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Past and Present

1888

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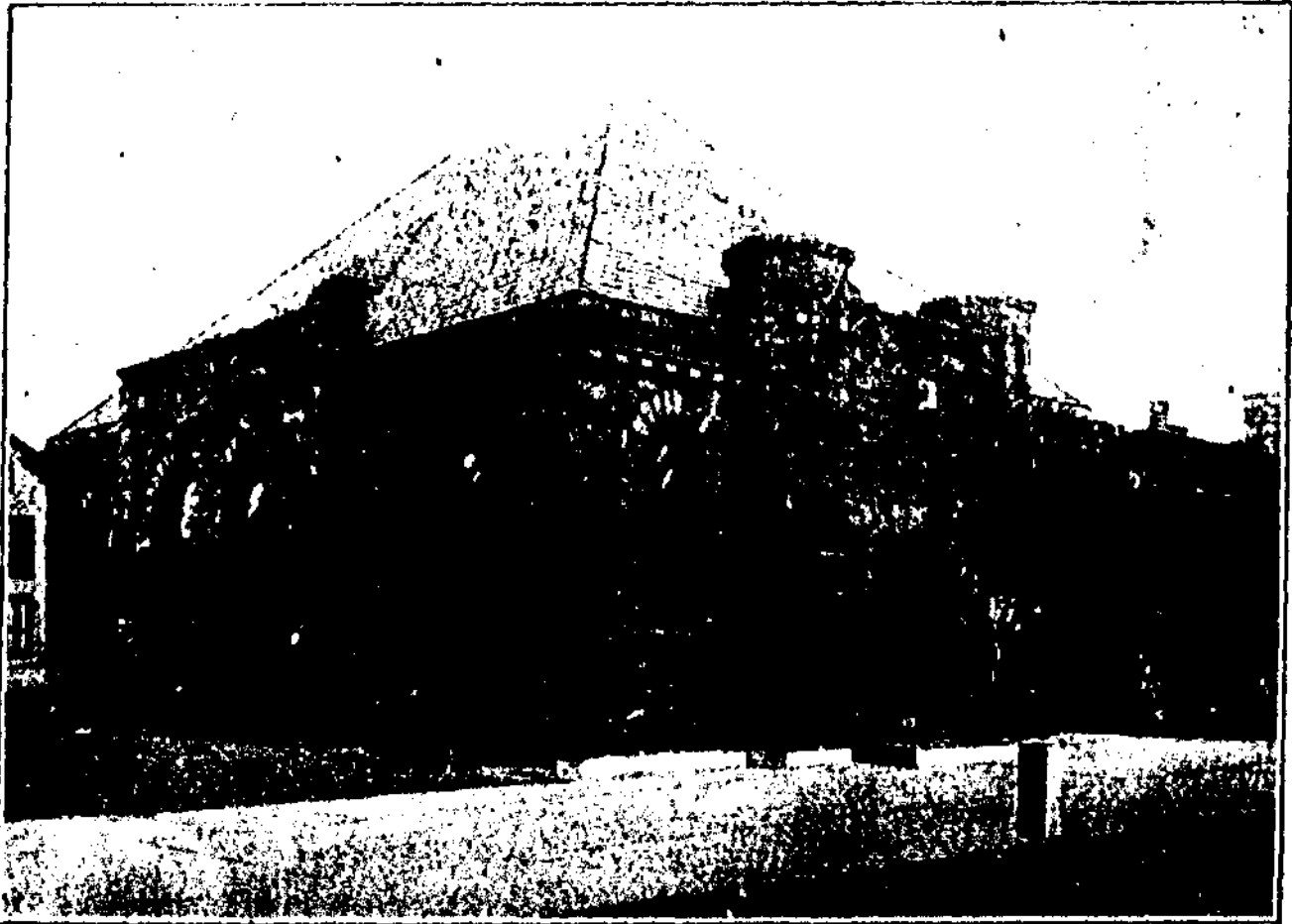
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## PARAGRAPHIC PICTURINGS OF LANSDOWNE

Application for borough incorporation was made by Isaac Johnson, Esq., Solicitor, March 6, 1893.

The first directory of the Borough of Lansdowne was worked up in 1900 and issued for the year 1901 by Henry S. Barker, and each succeeding year Mr. Barker issued a revised directory, except for the year 1902.

1. The borough of Lansdowne was incorporated June 7, 1893.

2. Territorially Lansdowne is chronologically viewed, synonymous with William Fenn's time, having been a part of Upper Darby Township, formerly Darby, which was settled in the early stages of the formation of the formation of the proprietary government of Penn.

At the time of its incorporation the Borough assumed as its proportion of the indebtedness of Upper Darby Township the sum of \$55,000.00, not to mention the necessarily heavy expenditures entailed in meeting the immediate demands of early corporation and administrative requirements.

3. Lansdowne is situated in Delaware County, six and four-tenths miles from the City Hall, Philadelphia, on the Central Division of the Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington Railroad, a member of the Lines of the Pennsylvania Railroad System East of Pittsburgh and Erie, Pa., with 48 trains daily, the average running time being twelve minutes for express trains and twenty minutes for accommodation trains; the following rates of fare obtaining single or one-way fare, 10 cents, excursion or round-trip, 26 cents, and monthly commutation, \$4.65. The Borough is situated in the eastern section of the county at an elevation on the average of about 150 feet above mean tide, the entire Borough being practically tributary to the watershed of Darby Creek, which flows along the south-western border.

4. Existing trolley transportation facilities enable ready access to all parts of Philadelphia, Delaware, Chester, Montgomery Counties and contiguous localities. For some time past well directed efforts have been made to substantially increase local "rapid transit" transportation and all signs point at this writing to the early realization of these plans. The cars of the Philadelphia & Delaware County Electric Railway Company traverse Baltimore Avenue for the full length of the Borough, east and west, their terminus being at Angora, on Cobbs' Creek, on the east, where the cars of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company may be taken into Philadelphia, the running time from Lansdowne to the City being about thirty-five minutes, and at Media, the county seat of Delaware County, on the west, where connection is made with cars of which pass through some of the most beautiful rural scenery ever made the subject of artistic brush or dream. A branch of the Philadelphia, Morton and Swarthmore Electric Railway is operated between Lansdowne and Darby, where cars may be taken for Chester, Media, and numerous other points. Just beyond the Borough's northern limits, on Lansdowne Avenue, is the Lansdowne Avenue Station of the Philadelphia & Carrottford Electric Railway, where cars may be taken at frequent intervals for Philadelphia via 63d and Market streets terminal of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company, the ride being made via Elevated and Subway

lines. At this latter terminal may also be taken the cars of the Philadelphia & Western Electric Railroad, which traverses the fairest sections of nearby counties.

5. The topographical characteristics of the Borough are particularly attractive, offering a pleasing succession of hills richly clad with monarchs of the forest, dales invested with a wealth of landscape loveliness, and sinuous streams golden in the sunlight and silvery beneath moonbeam caresses; a plentitude of noble shade trees line the principal thoroughfares; and withal there is ever present the subtle atmosphere of suburban retirement far removed from the maddening crowd and noise and confusion of the large municipality. Rural beauties and sequestration invest the locality with all the seductive and elevating attributes so dear to the poetic mind and the amily in quest of reposeful and healthful rest and recreation, the scenic entourage being comparable with the famed charms of more noted localities both at home and abroad.

6. The improvements consist of a high class of suburban homes, mostly detached, and tastefully laid out on liberal ground areas. There are about twenty-two (22) miles of avenue, seventeen (17) miles of which are, at the present time, paved with telford or macadam.

7. There are about ten (10) miles of improved sidewalks in the Borough, consisting for the most part of prismatic construction.

8. The Borough has nine (9) miles of sewers which cost approximately \$5,000, and at the present time the outlet is into Darby Creek at a point in Darby Borough almost one mile below tide water. The sewer varies in sizes from six (6) inches to twenty-four (24) inches, and is intended to drain the sewage from the houses, and not to include the storm water which is taken care of, generally, by streams which traverse the Borough at several points.

