

## THE VALEDICTORIES OF THE OLD PAPERS

THE LANCASTER LEDGER.  
1852-1905.

(From The Lancaster Ledger.)

Sad indeed it is for us to make the announcement that the publication of the "old Ledger" will be discontinued after this issue, and we cannot help but feel that the announcement will carry sadness into every home throughout the county. The older citizens, some few of whom have been subscribers since the first issue, and the many who have read the old paper from childhood will feel as if an old and cherished friend, whose frequent visits always made them glad, had passed away. "The dear old Ledger,"—how often have these words, written by citizens of the county who had moved away out west, made our hearts glad and encouraged us in our work. Native Lancastrians wherever scattered over the globe know and love the old Ledger—the oldest institution in Lancaster county, and one of the oldest of the 154 papers published in the State.

Fifty-three years is not a short period. It is more than half a century. Comparatively little is known of the history of our county prior to the establishment of The Ledger (1852), but since that time it forms almost a complete record of the doings and happenings throughout the county. The marriages, deaths, accidents, crimes, misfortunes of each year, are all chronicled in its columns. The political conditions, educational advancement, material development and religious growth of its people are there to be found. The patriotism of her sons, their gallantry in war, their fidelity; the noble spirit of her women, their devotion, their power of endurance are there recorded. No one could write a more complete history of the county for the past half century than it contains.

No wonder it is dear to the people of the old county. Especially is it dear to the older people, and that esteem, in most instances, has been handed down from sire to son. Scarcely a family in the county, we venture, but has one or more old copies of The Ledger that is dear, very dear to them, put away in some secure place where it will not be molested. It may be it contains the obituary of father or mother, sister or brother, or perhaps it tells of the loss of a precious child. Its association with these sacred memories make it dear, very dear to natives of old Lancaster. And this issue, the last, in many instances tear-stained, will be carefully laid away with a feeling of sadness because it is THE LAST.

The Ledger was established Feb. 12, 1852, by the late R. S. Bailey. The late Simpson Harper was its first subscriber, and the late Evan Rollings the second. Their subscriptions were taken by Mr. Bailey at old Salem Camp ground. Mr. Bailey continued editor and proprietor of The Ledger until 1856, when the late W. M. Con-

ners, father of Maj. C. T. Connors who has been chosen to edit the new paper, became its editor and proprietor. In 1865 the late David J. Carter purchased half interest in the paper, and became sole editor and proprietor the following year. In 1883 he associated with him his son, the present editor, who became sole editor after the death of his father in 1889. It will thus be seen that The Ledger has had but four editors: R. S. Bailey, W. M. Connors, David J. Carter and T. S. Carter, during the more than half century of its existence. Of its original subscribers seven are still living and getting the paper. They are: L. M. Cauthen, J. L. Tillman, Sr., T. T. Gregory, W. R. Bennett, Jeff Sims, Wilson Rowell and Philip Snipes. Of the thousand other subscribers to The Ledger many have been taking it for more than forty years.

To journalism this editor now bids adieu. During the twenty-two years of his journalistic life he has endeavored faithfully and conscientiously to keep The Ledger up to the high standard of his predecessors. He has stood for honesty, purity, and sobriety in official and individual life, taking a positive stand on all moral and political questions, striving to better the citizenship of the county by promoting the social and moral welfare of its people.

We cannot say farewell without thanking our patrons for the liberal support they have always given The Ledger, nor can we fail to acknowledge the deep gratitude we feel for the many true and staunch friends The Ledger has made for us individually. Adieu, kind friends, adieu! And while we wish you to give to The Lancaster News your hearty and liberal support, we hope the memory of the "dear old Ledger" will live in your minds and hearts as long as life lasts.

### THE LANCASTER REVIEW.

(From The Lancaster Review.)

It is with no little degree of sadness that we "get out" this issue of The REVIEW, which is to be the last within its history. The feeling is akin to that occasioned by the loss of an old, true and tried friend. For more than twenty years we have labored at this desk to make The REVIEW a welcome visitor in the homes of its patrons, and it is but natural that in that long period of time we should have become attached to the paper itself. The fact, too, that the best years of our life have been spent on its pages makes the old REVIEW doubly dear to us. Little did we think, until recently, that we would survive our old newspaper friend. On the contrary more than once has the thought occurred to us when chronicling the passing away of others that some day the task would devolve on another to render a similar service to us in these columns.

But the writer is not alone in his sorrow over the death, so to

speaking, of The REVIEW: That feeling is of course shared by Maj. Riddle, who has been our business associate throughout our entire connection with the paper. Twenty-one years ago last spring we together purchased The REVIEW, and continuously since that time have we together labored to make it what it is today. Many were our trials and vicissitudes, but, thanks to a kind Providence, we successfully overcame them all.

