemen, commanded by Captain Philip Wagar Reigart.
Lancaster Grays, commanded by Captain George B. Withers.
National Grays, commanded by Captain William Downey.