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Annual Report

TO THE

HAMILTON LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

OF

Carlisle, Pennsylvania,
FOR THE YEAR 1905

(No reports for 1904)



The Historical Organization of
Cumberland County, Pa.

A
SELECTION
OF SOME
OF THE MOST INTERESTING
NARRATIVES
OF
OUTRAGES COMMITTED
BY THE
INDIANS,
IN
Their Wars
WITH THE WHITE PEOPLE.

ALSO,
An Account of their Manners, Customs, Traditions,
Religious Sentiments, Mode of Warfare, Military
Tactics, Discipline and Encampments, Treatment of
Prisoners, &c. which are better Explained, and more
Minutely Related, than has been heretofore done,
by any other Author on that subject. Many of the
Articles have never before appeared in print. The
whole Compiled from the best Authorities,

BY ARCHIBALD LOUDON.

VOLUME II.

CARLISLE:

FROM THE PRESS OF A. LOUDON.

1811.

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Loudon's "Indian Wars".—Title Page, Vol. II.
(Photo-facsimile, reduced.)

Original:

Letter Press, 2.8 x 5.5 inches; Page, 3.4 x 6.4 inches.

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE PRESIDENT

TO THE

Hamilton Library Association,



OF CARLISLE. PA.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1905

The report of last year was brief and made verbally, and consequently not printed, so that the present report may include matters belonging to the previous year without calling especial attention to that fact.

MEMBERSHIP.

The membership has continued about the same in numbers, the accessions of new members about making up the losses from usual causes. This stationary condition is due to the fact that the accessions in the previous year had been unusually large. It is especially desirable that citizens of the County should connect themselves with this Association, officially recognized as the Historical Society of Cumberland County, and take part in its work by participating in its meetings by their presence, or, what is almost equally desirable, by communications to be read. Programs of meetings and annual reports will be sent to members, and they will have not only the privilege of attendance, with their friends,

THOMPSON'S BOOK STORE

D. W. THOMPSON

56 West High Street



Carlisle, Penna.

October 18, 1953

Dear Judge Shughart,

I have found one last copy of Mr. Hemminger's paper, which you may keep if you wish. I found that some papers of Hemminger had recently been given to the Hamilton Library, including a manuscript notebook of material from which he prepared this printed paper on bridges. In the manuscript there is a reference which does not appear in print, for the second paragraph on p. 8 (mentioning a drawing) to "Docket 1, page 190, December term, 1803." I don't know why he printed this as "April term." The Docket 1 is a single stroke of the pen and might be number 1, but I believe it is the letter I, because the references to the bottom of p. 7 are to "Quarter Sessions Docket C," and to paragraph 3 on p. 8 to "Quarter Sessions Docket G, ... 1822."

With this new reference I returned to Mr. Henderson Hamrick, but it was of no help. He still does not know of the existence of any Docket I for 1803.

Sincerely yours,

D. W. Thompson

upon all the historical meetings of the Association, but also have the privilege of consulting the library under the regulations adopted.

Members are elected by the Directors at any stated or called meeting of the Board, upon application made through a member of the Board. A membership fee of two dollars is required before enrollment, the receipt of which is acknowledged by a Certificate of Membership. Annual dues thereafter will be one dollar.

FINANCIAL CONDITION.

The Association has fortunately a building of its own, very suitable for its purposes, favorably located, well arranged, substantial and in good repair, and large enough for all present needs, with room for enlargement as it may become necessary. Any increase of its revenues, therefore, from membership fees or other sources, can be directly applied to the increase of its efficiency and its usefulness to its members.

Its regular revenue however is contingent upon its annual membership fee of one dollar. The amount from this source has been supplemented during the past two years by an appropriation of \$150.00 a year by the Commissioners of the County to the Association as the Historical Society of the County, the careful and judicious expenditure of which, according to a provision of its charter, for the "elucidation and preservation of the history of Cumberland County" has enabled it to accomplish work in this direction creditable to the County. Financially, however, the possession of a building of its own is no advantage, as compared with the historical societies of neighboring counties, which have ample rooms provided for them by the county, and are thus relieved from all expense incidental to heating, lighting, janitor's services, repairs of buildings and care of grounds, which absorb a large portion of the regular income of our Association.