9. During the current year, 1908, about 10,000 feet of blue stone curb and vitrified block gutters were constructed, together, with about one mile of re-surfacing, on Lansdowne avenue (from Baltimore to Stewart avenues) and Wycombe avenue (from Baltimore avenue to junction of Union and Wycombe avenues).

10. A model volunteer fire department, the Lansdowne Fire Company, with a membership drawn from the citizenship at large and including many of the most prominent townsmen, affords adequate protection against loss by fire.

11. A day and night police force patrols every quarter of the borough throughout the entire day, and keeps a constant surveillance on all matters related to full police duties.

12. The water supply, furnished by the Springfield Consolidated Water Company, is up to the most exacting requirements, the water being drawn from springs and enjoying widespread fame for its purity and healthfulness.

13. Religious worship is splendidly provided for, the following denominations, with beautiful church edifices, being represented within the borough, viz: The Lansdowne First Presbyterian Church, Rev. William Boyd, Pastor; the Lansdowne Baptist Church, Rev. Thomas Bird, Pastor; the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Rev. Crosswell McFee, Rector; the Lansdowne Methodist Episcopal Church, Rev. J. R. T. Gray, Pastor; the Orthodox Friends' Meeting; the Hicksite Friends' Meeting; St. Philomena's Roman Catholic Church, Rev. Francis J. Markee, Rector, and Rev. W. I. Ballou, Assistant Rector; there being also two Afro-American Churches, one south and the other north of the railroad. The churches are all centrally located.

14. The educational advantages of the Borough are especially attractive. These include the Public School system, Prof. Walter L. Phillips, Principal, which stands on an equal footing with any other in the State of Pennsylvania, being splendidly housed, thoroughly equipped with school fixtures and supplies, and ably conducted by a corps of teachers specially selected for their demonstrated fitness; other schools are St. Philomena's Parochial School, which has already won deservedly high praise for all-around educational work; the Friends' School; the Maplewood School, Miss Alden, Prin-

cipal; not to mention several preparatory schools conducted by educators of established ability and success.

The Social, Athletic and Club life of the community are provided for by numerous societies and organizations, among the more prominent of which may be mentioned the Lansdowne Country Club, the Twentieth Century Club, the Natural History Club, the Lansdowne Republican Club, the Union Athletic Association, the Knights o Columbus, the Lansdowne Civic Association, the Lansdowne Minstrel Troupe; the Church brotherhoods.

15. A local banking institution, the Lansdowne and Darby Trust and Saving Company, affords ample banking facilities.

16. The Lansdowne Building and Loan Association has contributed largely toward the physical development of the Borough, and ranks as one of the strongest building associations in the State.

17. Philadelphia merchants have free delivery to all parts of the Borough.

18. The Lansdowne Storage Warehouse is a great convenience to residents desiring storage facilities for household goods and other personal effects.

19. Two liverymen, Richardson Shoemaker, proprietor of the Lansdowne Stables, and R. James Robinson, proprietor of the Villa Stables, are well equipped to furnish teams for carriage or horseback rides, or for hauling.

20. For social and other forms of entertainment there are the Barker Building, the Borough Hall, and St. Philomena's Hall.

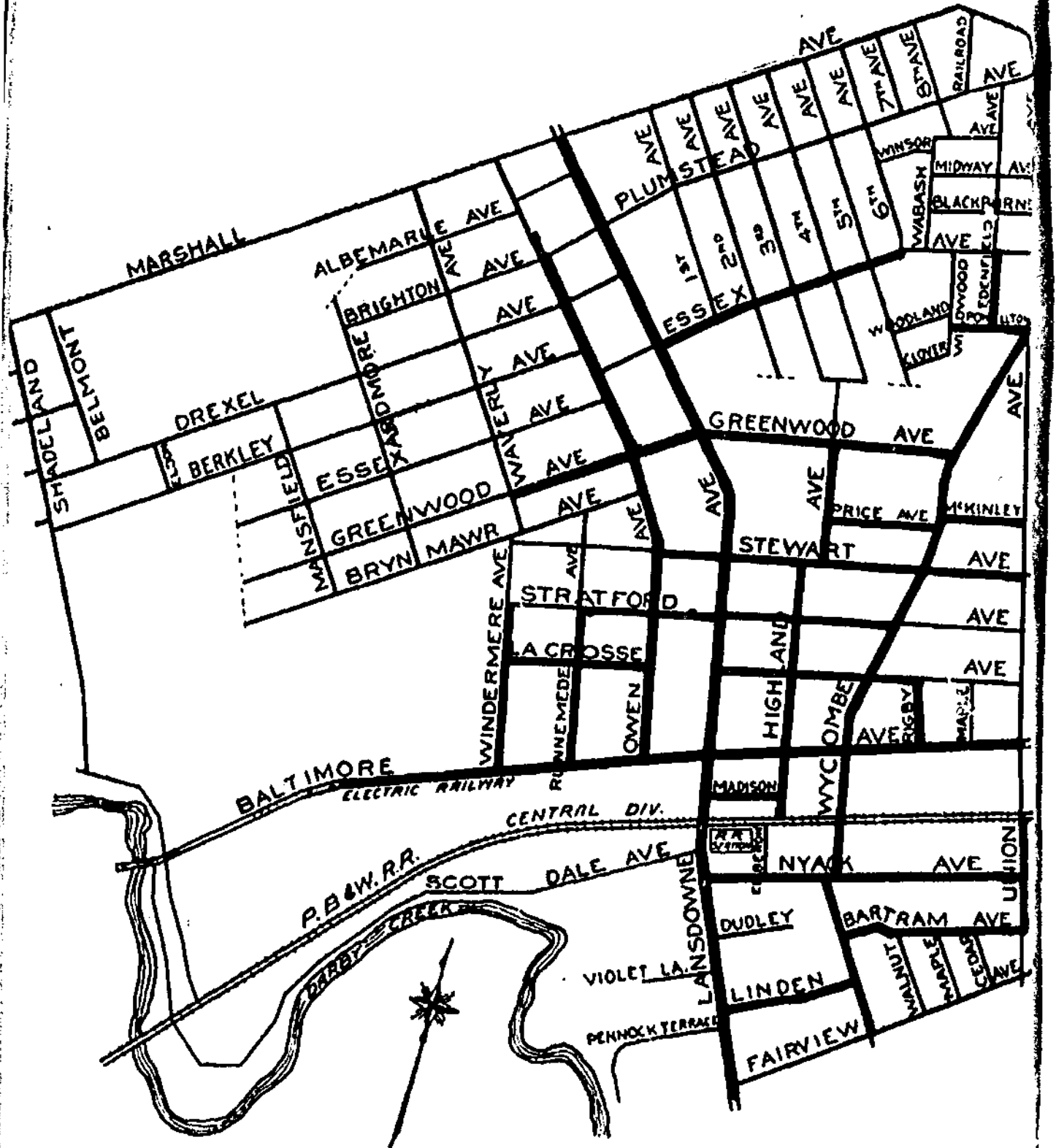
21. Borough growth has been of the really phenomenal type. In the eighties, before incorporation, the territory, then a village, represented an assessed valuation of about \$100,000.00. One year after incorporation, in 1894, the valuation had reached the handsome sum of \$1,257, 873, with a borough tax of 4½ mills on the dollar and a sinking fund tax of 2 mills, while in 1908 the assessed valuation stands at the splendid sum of \$3,148,875, with a borough tax of 6 mills and a sinking fund tax of 3½ mills.

22. The population has kept pace with the physical development of the borough having increase from upwards of 200 in the eighties to approximately 4,500 in 1908.

Exceptional local and long-distance telephone service is provided by the Bell Telephone Company, which has thoroughly equipped exchange quarters in the Davis Building, at the corner of Lansdowne and Baltimore avenues.

The Suburban Gas Company of Philadelphia has a large ententage in the borough.

PLAN OF LANSDOWNE



LANSDOWNE HIGHWAYS.

