

NINETY YEARS AGO.

THE JOURNAL OF A MORAVIAN MISSIONARY OF 1797. How Near the Frontier Was to Our Grandfathers - A Review of Ancient MSS. Published by the Pennsylvania Historical Society.

In 1792 a colony of Moravian Indians at Guadalupe in Ohio, who had been civilized by the unremitting, fearless labors of the missionaries of that energetic little church, and had established a prosperous village, surrounded by well-cleared farm land, were wiped out by the savages of the most atrocious massacres that have ever disgraced men of our race.

We do not propose to recite the horrible details of that unprovoked and unavenged crime, but to give some extracts from the journal of John Heckwelder, the missionary, who went with William Henry, of Lancaster, to Guadalupe, with the object of surveying lands granted to them by Congress, in trust for the Indians, and on which they proposed to found a new colony of Christian Indians.

This journal has just been published in the Pennsylvania Magazine, of history and biography from MSS. in German, in the handwriting of Heckwelder, and is entitled "Notes of Travel of William Heckwelder, John Heckwelder, and William Henry, to Guadalupe on the Muskingum, in the early summer of 1797. It has been edited by Mr. John W. Jordan. Mr. Henry was justice of the peace and judge of the courts of common pleas and quarter sessions of Northampton county, and was one of the presidential electors of the state. He cast his vote for Washington for president.

The expedition started from Bethlehem in April of 1797, and traveled by way of Little and Lancaster, to Emmaus, a Moravian settlement in Lehigh county. "In Little," writes the venerable missionary, "the brethren expressed their heartfelt interest in our undertaking"; from there they traveled in one day through Manheim and Elizabethtown to Middletown, 29 miles.

From Middletown they traveled to the Chickasaw contains about 150 small houses. Glass works were formerly carried on here. By the way, Chickasaw was shortened from the Indian Chickasawing, which Heckwelder states was originally Chickasawing, i. e., where the ground is full of holes bored by the crab or crawfish. The glass works referred to were erected by the eccentric Henry W. Stiegel, called "Baron."

A BEAUTY RECEPTION. "Our intention was to proceed direct to Elizabethtown, but having missed the road we passed near Brother Beck's in Mt. Joy; consequently we were obliged to retrace our steps and pay our respects to Brother Beck. At Brother John's Fredericks we met with a hearty reception and found good accommodations. From here we were obliged to pass a mountainous region in order to reach Elizabethtown, where we came upon the wide Lancaster road. That part leading over the Conewago is bad beyond all description.

Middletown is an attractive village, the square and the cross streets are in good condition, and the streets running north and south are mostly built up. The houses are of limestone and brick, the majority, however, are farmers' log houses.

"On the morning of the 24th we made an early start, and, notwithstanding the rain, had good roads to Chambers' Ferry, where we took breakfast and then crossed the Susquehanna. A half hour is necessary to cross this beautiful river, and while doing so we had a fine view of Harrisburg, situated on the river about 2 1/2 miles north of us. The country from Middletown to Harrisburg is very pleasing, and exhibits some fine farms."

He was pleased with Carlisle and the country around it, and noted that "the locus was looked upon as a very beautiful tree, and that it was planted along the fences where no natural growth presented itself." Shippensburg contains 200 houses, and is a thriving town. It is hard to realize that only ninety years ago steam was so far in the future that the prosperity of a town depended upon a mill stream. "A beautiful spring, however, pursues its course through the western part of the town. Straburg, 'containing 200 houses, and is a thriving town. It is hard to realize that only ninety years ago steam was so far in the future that the prosperity of a town depended upon a mill stream."

"Pittsburg has an uncommonly fine situation upon a promontory between two rivers, which calmly flow past the town. Both banks of the river have a secure ledge, and back of the town the land abounds with many little hills, which is found a valuable sandstone, which is used in the houses of the town. A good quality of granite was also found here." Here they met a Moravian "brother," who related to us that several Indians had been here two weeks ago, who, who said they belonged to the Brethren church and had been a member and visitor to another said that he had belonged to the Moravian church in Canada, but had misbehaved himself and therefore taken his departure."

Franklinburgh, ninety years ago with Indians trading bear and venison on her streets, and griststone and sandstone quarries her chief boast!

What would the travelers have said had they been told that the country in that vicinity was rich in those natural products of immeasurable value, coal, petroleum, and natural gas, destined to make that little town in the wilderness one of the greatest manufacturing centers in the world, and that before a term had passed that might be measured by a human life.

The famous vision of Cobble Keeser should have been located in the vicinity of Pittsburg, for no other city, not even Chicago, so well situated for the carrying of goods to and from the country, and the magical transformation of a wilderness into a civilized empire of the people.

So they traveled on to Wellsburg, West Virginia, and thence by bridle path to Guadalupe.

The Indian Captain Bull led the party, carrying a rifle, but was often relieved by Heckwelder with a firing pan on his shoulder, and the others followed carrying axes and rifles. They depended for supplies upon the game the Indians might kill, and they found plenty of wild turkeys and some deer. Captain Bull killed a wild turkey and a country that is now in a high state of cultivation crossed by a network of railroads.

AN INDIAN BELLE'S DEEDS. He met the Indian Chief White Eyes and his daughter, a savage belle of whom he says: "Her Indian costume was quite stylish. Her head was bare; hair arranged without ornament; her dress was of black silk, and the cloak, which reached to her knees, of blue cloth and trimmed with white. The leggings were also of blue cloth, and she wore the usual moccasins. A dark ash-colored blanket hung from her shoulders in a graceful manner." White Eyes leads him to the site of Guadalupe. "We took a look at the ruined village, and were surprised at the fine situation it had upon the banks of the stream. But yet, alas! with what sorrow we were filled, when we looked back and remembered that this heretofore flourishing town, where the death of Christ was faithfully preached to blind and ignorant heathens, and where a band of Christian Indians lived under the blessing of God—should have been burned to the ground and everything destroyed, and even the greater part of the defenseless inhabitants murdered in cold blood by ruthless savages." "The whole town could be traced by the ruined chimneys, but the ground was so overgrown by bushes that the only paths were made by bears, deers and wolves."

"Everywhere bones could be seen and the cells of the houses, where some of the brethren had been murdered and burnt, they were also to be found."

They proceed with the survey, and "Bro. Henry discovered coal strata on the Muskingum, on the surface along the bank ten or twelve feet above the water, and which was two feet thick and thirty rods long."

They were joined by General Putnam and his son William in canoe. He told them that he had carefully read over the history of

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What Would the World Do.

without woman? ask the essayist who starts out to say something new on that tired old subject. Of course, the human element of the world would not exist without woman, and that is not a question of fact, but of opinion. It would be more sensible to ask "What would the world do without the salvation of women? What would it do for her physical life and cure for her peevishness? Without her, the world would be a world without Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, it is the great remedy for female weakness, and indispensable for the life of womanhood."

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