The fixed policy of the Association, however, has been not to incur debt, and the report of this year shows all bills paid or provided for, and a small balance in the hands of the treasurer.

After the current expenses, above enumerated, the expendi-

tures have been for binding, principally of newspapers of the County, of earlier and present date, purchase of books and of some objects of historic interest, as opportunity offers, printing, including papers read before the Association, stationery, postage, etc.

LIBRARY.

As expenditure for the Library is restricted by other necessary expenses, accessions by purchase cannot be numerous. A number of valuable books have, however, been presented by individuals. The State Librarian, Hon. Thomas L. Montgomery, has supplied a number of works of historic interest. The Library has also received valuable publications of Historical Societies of other counties of the State, and of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania of Philadelphia. Constant attention has been given to the increase and keeping up of the already valuable files of the newspapers of the County. In some cases the files of a paper for a number of years have been received. These, as a rule are unbound, and the Association has had them bound in volumes suitable for convenience in reference with the least wear and tear.

A unique collection of books of local interest was commenced under a resolution of the Directors requesting books for the Library, of which the author, publisher or printer was resident in Cumberland County at the time. These three factors in the production of a book were sometimes at an early date combined in the same individual, and more generally the two latter. Of these the one of most direct local interest is likely to be the author, who intermingled with the citizens, was one of them and participant in their social life and history, and all the duties of citizenship. Of such Carlisle has had, perhaps, more than the usual share. The establishment at an early date of the second college in the State at Carlisle, brought to it in the very first faculties of the college men of the highest reputation for scholarship and ability, who unquestionably exerted an influence on the community at that formative period. Many of these authors doubtless found their publishers and printers beyond the limits of the borough, but if they lived their life among its people, and perhaps took draughts

from the old Market House pump, at the time they produced their literary work, their literary productions should be included in a collection of Cumberland County books, as well as those having a Cumberland County publisher's or printer's imprint. Some of these books have acquired a high value. Every one knows of "Loudon's Indian Wars",* two insignificant little volumes, less than seven inches high, that have sold for \$100.00 apiece. Whilst the Association might not expect, as a gift, books having such a value, it would be glad to have the complete titles of such books, with the author's real name, if the title bears a nom de plume, if the real name can be ascertained. The publisher's imprint and the printer's imprint are desired in each case with the title. If these differ, one of them, generally the printer's, may be found on the second page, or on the last page of the book. It is well, therefore, in examining old books to look for imprints on other than the title page.

An incidental use of such a collection of books or titles could be made in furnishing a list of books printed in Cumberland County for the list of books printed in the State, classified by counties, being prepared under the direction of the Pennsylvania Federation of Historical Societies of which this Association is a member. Such a list only recognizes the printer's imprint and whilst some Cumberland County authors and publishers may by such a classification be credited to other counties, in the same way, books of authors and publishers of other counties, who happened to have their books printed in Carlisle, would be credited to Cumberland County.

Whilst the books and list of titles belonging to our county, of the kinds alluded to, are desirable, an acquisition of still more practical value to those investigating topics in the history of our county, would be a complete Bibliography of Cumberland County containing a complete list of titles, bearing in any way upon the history of the county, or any portion of it, wherever published, even if only containing references to incidents in our history. It should of course include, when possible, statement

*See Frontispiece for photo-facsimile of title page of the second volume.

where copies of any book listed might be accessible for reference. It should be made a Bibliography of the County in its very broadest sense, inclusive not only of pamphlets, but of the more fugitive, often exceedingly valuable communications to the ordinary newspaper. Such a Bibliography would require time for its completion, but it would be of great service from the very beginning, and, with the coöperation of all interested in the history of the county, would have a constant growth.

The Library is accessible at all times upon application to the Librarian or any Director. In order to make it more directly available, and bring it into closer touch with the general public, it is proposed to open it at least one evening in the week, from 7 o'clock to 10 o'clock, in charge of a suitable responsible person, and more frequently as use and the finances of the Association may justify.

HISTORICAL COLLECTION.

The accessions to this collection under the active interest of Captain Wm. E. Miller, Chairman of the Historical Committee, have been numerous and many of great local interest. Many implements of domestic industry and use have been acquired, which are rapidly disappearing. Among these may be mentioned a complete set of domestic spinning apparatus, used in the county many years ago, consisting of six pieces, presented by Miss Laura Zeigler.