- Austin, W. from Union, between Nyack and Pennsylvania Railroad.  
 Baltimore, E. and W. from Lansdowne.  
 Barclay, E. from Wycombe, S. of Nyack.  
 Berkley, W. from Owen, above Greenwood.  
 Drexel, W. from Lansdowne, second avenue from Greenwood.  
 Dutty, E. from Lansdowne, second avenue S. of Pennsylvania R. R.  
 Edentield (N. Maple), W. from Wycombe, between Powelton avenue and Marshall Road.  
 Elberon, from Nyack to Railroad, E. of Lansdowne.  
 Essex, E. and W. from Lansdowne, above Greenwood.  
 Fairview, E. from Lansdowne, fourth avenue below Railroad.  
 Greenwood, (formerly Blackberry Lane), E. and W. from Lansdowne, fourth avenue N. of Baltimore.  
 Highland, (formerly GILSON'S AVENUE), N. and S. from Baltimore, first avenue E. of Lansdowne.  
 La Crosse, (formerly Summit Avenue), E. from Lansdowne and W. from Owen; N. of Baltimore.  
 Lansdowne, (Darby and Radnor Road), N. and S. from Baltimore.  
 Madison E. from Lansdowne to Highland, first avenue above Railroad.  
 Marshall Road, E. and W. from Lansdowne; northern boundry line of Borough.  
 Maple, L. from Railroad, N. from Baltimore.  
 McKluley, E. from Wycombe to Union, above Stewart.  
 Nyack, E. from Lansdowne, below Railroad.  
 Owen, N. from Baltimore, first avenue W. of Lansdowne.  
 Pennock Terrace, W. from Lansdowne, near Linden.  
 Plumstead, W. from Wycombe below Marshall Road, and W. from Lansdowne above Drexel.  
 Powelton, W. from Wycombe, between Wycombe and Wildwood.  
 Price, E. from Highland, between Stewart and Greenwood.  
 Rigby, N. from Baltimore, third avenue E. from Lansdowne.  
 Runnymede, N. from Baltimore, second avenue W. of Lansdowne.  
 Schappet Terrace, S. from Railroad, between Nyack and Railroad.  
 Scottdale, (Matthew Hollow Road), second avenue N. of Baltimore.  
 Shadeland, N. from bridge over Darby Creek at Burman.  
 Stewart, E. and W. from Lansdowne, third avenue N. of Baltimore.  
 Stratford, E. and W. from Lansdowne, second avenue N. of Baltimore.  
 Union, N. and S. from Baltimore, fourth avenue, E. of Lansdowne.  
 Windermere, (formerly) Waverley), third avenue W. of Lansdowne.  
 Wycombe, (Kenny's Lane), N. and S. from Baltimore, second avenue E. of Lansdowne.  
 First, N. from Essex (Johnson), Lansdowne Highlands.  
 Second, N. from Essex, Lansdowne Highlands.  
 Third, (See Highland).  
 Fourth, N. from Essex, Lansdowne Highlands.  
 Fifth, N. from Essex, Lansdowne Highlands.  
 Sixth, N. from Essex, Lansdowne Highlands.  
 E-West. W-West. S-South. N-North. L-Lower.

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## LANSDOWNE—PAST AND PRESENT

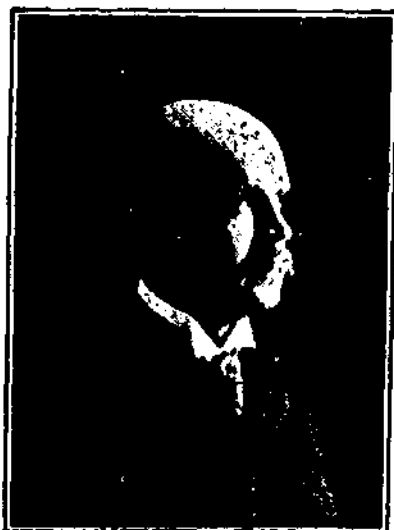
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To understand the Present we must study  
the productive influences of the Past.

In reviewing, though never so briefly, the past of Lansdowne, it is eminently proper that its relations with contiguous territory, which necessarily contributed to its growth, should be touched upon. To do this it will not be obligatory, for purposes of lucid and comprehensive statement, to delve too far into historical archives, hence the absence of occasion for mention of the usual "transportation pets" of the ambitious historian, such as "the Conestoga wagon," "the pony express", "the 'bus line," "the stage coach," "the ferry line," and so on. A close study of local conditions, so far as they may be looked into through authoritative mediums, unavoidably induce the conclusion, that the great and greatest factors in the development of Lansdowne were the railroads centering in, running through, and passing near the local boundaries. In a word, long before the name "Lansdowne" was thought of in connection with the place, the steel rails had been laid in and the "iron horse snorted" through local territory, providing from the start the "sinews of war" that have wrought the beautiful and progressive municipality now the pride and boast of its citizens.

**PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD HAS A CLAIM ON LANSDOWNE**



**William H. Barker**  
 First Chief Burgess  
 of Lansdowne.

To the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, as the parent operating, owning or leasing company, must be given due meed of credit for the borough's genesis, its rapid and healthy rise, and the splendid advantages and development evidenced in the Lansdowne of to-day.

**Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore Railroad.**

(Now the Philadelphia, Baltimore & Washington Railroad, by merger and consolidation of November 1, 1902)

The Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore Railroad Company, (the ultimate owning, operating and leasing company of the several railroad companies that played an important part in the rise and expansion of the locality now known as Lansdowne), was a consolidated company organized under the laws of the States of Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland, and was formed by merger dated March 1877. The Philadelphia & Delaware County Railroad Company, chartered by Act of the State of Pennsylvania of April 2, 1831, was the oldest member of the merger. The Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore Railroad Company, which was a party to the merger, was organized February 6, 1855, by the consolidation, under Act of Delaware of February 4, 1853, of Maryland of January 20, 1838, and of Pennsylvania of December 19, 1837. The first passenger station in Philadelphia was located at the corner of Eleventh and Market streets where the Bingham House now stands. It was started in the spring of 1842 and put into use during the summer of 1843. Horse power was employed to haul trains to and from it, and the inconvenience and delay consequent upon this manner of service induced the Company to purchase a site at Broad and Prime streets (Washington avenue) for a new station in connection with which steam power service could be used. The operation was begun September 30, 1851, and the station finished and put into use May 17, 1852. Lansdowne has many citizens who can recall the "old Broad and Prime Street Depot."

Another and still more direct factor in local transportation facilities will now be offered, namely, the

**West Chester and Philadelphia Railroad.**

On October 15, 1881, the West Chester & Philadelphia Railroad Company, which was chartered in Pennsylvania, August 11, 1848, to build a road from Philadelphia to West Chester, Pa., via Media, a distance of 37.4 miles, was consolidated with the Philadelphia & Baltimore Central Railroad Company. The West Chester & Philadelphia Road was opened as far as Media, 14 miles, in 1854, and operated a number of years between that point and Philadelphia only; but, on November 11, 1858, having been completed to West Chester, its first train passed over the road to that point then, hav-

ing been drawn by the engine "Rockdale" the train-conductor having been Edward Miller, who was born in West Chester, February 24, 1824. It is an easy step from this road to what is now known as the

### Central Division P. B. & W. R. R.

The road was originally a single track one with light rails, light engines, small cars, wooden bridges, and poor stations. The Central Division was formed September 1, 1881, with headquarters at 31st and Chestnut streets, Philadelphia, to which points all passenger trains ran until January 1, 1882, when they began running into and out of Broad Street Station, Philadelphia. On September 4, 1882, the Superintendent office was removed to Media, Pa. During the changes at Broad Street Station—the remodelling of tracks, the enlargement of station, and erection of the General Office building—the trains resumed running to and from 31st and Chestnut streets, commencing on January 1, 1893. The first train to return to Broad Street Station, went in March 27, 1893, and from then until September 11, 1893, additional trains returned from time to time, all trains having returned on that date.

### Philadelphia and Delaware County Railroad.

The Philadelphia & Delaware County Railroad, extending from Fernwood Pa., 5.5 miles from Philadelphia, to Newtown Square, Pa., a distance of 9½ miles, was organized April 2, 1890, and opened January 2, 1894, traffic and travel over the line having been started about July 1, 1894. The road penetrates the most fertile portion of Delaware County, and opened up to suburban settlement a most picturesque and healthful section.