Nor is the regret at The REVIEW'S passing away confined to its publishers, those most directly concerned. Many of its readers, since the fact became known that the three Lancaster newspapers are to be absorbed by a new company, have expressed to us regret that The REVIEW was to be discontinued. There are on our subscription books the names of many citizens of Lancaster county and elsewhere who have been reading the paper ever since it was established, some twenty-seven years ago. And it is but natu-

ral to suppose that they, and others who have been taking the paper for years, will be reluctant to see the old REVIEW pass out of existence—a messenger that has faithfully borne to them for so many years the news of the day, sometimes its tidings being of joy and sometimes of sorrow.

The REVIEW was founded in 1878, by the late B. F. Welsh and the late J. J. Hull. In 1881 it was purchased by Mr. Paul Moore, who, after running it three years, sold it to its present owners. For more than a quarter of a century, therefore, The REVIEW has been closely identified with Lancaster's history.—It has seen the town grow from a small, staid municipality to its present gratifyingly large and constantly increasing dimensions. It has seen the country rise from an indifferent state of cultivation to its present high standard of productiveness. It has seen nice, comfortable, well furnished dwellings take the place of old and cheerless farm

houses, and modern churches and school houses spring up where none stood before. These and many other improvements that might be mentioned have been brought about during the life of this newspaper. To what extent, if any, The REVIEW has contributed to the betterment of conditions generally, we do not undertake to say. But there is one thing we do know, and that is that the influence of this paper has ever been exerted in behalf of the upbuilding of both town and county along all lines that make for a people's progress—moral, educational, material and otherwise. We therefore close forever the forms of this journal with the consciousness of having done through its columns what we conceived to be our duty to its patrons and to the public generally.

### VALEDICTORY.

(From The Lancaster Enterprise.)

On the 18th of March, 1891, the Lancaster Enterprise was launched upon the sea of journalism. For a little over 14 years

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## DISPLAY OF FALL and WINTER GOODS.

Our Opening Sale of Fall and Winter Goods begins

**Wednesday, October 4th**

This is one of the greatest collections of merchandise that we have ever shown, and you are most cordially invited to come and inspect our stock.

### Dress Goods Department.

Never before have we been so strong in this line. We are showing one of the greatest lines of Dress Goods ever shown in this town.

56 inch Foreign Broad Cloth in Navy Blue and Black—sells in big cities for \$3.00 per yard. Our price \$2.00 per yard. Come only in dress patterns.

56 inch Heavy Broad Cloths, just the thing for Cloaks, Jackets and Walking Skirts. Comes in all the season's best colors, at \$1.25 per yard.

56 inch Chiffon Broad Cloths, comes in all the season's best colors, and are especially nice for Suits. Come only in suit patterns at \$1.25 per yard.

56 inch Broad Cloths, comes in all colors, and would be cheap at \$1.25. Our special price. 95 cents per yard.

56 inch Broad Cloths comes in all colors. We bought these goods to retail at \$1.00, but just to make it lively we will make the price 75 cents.

56 inch Ladies' Cloth, comes in Black, Navy Gray, Green and Red. These goods would be cheap at 85c. While they last we will make the price 59 cents per yard.

54 inch all-wool Suiting, comes in all the best shades. Formerly sold for 75c, but to make the times lively we will make the price 50c per yard.

42 inch Suiting, bought in job; the goods are worth on any market 50 cents per yard. As long as they last we make the price 25 cents per yard.

42 inch Prunilla, which is very popular this season, and comes in Brown, Green, Gray, Navy and Red. We are offering these goods at \$1.00 per yard.

42 inch shower-proof Coverts, and are good sellers this season. Especially nice for Suits, and are worth 75c, but are price will be 50 cents per yard.

### Silks. Silks.

It is not necessary for us to make any prices on this line, as every one knows what a success our Silk Sale has been, and the prices made hold good until further notified.

### Cotton Goods.

42 inch Flannelettes in Persian designs—would be cheap at 15 cents. Our price, 10 cents per yard.

We are showing the newest thing in dark Dress Gingham for early Fall, and the price is only 10 cents per yard.

Good standard Calicoes going in this sale at 3½ cents per yard. Good heavy Checked Homespun going in this sale at 4½. 36 inch White Homespun this sale only 5 cents per yard.

### Clothing Bargains.

We are the Clothing people. Never before have we shown such a collection of good clothes. You will be surprised to come and inspect our Clothing stock and find the assortment we are showing. These goods are well made and fit like tailor made goods, and we guarantee every suit to be all right in every respect.

Our prices are \$4.50, \$6.00, \$8.00, \$10.00, \$12.50, \$14.00 and \$16.00.

Come and look through this line, and you will be convinced of the bargains we are offering.

### Shoes. Shoes.

Our Shoe stock is now ready for your inspection, and it does not matter what kind of a Shoe you may want, we can please you. We have them in all the newest styles. Come and see this line and save money.

### Millinery.

We are showing a beautiful line of ready-to wear Hats, and have them in all the season's best shades, ranging in price from 50 cents and upward.

This is only a few of the many BARGAINS that we have space to mention but don't fail to come and see what a Collection of Merchandise we are showing. All prices mentioned will hold good until further notified.

**E. E. CLOUD.**