

American Historical Association, held in Toronto at the close of 1932, and in a comfortable lounge in Hart House at the University of Toronto, plans were made for the inauguration. Dr. Lawrence H. Gipson who extended an invitation from Lehigh University was made chairman of the program committee and his tireless efforts resulted in an interesting and varied program at Bethlehem in April, 1933. Reports on research projects were given, papers on local history caused lively discussion, a constitution was adopted, historic spots were visited, and permanent officers were elected. At a dinner, the association was formally inaugurated; Dr. Charles R. Richards, President of Lehigh University, welcomed the new organization, Dr. Conyers Read, executive secretary of the American Historical Association, sponsored it, and Dr. Dixon Ryan Fox, President of the New York State Historical Association, in stirring terms described the great opportunity which lay before the new enterprise. On April 28-29, 1933, therefore, the Pennsylvania Historical Association became a reality.

RECENT ACCESSIONS OF VARIOUS DEPOSITORIES

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HISTORICAL Society of Pennsylvania. *By Purchase.* The only known copy of a *Tribute to Cæsar*, probably printed by Andrew Bradford in Philadelphia in 1715.

An important Franklin imprint of 1741, entitled the "Sum of Religion," and heretofore known only by an advertisement in Franklin's *Pennsylvania Gazette*.

Lord Lansdowne's copy of the first map of Pennsylvania (1681). Although made in anticipation of settlement, it does not show Philadelphia nor its proposed site. The original owner of the map was Sir William Petty, a friend of William Penn, and the father of John Petty who gave his name to Petty's Island.

A collection of Penn letters and documents. Among the signers are Admiral Penn, William Penn, the Founder, his wife, Hannah, and their sons, John and Thomas; William Penn's Power

of Attorney for the sale of Pennsylvania (an exceedingly rare item); and twenty-one letters and seventy-six documents relating to the Penn estate at Pennsbury.

By Gift. From Miss Mary H. Cadawalader. Eighty-eight Documents, mostly Patents for land in Reading, and dating from 1751 to 1776. There are three Patents to Conrad Weiser; one of 1751 and two of 1752.

From Mrs. John Frederick Lewis. Portraits of William Penn, by Jonathan Richardson and Michael Dahl; portraits of John and Richard (sons of William Penn), by Joseph Highmore; portrait of Margaret, daughter of William Penn, and a painting of Penn's Manor, near Bristol, by Thomas Birch.

Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania. In the fall of 1931 the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania at Pittsburgh entered upon a greatly enlarged program of activities. In that year it completed a large addition to its fireproof building and at the same time joined with the University of Pittsburgh in inaugurating, with financial assistance from the Buhl Foundation, a five-year program of extensive and intensive collection, research, and writing in the field of western Pennsylvania history, under an organization known as the Western Pennsylvania Historical Survey.

In the first two years of the joint activity of the society and the survey the extent and value of the collections of the former, as custodian of the acquisitions of both, have multiplied many times. Among the more important additions may be noted groups of personal papers, such as those of General James O'Hara, Major Ebenezer Denny, Harmar Denny, John Thaw, William Thaw, James R. Mellon, William H. Stevenson, John Harper, General Albert J. Logan, and William G. Hawkins; several hundred transcripts of the papers of General Henry Bouquet in the British Museum made from photostats belonging to the Library of Congress; miniature reproductions on film, made with the society's own equipment, of many papers of Albert Gallatin, Henry Marie Brackenridge and others; original record books and papers of old business and industrial establishments, such as the Mackintosh-Hemphill Company, Spang, Chalfant and Company, and the Dunbar Iron Company; large collections of transcripts of original records of southwestern Pennsylvania churches and municipalities;

and extensive files of old Pittsburgh, Waynesburg, Elizabeth, Meadville, and other western Pennsylvania newspapers.

Lancaster County Historical Society. Among the many accessions of this society during the past few months were a complete set of *Baer's Almanac* from 1878 to 1932, two copies of the *Bethania Palladium*, and many copies of early newspapers. Manuscripts, which belonged to Andrew Caldwell, the proprietor of the Hat Tavern, have also been received. These manuscripts date from 1781 to 1802 and include receipts and licenses. A self-painted portrait of Robert Fulton has been purchased.

York County Historical Society. This society has been enriched recently by the addition to its collections of the following manuscript copies of local church registrars: Friedensaal, 1755-1830; Ziegler's, 1771-1838; Lischy's, 1743-1781; First Reformed, 1745-1853; Christ Lutheran, 1733-1850 (five volumes), all translated by Henry James Young; Gettysburg Trinity Reformed, 1834-1900, copied by Alice Haner Starner; Kreutz Creek Lutheran, 1757-1870, translated by George R. Seiffert; Canadochly Union, 1733-1873, translated by George R. Seiffert; and Records of Rev. George Welsh, 1895-1928.

NEWS AND COMMENT

GENERAL

The Clinton County Historical Society held a meeting on November 20, 1933. Mr. Randolph Thompson gave an address on the old "Washington Furnace," which was located a few miles from Lock Haven. During the past summer this society played a very important part in connection with the Centenary Anniversary of Lock Haven.

The Eighth Annual Conference on Education was held at Bucknell University, November 17 and 18, 1933. At the Social Science session, Mr. Eugene P. Bertin presented a paper on "Pennsylvania History in Pennsylvania's New Social Studies Program," the result of research and many questionnaires. The paper will appear in a future number of this magazine.

At a meeting of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, held