## "LANSDOWNE."

### HOW LANSDOWNE OBTAINED ITS NAME.

Probably not more than a corporal's guard of the present residents of Lansdowne can recall the time when the place was known as "Darby Road Station," and to most of them it will no doubt be a revelation to learn that it was ever known by any other than its present familiar title. It was so named, however, in the summer of 1875, when Mr. Richard Griffith moved from Philadelphia to a home he had erected for himself on the plot of ground east of Kenney's Lane extending from Nyack avenue to the railroad, thus adding another to the few scattered residences then existing in the vicinity. In having furniture, etc., sent out for his new home, Mr. Griffith was very much annoyed by constant errors in the delivery of his goods to Darby station on P. W. & B. R. R., due to the similarity of names of the two stations, and tried to interest other residents in an effort to have the name changed. Not meeting with the encouragement he had expected, he decided to make an individual attempt to see what he could do by a personal application to Col. Thos. A. Scott, who was then President of the Pennsylvania R. R. Co., having his country home just across Darby Creek. Aside from the confusion incident to the similarity of names, Mr. Griffith contended that the place would not develop with such a name as "Darby Road Station." Col. Scott, after listening pleasantly to the reasons presented, said: "Well what do you want to call it?" Mr. Griffith submitted a list

of names, headed with "Scotland" and including "Lansdowne." Col. Scott objected to the first and Mr. Griffith expressed a preference for "Lansdowne", whereupon the Colonel replied, "Well, if you like that, call it that," and suggested that he see Mr. Smith, the Superintendent of the road about the matter; but Mr. Smith not seeming to take kindly to the change, Mr. Griffith, not to be balked in his undertaking, decided to "take the bull by the horns" and immediately ordered a suitable sign with the name "Lansdowne" in gilt script letters on a black ground, and had it delivered at his home, and at night had his colored man carry the sign and a ladder to the station, he following with a hatchet and nails, and fastened the sign just above the old name, paying the entire cost from his own pocket. When he stopped at Superintendent Smith's office, the next morning and announced what had been done, that gentleman resented the action as an unwarranted assumption of authority, and wanted to know what business he had to put a sign up at the station. Mr. Griffith replied that Col. Scott had told him to go ahead, so he had done so, and would be obliged to him if he would issue the necessary instructions as to the change of name, which evidently was done as the same sign remained in place for some years. Mr. Griffith lived to see the early development of this beautiful village of homes, that owes its name to his energy and perseverance.

### THE FIRST RAILROAD STATION.

Mr. Charles S. Price, a highly esteemed citizen, recently sketched the early Lansdowne (then Darby Road) Railroad Station in the following brief but comprehensive manner: Previous to 1868 the station stood on the west side of Lansdowne avenue where the freight station now stands. It was only a platform and small shed. In 1867 the Railroad Company tried for nearly a year to buy the property back of the then station where the Lewis coal yard now is. Being unable to come to terms with Mrs. Davis, they bought the property where the station now stands from the Kenney Estate, and erected the frame station house which was finished in the spring of 1868. The station contained a cellar for coal on one side of the stairway to the waiting-room from the platform, and on the other side was a room with lockers and closets for the use of patrons of the road, where could be kept umbrellas, overshoes, etc. The first floor was used as a station office and living quarters, the second floor and the attic being devoted exclusively to living quarters. The tract was a triangular one which had been cut off from the Kenney place by the Railroad. Mr. Price's father and the Railroad Company traded land to square up the tract and make it more available for railroad purposes.

## LANSDOWNE'S BUSINESS CENTRE TWENTY YEARS AGO.

### Early Conditions on East Side of Lansdowne Avenue North of the Railroad Bridge.

The block of ground bounded by Lansdowne, Highland and Madison avenues and the Railroad was in the year 1888 occupied, for the most part, as a nursery by Caspar Pennock, the owner, who in the same year and the



Homer C. Stewart  
Prominent in Lansdowne's Early  
Development.

year following rented to different persons small spaces of ground on Lansdowne avenue upon which the tenants erected their own buildings, mostly of frame construction and small in size. One of these buildings, at the corner of Lansdowne avenue and the Railroad, where the inclined walk now leads from the station platform to the avenue, was occupied as an office by the Lansdowne Heights Land Company, which was at the time represented locally by John W. Gibson, Jr., part of the building being also occupied by Daniel D. Mullin as a plumbing shop. The next building was occupied by William Saunders as a builder's office. The third structure was used as a barber shop by Charles Brophy. In the fourth building Mrs. Louisa Grabau conducted a notion store. On December 18, 1890, the entire row of buildings was destroyed by fire. A short time afterward Mr. Pennock began the erection of the present Post Office Building, which was completed for occupancy August 1, 1891. The first tenants in the new building were as follows: On the Railroad front, Charles Lewis, real estate; the Lansdowne Heights Company, (John W. Gibson,

agent,) building lots, and George H. Robbins, harness maker. Rear of the building, S. Fredericks, barber shop, and Charles McLaughlin, shoe shop. Lansdowne avenue front, W. H. Yocum & Son, grocers; Charles W. Merkle, cigars, and Mrs. Louisa Grabau, dry goods and shoes. The block bounded by Lansdowne, Baltimore, and Madison avenues and twenty-foot alley about one hundred and twenty feet east of Lansdowne avenue, contained but one building, at the southeast corner of Lansdowne and Baltimore avenues, (now occupied by the Knights of Columbus, on East Baltimore avenue,) known in those days as Brennan's Drug Store. This building was erected on the site formerly occupied by a small frame dwelling known as the "toll-gate house," which is still standing and tenanted, be-

ing located on Church street near Kellyville Church. The Brennan Drug Store property fronted about 120 feet on Baltimore avenue and south on Lansdowne avenue to the present building of William H. Worrell, the remaining lots southward to Madison avenue being devoted to tennis courts, from which a fine view of Lansdowne avenue was afforded at the residence of Caspar Pennock, now occupied by David Muncer. In the rear of the Pennock home stood the water-tank house which was the origin of the Lansdowne Water Company and its successor the present Springfield Consolidated Water Company, of which mention will be found elsewhere in this publication. Resuming the account of the block on Lansdowne avenue extending from Madison avenue to the confectionery establishment of George N. Storch, 105 feet front, Edward F. Pearson purchased from Mr. Pennock property at the corner of Madison avenue with a frontage of 25 feet. Mr. William H. Worrell purchased 30 feet, and later William Shaffner bought the remaining 60 feet and erected thereon the building now occupied by the well known grocers Beatty Bros. Mr. Pearson paid \$100 per front foot and the other purchasers \$80., about 1894; this land was valued at \$300 for lots with a fifty foot frontage in 1888, or \$6 a front foot; if vacant today they would sell for \$300 per front foot. The Pearson building was erected by William Saunders, the Shaffner building by R. K. Ingram & Bro., and the Worrell structure was moved from Fernwood, having been previously used in that nearby suburb as a public school building and later as a church, and was bought by the later Homer C. Stewart by whom it was sold to Mr. Worrell at the time of its removal from Fernwood by the veteran house mover, Mr. Hancock, of Darby, Pa. The business of the Brennan Drug Store was sold to Dr. William E. Hinkson, who conducted the business for some time, retiring after the structure had been removed by its new owner, the late Henry C. Stazell, to its present location, the present quarters of De La Salle Council, Knights of Columbus, on the south side of East Baltimore avenue, adjoining the Borough Building, in the winter of 1899 and 1900. William Saunders erected the row of stores now occupied by Harry M. Davis, pharmacy, MacDonnel & Co., dry-goods and notions, Edwin B. Lewis, real estate, and George N. Storch, confectionery. A button-ball tree of immense girth and height, with enormous limbs, stood at the southeast corner of Lansdowne and Madison avenue, and this tree Mr. Pennock had cut down in the fall of 1891, the great stump, too bulky for removal, was undermined and buried in a deep trench far below the present sidewalk in front of Mrs. Grabau's store, the work being done by Frank Cuff, a colored man of gigantic stature, who now resides near Darby, Pa.