A marble bureau-top, that was broken by a shell from Brethed's Battery during the attack on Carlisle by General Fitzhugh Lee, July 1, 1863, has been placed in the wall in the vestibule, as an objective reminder of that interesting event in the history of the Borough. It was on the second story of the house on the northeast corner of Hanover Street and the Square, above the Carlisle Deposit Bank, occupied at the time as a residence, by the cashier, Wm. M. Beetem. The shell passed through the roof and two floors. It was presented by Mrs. Jane Beetem, who resided in the house at the time.

A map of Carlisle, drawn in 1764 by John Creigh, Esq., presented by his grandson, Dr. Alfred Creigh, has been framed and

hung in the library room. This is probably the oldest authentic map of Carlisle, and has entered upon it the lot owners at the time.

A large number of deeds and papers relating to lands donated at one time to Dickinson College by the State, and other documents were presented by Miss Emelin K. Parker. A specimen of the old "Peter Ege Pine Grove" ten-plate stoves, in an excellent state of preservation, has been secured.

PHOTO-RECORD WORK.

The photographic section continues to accumulate photographs of a historic character. According to the plan explained in a previous report, a beginning was made of the formation of a systematic collection of photographs of the public school houses of Cumberland County, intended ultimately to include every house of that character in the county. The "Vol. I, Public School Houses of Cumberland County, Pa.", although hardly in a completed condition, exhibited by request, at the Exposition at St. Louis, was unique of its kind, and received very complimentary notice in the official account of the Exposition, published by the State.

There has also been deposited in the library a volume relating to local history, the historical value of which is much increased by the fullness of photographic illustration of historic documents. It is an address of Rev. Joseph A. Murray, D. D., a former member of the Association, and long its secretary, upon the Presbyterian Churches of Carlisle, with copious appendices containing transcripts from the original documents in his collection, quoted in the address, and not previously published, photographic facsimilies of all of which, thirty in number, are bound in with the volume placed in the library. As these photographs are direct from the negatives, not half-tones, they bear magnification, and approach in authenticity the originals. It is in its fullness, perhaps, unique as an example of an application of photography, the endorsements and all writing on the documents being given, and includes the autographs of many men and women prominent at an early day in our county.

As the character and possibilities of this work become better understood many accessions may be anticipated, as the subjects to which it is applicable are so varied, as well as numerous.

The little brochure on Photo-Record Work, intended to call attention to it and direct the work, has been of assistance and, as many photographs are sent unaccompanied by some data that are absolutely necessary to their full historical value, memorandum blanks have been prepared, which will be furnished those who may desire to contribute photographs.

PUBLIC MEETINGS AND PAPERS.

Meetings of the Association, open to the public, have been held monthly during the winter, according to a published program mailed to each member, not in arrears, at which papers have been read upon topics selected with reference to the "elucidation and preservation of the history of Cumberland County", followed by discussions, by which many facts of our local history have been fixed, and more general interest in such subjects promoted. A number of these papers, embodying much patient research and important facts have been published by the Association; and special effort will be made to enlarge its usefulness in this respect, as the papers are sold at a nominal price, simply to cover cost of printing, and are used for exchange with other historical societies. It would add much to the interest and usefulness of the public meetings, if a larger number of persons would respond to the invitation to take part by written communications on the subjects as announced in the programs.

Special effort is being made at present to secure as full an account as possible of the invasion of the County and the attack on Carlisle in 1863, from those personally cognizant of the facts, resident in the County.

Permission has been continued to the Civic Club of Carlisle, composed of ladies, to use the small room adjoining the Library Room on Saturday morning of each week for the work of its Saving Fund Department. This has been cheerfully done, at little inconvenience to the work of the Association.

With deep sorrow we refer to the great loss experienced by deaths, quite recently during the past year. The death of Capt. John B Landis, for twenty-two years a member of the Board of Directors, and for almost the same number of years its most efficient treasurer, occurred at his home in Carlisle, Oct. 31, 1905, and on the 5th of January of this year Christian Humrich, Esq., for fifteen years a member of the Board of Directors, and for the same period its Secretary and Librarian, and the Nestor of local historians, passed away at his home in Carlisle.

Respectfully submitted,

January 16, 1906.

CHARLES F. HIMES.

