

In March, 1832, the trustees felt constrained to suspend the operations of the college because of financial and other difficulties.

It was generally regarded as being under the control of the Presbyterian Church, but the Board of Trustees was a joint one and the several denominations were asked to contribute to its support. Therefore when it passed from the friendly auspices of the Presbyterians to the no less friendly auspices of the Methodists in 1834, it cannot be regarded either as having been surrendered by the Presbyterians or as having been given to the Methodists, for, as a matter of fact, it never was controlled by either Church. The charter has never been changed, and the Board of Trustees is entirely a self-perpetuating body.

Fairs for Benefit of the Lutheran Sunday School

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IN the Lancaster Journal of Friday, May 4th, 1832, appeared a communication over the signature of "Citizen," in which it was stated that a society of ladies intended holding a fair in a room over the public offices. "Citizen" has been given an opportunity to examine the articles to be sold, and stated that there was a great variety of material, both ornamental and useful. The fair was to be held on Wednesday and Thursday, May 9th and 10th, and would be open from 9 in the morning to 10 at night. Admission for adults was 12½ cents; children were admitted at half price. The proceeds were to be used to increase the library and to further the interests of the Sunday school attached to the Lutheran congregation. The number of scholars in the Sunday school was nearly six hundred, — many of whom, as well as some of the teachers, belonged to other congregations, the school being free and open to all.

The Lancaster Journal of Friday, May 11th, stated:

"The Sunday-school fair opened auspiciously. The number and variety of articles exhibited for sale were wonderful and the purchasers numerous. The room on Wednesday evening was crowded nearly to suffocation. We doubt not the most sanguine expectations of the fair vendors will be fully realized."

Almost a year and a half later, a similar fair was to be held in Masonic hall, according to an advertisement in the Lancaster Journal of Friday, September 20th, 1833, in which it was stated that the Ladies' Sunday-school society intended holding a fair on Thursday and Friday, September 26th and 27th, the proceeds to be appropriated towards the erection of a Sunday-school room.

Whether the fair was held as advertised is not known, as subsequent issues of local papers contain no references to it.