In 1883 there were on this side of Lansdowne avenue between the railroad bridge and Marshall Road, the northern boundary line of the present borough, only two buildings. One of these was a toll-gate house on Baltimore avenue where now stands the Davis and Jessup pharmacy, and, at a long interval, the present residence of W. Albert Johnson near Marshall road. On the north side of Baltimore avenue, in the present limits of the borough, there were at this time only three buildings—the plaster-coated house near Union avenue, built by T. Elwood Bartram; the ancient structure built with imported brick, corner of Baltimore and Owen avenues, in 1732, said to have been occupied during the war of Revolution by Washington and Lafayette, and known as the "Runnymede Club House," and the residence of Dr. DeForest Willard near Windermere avenue, originally built by John B. Austin, who used it as a country-seat. On the south side of Baltimore avenue stood three houses. The house formerly occupied as a residence by its owner, J. Wesley Harris, and enlarged by him into "The Evergreen Lodge" a boarding house; the mansion of Ivan Fox, many squares distant, and the residence of the late Phillip J. Welsh,

### Some Early Conditions on West Side of Lansdowne Avenue, North of the Railroad Bridge.

The property known as the "Lansdowne Villa", originally built by T. Elwood Bartram, was owned in 1888 by the late William Mecouch, a Philadelphia builder, and was occupied by Joseph Walker and wife, the latter being a daughter of Mr. Mecouch. Mr. Walker conducted a plumbing business. The house at that time was a two story and attic, gable-roofed building. Upon Mr. Walker's vacation of the premises in 1891, Mr. Mecouch had the house enlarged in the winter and early spring of 1892, adding to it the three story "French roof" addition, and in June of that year it was opened as a first-class summer boarding house by James Mecouch, by whom it was operated for two years, when he was succeeded in business by a Mrs. Baker who fled while conducting it. After her decease the business was taken up by P. W. Custeed, who moved to Reading, Pa., April 1, 1902, when Frederick Lang took possession, he having purchased the property in January of that year. During the summer of 1902 Mr. Lang sold to the Lansdowne and Darby Trust and Saving Fund Company the land now occupied by their banking house immediately adjoining the railroad bridge. Mr. Lang carried on the baking business on the premises until April, 1906, when he retired, having leased the property to R. James Robinson the present tenant, and selling the property later to Daniel D. Mullin, by whom it was conveyed to Thomas H. Cullinan the present owner. The next property was occupied by Garrett H. Levis as a residence, which was fronted by a large, shady lawn now covered by the three stores occupied by respectively the tonsorial parlor of Frank Trommer, the plumbing establishment of Pharaoh, and the tailoring business of N. M. Talone. These stores were built by Daniel D. Mullin after he bought the property from Mr. Levis. The next property, extending to Baltimore avenue and along the latter to the line of property belonging to Thomas P. Conard, was owned by the later Homer C. Stewart, who occupied the house on the corner. Mr. Stewart was in the real estate business, and his office a one story frame structure, stood in his door yard on Lansdowne avenue, about where McGonigle's oyster house now stands, on a bank about four feet above the sidewalk. About 1891 Mr. Stewart built the four stores on Lansdowne avenue, and occupied as a real estate office, until the time of his death in November, 1904, the one now used by David J. Muncer as a plumbing shop. Mr. Stewart then, in 1891, sold to Richardson Shoemaker the remainder of the property, the later having built a brick and frame stable in the rear of the stores, and this stable having been later destroyed, Mr. Shoemaker erected the handsome building, for warehousing and stabling business, on Baltimore avenue which he now owns and conducts. In 1904 Mr. Shoemaker sold to Dr. John A. McKenna the house and incidental lot at the corner of Baltimore and Lansdowne avenues.

In 1883, a quarter of a century ago, north of the railroad bridge, on the west side of Lansdowne avenue (then the Darby and Radnor road), stood the Bartram house, subsequently the "Lansdowne Villa," above mentioned; next beyond was the house at the corner of Baltimore and Lansdowne avenues, built by Mary Owen, for Stephen Pancoast, during the year 1885, and now owned and occupied by Dr. McKenna, also hereinafter announced; beyond this structure was the Friends' Meeting House, and still further on was the farm-house of W. Albert Johnson.

### Early Conditions South of the Railroad.

That section of Lansdowne formerly known as Austynville, or West Fernwood comprised in the early eighties, upwards of thirty houses, and a

tin-mill operated by W. Austin Obdyke & Co. In those days it was a thriving little village. Obdyke & Co. removed their plant to No. 214 Broad street, Philadelphia, about 1887. Next to Austinville was located the home of a Mr. Selhelmer, which embraced three acres of land, with a large residence in the centre, the same being now owned and occupied by John C. Schappett, who purchased the property from the heirs of the late Mr. Selhelmer. On a part of this property were built the houses on what is known as Schappett Terrace. The next property, extending to Wycombe avenue, (then Kenney's Lane) was owned by the late Richard C. Griffith, the originator of the name "Lansdowne," who was a member of the sect of Friends, and this property, now occupied by the Ranna Kennels, is still owned by the Griffith Estate. The brick mill and warehouse on the west side of Wycombe avenue, between the railroad and Nyack avenue, was owned by Keeler, Farley & Phipps, who conducted a "down quilt" factory. The frame warehouse and siding were used by William Taylor as a feed warehouse and coal yard, he being succeeded in business by Robert Black, who, in turn, gave place to Samuel L. Hibberd, by whom the business was carried on until the property passed into possession of the American Ice and Coal Company.

### LANSDOWNE HIGHLANDS.

In the northeastern section of the borough is located the tract of land known as the "Lansdowne Highlands", which was formerly owned by Richard Plumstead, who conducted thereon a farm, from 1842 until the time of his death, after which the place was owned and occupied by Mary E. Plumstead who subsequently married the late Dr. Elwood Baker, who ran the farm and also attended to a large professional business. The property was sold to "The Highland Mutual Land Association in 1888 (Dr. and Mrs. Baker removing October 9 of that year to "Sunset View," built about this time by Samuel B. Bartram, at the corner of Lansdowne and Fairview avenues, where they resided until the death of the Doctor on March 1, 1892, at the age of fifty-seven). Plumstead avenue was named in honor of the late Richard Plumstead. In 1892 the farm was split up into 829 building lots, the old Plumstead mansion being at the time occupied by William H. Ryan, by whom it was enlarged and modern improvements were introduced. Mr. Ryan was a member of the borough council, he was also a successful business man, and contributed in a substantial degree to borough improvement and general development. He was President and Manager of the Lansdowne Real Estate Company, and besides developing the tract under consideration, also gave it the name "Lansdowne Highlands." The Mansion was sold by Real Estate Agent John W. Gibson to W. Frank English, the present owner and occupant, September 21, 1905. Mr. Ryan's family having removed to Philadelphia. The original Plumstead mansion was erected in 1761, and is the oldest building in Lansdowne excepting the Runnymede Club building mentioned elsewhere herein.

### LANSDOWNE HEIGHTS LAND COMPANY.

Twenty years ago that section of Lansdowne between Greenwood avenue and the Marshall Road and Lansdowne avenue, (then known as the Darby Road), and Shudeland avenue was considered "out in the country," there being only seven houses in the territory. These were No. 192 N. Lansdowne avenue, now occupied by Mr. Geissenger; the old "farm house," (still standing), now No. 19 Drexel avenue, and then occupied by Isaac Carr, who worked the Johnson farm for the owner, William Albert Johnson—this house

was reached by a lane which ran diagonally from Lansdowne avenue, north of the present Essex avenue, across the ground now owned by H. R. Burt and Robert Irwin, and passed a point being now Owen and Drexel avenues, (and when Drexel avenue was graded in 1889 by the Lansdowne Heights Land Company, they having purchased the Johnson farm and laid it out into lots, the soil from it was used in filling up the lane); the next house was a small stone dwelling occupied for many years by a man and wife who were mutes—this house is supposed to be over two hundred years old, and was located on the Jackson farm, which was also purchased by the Land Company and turned into building lots along with the Johnson tract; in 1889, J. Walter Carpenter, the present occupant of the premises, purchased the same from the Land Company and had it remodelled and enlarged, it being now No. 215 Berkley avenue; two large frame houses on the east side of Shadeland avenue, south of Drexel avenue, owned by the late Philip J. Walsh; and the residence of the late Charles Wagner, Esq., adjoining a small house, on the same side of Shadeland avenue, north of Drexel avenue, a tenant house on the Jackson farm. These seven houses were the only ones standing in the territory named twenty years ago, with a population of possibly about 40 people. The first house erected upon ground sold by the Land Company is now known as No. 75 West Greenwood avenue; it was built by Elijah Marshall for his sister, Mrs. De Negre, who still owns and occupies the premises. This section of the Borough is no longer "out in the country," but has hundreds of inhabitants, miles of streets, sidewalks, sewers, water and gas mains, is also lighted by electricity, and is otherwise supplied with all the latest and best municipal improvements. It is considered one of the most promising sections of Lansdowne.

## WYCOMBE LAND COMPANY.

### OLD COUNTRY CLUB.

Immediately adjoining the Plumstead property, and extending from that property to Wycombe avenue, was the farm owned and occupied by Lorenzo D. Black, who vacated the premises about 1893, after selling the tract to what was known as the "Wycombe Land Company," of which John J. White and Henry S. Paul were the moving principals. Mr. Black had lived on the property for thirty-nine years. The old brick farm-house, standing at the corner of Wycombe and Essex avenues, was enlarged and used as a club house in the early nineties, having been vacated when the club, now known as the "Lansdowne Country Club," selected its present handsome and extensive quarters on south Lansdowne avenue. The Land Company, in 1893, divided the property into building lots, numbering about 201 lots, and these were duly planned and offered for sale by John J. White, whose office was at 925 Chestnut street, Philadelphia. The lots faced on the following thoroughfares, viz: Marshall Road, Railroad Avenue, Eighth Avenue, Windsor Avenue, Sixth Avenue, Wildwood Avenue, Wycombe Avenue, Johnson Avenue, Wabash Avenue, Edensfeld Avenue, Blackburne Avenue, Midway Avenue and Plumstead Avenue. John J. White was a member of the Borough Council, and a lawyer of high standing, built his home, "Wycombe," in this section, the most elevated of the borough. Wycombe station, on the Philadelphia & Delaware County branch of the Pennsylvania Railroad, being but a few hundred yards distant therefrom. From the porches surrounding the residence could be seen the tower of Philadelphia's City Hall, while there was also afforded a fine view up the valley of Naylor's Run, along which nestled many beautiful places, including that of the late Anthony J. Drexel, the elder Fallon, a former owner, having been at one time American counsel of the Queen of Spain. Mr. White besides

being one of the counsel of the Philadelphia & Delaware County Railroad, was largely instrumental in procuring its construction. He was heavily interested along its line, not only in Lansdowne, where he owned some fifty acres of ground, but in Llanerch, some two miles further out on the West Chester Turnpike and trolley, where he owned about one hundred and fifty acres of desirable ground.

Adjoining the Black property, above outlined, on the south, was what was known as the "Hansell property," occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Hansell for many years. The house and four acres of ground were sold to C. E. Flutcher in 1906 and in that and the succeeding year were improved by the erection of twenty-eight two-story and attic twin suburban houses, which became known as the "Powelton District", the houses being built on Powelton and Marple (formerly Edensfield) avenues. The old Hansell farmhouse is now a grocery store, conducted by C. E. Jackson & Co., who succeeded Shields & Co., early in 1908, the latter firm having started the business early in 1907. Mrs. Hansell, while occupying the old farmhouse, became famous, many years ago, for her "home-made bread," and from a small beginning grew the well known Hansell's Bakery now located at No. 4026 Market street, West Philadelphia.

## SKETCH OF BOROUGH LOAN ISSUES.

Loan Issues of the Borough of Lansdowne have been as Follows.

YEAR	PURPOSE OF LOAN	AMOUNT
1893	Upper Darby Highway Bonds	\$55,200
1896	Sewers	25,000
1896	Sidewalks, \$2,000; Highways, \$8,000	10,000
1898	Highways	15,000
1900	Sewers	15,000
1903	Sidewalks, \$1,000; Gutters, \$2,000; Sewers, \$4,000; Town Hall, \$12,000	19,000
1904	Highways	5,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$144,200</b>

### SUMMARY OF LOAN PURPOSES.

Sewers, \$44,000. Sidewalks, \$3,000. Gutters, \$2,000. Town Hall, \$12,000. Highways, \$28,000. Upper Darby Highways, \$55,000.

The total bonded indebtedness, \$144,200, has been reduced to \$124,200, by payments from the Sinking Fund, as of March 1, 1908, on which date the cash balance of the Fund stood at \$19,273.50 exclusive of estimated receipts placed at \$3,413.28.

### HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES.

1905, \$3,768.52. 1906, \$1,677.93. 1907, Highways, \$7,370.29. Sidewalks, \$875.72; total, \$8,246.01. 1908, \$7,000 appropriated, of which \$1,000 had been already expended.

## HISTORY OF BOROUGH TAX RATES.

The following table showing the annual tax rate of the Borough of Lansdowne for Sinking Fund and Borough purposes will prove interesting and instructive:

Year	Borough Purposes Mills	Interest and Sinking Fund: Mills:	Total Tax Rate Mills:
1894	4 1-2	2	6 1-2
1895	4 1-2	2	6 1-2
1896	5	2 1-2	7 1-2
1897	4 1-2	2 3-4	7 1-4
1898	5	3 1-2	8 1-2
1899	5	3 1-2	8 1-2
1900	5	3 1-2	8 1-2
1901	4	4 1-2	8 1-2
1902	4 1-6	4 1-3	8 1-2
1903	4 1-6	4 1-3	8 1-2
1904	3 7-10	4 8-10	8 1-2
1905	3 7-10	4 8-10	8 1-2
1906	4	4 1-2	8 1-2
1907	4 1-2	4	8 1-2
1908	5	3 1-2	8 1-2

## SKETCH OF BOROUGH ASSESSMENTS.

### MARVELOUS INCREASE IN REALTY VALUES.

It is not an unwarranted stretch of imagination to announce that comparative statistics show conclusively that Lansdowne property values have advanced with really marvelous rapidity as if impelled by the constant energy of financial wizardry. In exemplification of this statement the following figures are presented: In the 80's the valuation of local property was scarcely \$100,000. The accompanying tabulated data exhibit great strides:

Year	Total Assessment	Increase Over Previous Year
1894	\$1,257,873	
1902	1,978,350	\$720,477
1903	2,035,500	56,150
1904	2,187,150	151,650
1905	2,278,365	91,215
1906	2,427,200	148,735
1907	3,051,020	623,820
1908	3,148,875	97,855

\$1,109,425

The average annual increase for the first eight years, from 1894 to 1902, was \$90,059.62.

The increase in assessment in 14 years was \$1,891,002.

The average annual increase for the last six years, 1902 to 1908, was \$194,904.16.

**LANSDOWNE BOARD OF HEALTH.**

The Board of Health of Lansdowne was organized November 1, 1893, the President of Borough Council appointing the following officers: President, Dr. William D. Kennedy, J. A. MBartram, Jno. W. Davis, H. Grim, and C. H. Dix. Jno. W. Davis as elected as Secretary, and M. T. Vandever as Health Officer. The duties and powers of the Board were defined in an "Ordinance of the Burgess and Council of the Borough of Lansdowne, for the better preservation of the public health and to prevent the spread of communicable disease," passed in 1891, and later on powers conferred by Act of Assembly of April 3, 1851, Article 1, P. L. 329 of the Laws of Pennsylvania. The present personnel of the Board, 1908 includes: President Dr. William D. Kennedy, C. E. Ebrey, Samuel F. Irwin, John C. Roberts, and Wm. A. McEwen. John J. H. Phillips is secretary, and Thomas G. Janvier, Health Officer.

**THE FIRST BOROUGH POLITICAL BATTLE.**

The following reprint of a news item published June 20, 1893, a little over a month after Borough Incorporation, will show how politics stood in those days, and will, also, no doubt prove interesting reading to many of the first citizens: The four tickets in the field stood as follows:

**BURGESS:**

- Republican
- George M. Wagner
- Citizens'
- Wm. H. Barker, D.
- Democrat
- Wm. H. Barker, D.
- Conserv. Local Govt.
- Wm. H. Barker, D.
- COUNCIL:**
- Republican
- Jas. Garrett
- W. A. Johnson
- S. B. Brosius
- S. B. Cunningham
- A. H. Postel
- C. M. Wagner
- Citizens'
- Casper Pennock, Pro.
- H. C. Stewart, R.
- George W. Thorpe, R.
- F. M. Longstreth, D.
- A. H. Postel, R.
- Wm. H. Ryan, D.
- Democrat
- Caspar Pennock, Pro.
- H. C. Stewart, Rep.
- Geo. W. Thorpe, R.
- F. M. Longstreth, D.
- A. H. Postel, R.
- Wm. H. Ryan, D.
- Conserv. Local Govt.
- Jas. Garrett, R.
- W. A. Johnson, R.
- S. G. Brosius, R.
- F. M. Longstreth, D.
- S. B. Cunningham, R.
- Caspar Pennock, Pro.

**SCHOOL DIRECTORS:**

- Republican
- I. P. Garrett
- M. T. Vandever
- Jos. Fleming
- F. R. Fackler
- E. B. Lewis
- W. P. Freeborn
- Citizens'
- I. P. Garrett, R.
- Rebecca S. Conrad, Pro.
- Jas. P. Breen, R.
- E. B. Lewis, R.
- W. F. English, R.
- Democrat
- I. P. Garrett, R.
- Rebecca S. Conrad, Pro.
- Jas. P. Breen, R.
- E. B. Lewis, R.
- W. F. English, R.
- Conserv. Local Govt.
- I. P. Garrett, R.
- E. V. Kane, Ind. Dem.
- Rebecca S. Conrad, Pro.
- E. R. Fackler, R.
- Jos. Fleming, R.
- M. T. Vandever, R.

**TAX COLLECTOR & ASSESSOR**

- Republican
- William Bartram
- Citizens'
- William Saunders, R.
- Democrat
- Henry Albertson, R.
- William Saunders, R.
- Conserv. Local Govt.
- William Bartram, R.

## ASSISTANT ASSESSORS.

Republican  
 Henry Albertson  
 S. B. Bartram  
 Citizens'  
 Henry Albertson, R.  
 John S. Wilson, R.  
 Democrat  
 Henry Albertson, R.  
 John S. Wilson, R.  
 Conserv. Local Govt.  
 Henry Albertson, R.  
 S. E. Bartram, R.

## JUSTICE OF PEACE:

Republican  
 Charles Janvier  
 Citizens'  
 Charles Janvier  
 Democrat  
 Charles Janvier  
 Conserv. Local Govt.  
 Charles Janvier

## AUDITORS:

Republican  
 L. Marshall  
 J. W. Davis  
 H. B. Stiles  
 Citizens'  
 L. Marshall, R.  
 Democrat  
 L. Marshall, R.  
 J. W. Davis, R.  
 Thomas Hughes, D.  
 Conserv. Local Govt.  
 L. Marshall, R.  
 J. W. Davis, R.  
 H. B. Stiles, R.

## CONSTABLE:

Republican  
 William Rementer  
 Citizens'  
 William Rementer, R.  
 Democrat.  
 William Rementer, R.  
 Conserv. Local Govt.  
 William Rementer, R.

## DARBY AND HAVERFORD ROAD.

Att a Court held att Chester for ye County of Chester ye 3d day in yo 1st Weeke of the 10th moneth 1687." (Dec. 6th, 1687.)

"Ordered that ye Township of Darby finde out a Conventent High way from thence to ye Township of Hartford."

"Ordered alsoe that High wayes be laid out by ye Grand Inquest or any five of them from Newtowne Marple and Springfield to ye landing att Amos Land."

"Att a Court held att Chester for ye County o Chester ye sixth day of ye 1st moneth 1687." (1688, N. S.)

"A High way laid out by ye grand Jury and other neighbors betwixt Hartford and Darby upon ye 7th day of the twelwe moneth 1687, Beginning at Widdow Panthirs (Painter's) and from thence on ye head lyne betwixt ye said Widdows land and ye land of John Lewis from thence Crosse ye land of William Howell from thence acrossse ye land of Arthur Bruce from thence crosse ye land of Henry Lewis thence Enting the Township of Darby from thence Crosse ye land of Adam Roads thence crosse ye land of John Kirk then Crosse ye land of Mathew Gratton then crosse ye land of Joshua firne then crosse ye land of William Garrett then Crosse ye land of Michael Blunstone then crosse ye land of George Wood then Crosse ye land of Robert Smith then Crosso ye land of Thomas Worth thence Coming vpon the land of Joshua firne soe downe ye Towne Street of Darby to ye Kings road and soe to ye Landing this High way to be sixty foote as need requires.

William Garrett  
 Richard Parker  
 Edmond Cartledge

Thomas Bradshaw  
 Thomas Ilox

**SOME EARLY ENGINEERING FACTS.**



**THIS ENGINEER CORPS SURVEYED AND LAID OUT LANSDOWNE BOROUGH.**

(Reading from right to left: Thomas G. Janvier, Borough Engineer; Henry A. Burkholder and Oscar Evans, assistants.)

This survey was commenced in February, 1893, embraced about 640 acres and 23 miles of streets.

First borough survey was started in February, 1893.

Territory embraced by first borough survey covered about 640 acres.

First borough survey embraced about 23 miles of streets.

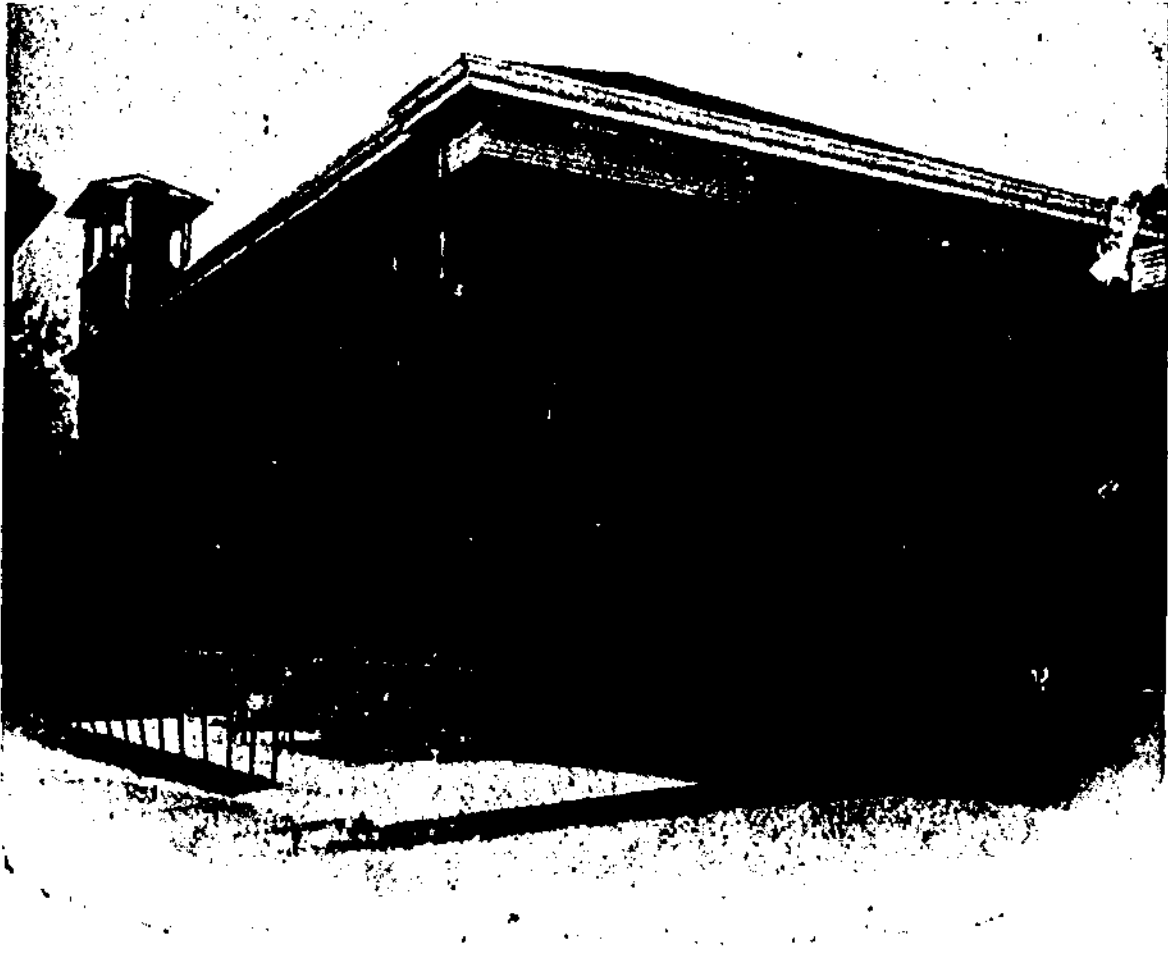
First sewer was laid on Lansdowne avenue, in April and May, 1892.

First cement sidewalk was laid on Lansdowne avenue in July, 1895.

First roadway construction was in 1888 and 1889, previous to borough incorporation, from Darby to Garrettford Road, representing Lansdowne avenue, or Darby and Radnor Road. The work was the result of efforts of the Lansdowne Drive Improvement Company, composed of such wellknown and prominent men as Messrs. A. J. Drexel, Joel J. Bully, Richard Y. Cook and others. The cost of construction was about \$10,000 per mile, and was met by private subscription.

Length of sewer system, main and branch, laid by the first borough engineers was 8 miles, and the cost approximated \$30,000.

## HISTORY OF BOROUGH OFFICIALS CHRONOLOGICALLY OFFERED.



**BOROUGH BUILDING, LANSDOWNE.**  
Headquarters Lansdowne Fire Company.

June 7, 1893.

The Borough of Lansdowne was incorporated June 7, 1893.

July 9, 1893:

The first Borough Council was organized in the School House, with the following personnel, viz:—W. Albert Johnson, Frank M. Longstreth, S. B. Cunningham, Caspar Pennock, S. G. Brosius, and A. H. Postel.

Chief Burgess, William H. Barker.

President of Council, W. Albert Johnson.

Temporary Secretary, A. H. Postel.

Borough Solicitor, L. L. Smith.

July 11, 1893:

H. L. Warren elected Secretary.

C. B. Shoemaker elected Treasurer.

August 9, 1893:

Borough borrowed on Note of Caspar Pennock, drawn to order of W. Albert Johnson and C. B. Shoemaker, \$400 from the Darby, Pa., Bank at 6 per cent. interest.

The Provident Life and Trust Company, of Philadelphia, Pa., was the depository of the first Borough funds.

Thomas G. Janvier elected Borough Surveyor.

February, 1894:

James Garrett elected to Council.

William Bartram elected Tax Collector.

February, 1895:

Francis G. Taylor, G. W. Thorp, B. Hallowell, Jr., J. A. Bartram, W. H. Clawson, and S. G. Brosius elected to Council.

July, 1896:

Edwin B. Lewis appointed Tax Collector by the Court to fill the unexpired term of William Bartram.

February, 1897:

Homer C. Stewart elected to Council.

J. J. White elected to Council in place of W. Frank English.

Chief Burgess, W. Frank English.

President of Council, Homer C. Stewart.

Borough Solicitor, Frank M. Cody.

Tax Collector, Edwin B. Lewis.

March, 1898:

Joseph S. Vanzandt and John M. Ridings and William H. Ryan entered Council.

President of Council, Francis G. Taylor.

1899:

Frank T. Davis, Sr., C. Kirby, J. M. Andrews, and W. H. Clawson elected to Council.

President of Council, John M. Ridings.

Borough Solicitor, Fred Taylor Pusey.

Highway Commissioner, Benj. Walters.

1900:

John Jackson elected to Council.

Chief Burgess, Frank T. Davis, Sr.

President of Council, John M. Ridings.

Borough Solicitor, L. L. Smith, on 21st ballot.

Building Inspector, William Saunders.

Highway Commissioner, Wm. C. Smith.

1901:

C. Wilfred Conard elected to Council.

W. H. Barker was appointed March 4, 1901, to fill the place of W. H. Clawson.

1902:

John W. Davis, Leander Marshall, and Edward F. Pearson elected to Council.

President of Council, Edward F. Pearson.

Borough Treasurer, Walter C. Powell.

Borough Surveyor, R. P. Green.

1903:

John A. McKenna elected to Council.

Borough Solicitor, Francis G. Taylor.

Building Inspector, James A. Maguire.

September 9, 1903:

John W. Davis appointed Secretary of Borough Council vice H. L. Warren, resigned.

Edwin B. Lewis appointed architect of the Borough Town Hall. Reynolds and Caldwell, contractors.

October 9, 1903:

Robert Crawford elected to Council to fill the unexpired term of John W. Davis.

1904:

C. H. Eppelshelmer elected to Council.

E. D. Salter, Building Inspector, appointed in 1905.

1905:

William H. Hirst, Jno. C. Hines, and S. John Pylo entered Council.

1906:

W. Frank English elected to Council.

Chief Burgess, Robert Crawford.

Borough Solicitor, Frank M. Cody.

Fire Marshall, Louis J. Eagle.

1907:

Claude A. Simpler and John Jackson elected to Council.

Borough Surveyor, A. F. Damon.

Highway Commissioner, Samuel L. Hibberd.

1908:

A. Culver Boyd, William C. Shuster, Jr., and Harry M. Davis elected to Council.

Borough Solicitor, Fred Taylor Pusey.

Borough Surveyor, A. F. Damon.

Building Inspector, Cornelius McCullough.

Highway Commissioner, William C. Smith.

February 16, 1909:

Benjamin W. Carskaddon elected Chief Burgess.

William A. McEwen elected to Council.

### BOROUGH OFFICERS IN 1908.

Chief Burgess, Capt. Robert Crawford.

Members of Council, Claude A. Simpler, John A. McKenna, John Jackson, W. Frank English, A. Culver Boyd, William C. Shuster, Jr., and Harry M. Davis.

President of Council, Claude A. Simpler.

Secretary of Council, John W. Davis.

Treasurer, Walter C. Powell.

Borough Solicitor, Fred Taylor Pusey.

Borough Engineer, A. F. Damon, Jr.

Real Estate Assessor, John C. Hilbert.

Tax Collector, Edwin B. Lewis.

Building Inspector, Cornelius McCullough.

Highway Commissioner, William C. Smith.

Highway Inspectors, (Temporary), Arthur Moorshhead and J. Park Steen.

Justice of the Peace, Charles Janyter and Edward L. Donnelly.

Constable, R. James Robinson.

### ANDERSON TRACT.

(SEE ADV.)

This beautiful tract of land about 22 acres, is distant  $6\frac{1}{2}$  miles from the City Hall, Philadelphia, and, under building improvements now being steadily prosecuted by the owner, Mr. George W. Stutzell, will ere long stand out as a splendid example of the ideal suburban residential spot of Delaware County. The following brief historic sketch of the tract speaks volumes on local increase in real estate values.

April 2, 1839, William Lincoln conveyed to Robert M. Smith 21 acres more or less, the consideration being \$1,350. This was what is now known as the

Anderson Tract, beginning on the north side of Marshall Road and extending along Lansdowne Avenue to the Garrett Road.

May 27, 1808, Robert M. Smith conveyed this property to Archibald An-

derson, the consideration being \$9,050, and the deed of conveyance was attached a \$10 Internal revenue stamp used to provide for liquidation of national indebtedness incurred by the Civil War.

September 28, 1905, Robert Anderson and Mary Ann Anderson, Executors of the Estate of Archibald Anderson, deceased, conveyed the property to George W. Statzell, the consideration being \$30,725.

### THE LOBB FARM.

#### (THE JOHNSON TRACT.)

The Lobb farm embraced over 100 acres in Upper Darby Township, now in the northern section of Lansdowne Borough. The first stone farm-house and residence of the family still stands on the west side of Lansdowne avenue. Mrs. William Albert Johnson's great-grandfather, Thomas Lobb, resided in the old dwelling. The son, named Thomas, and his son John, Mrs. Johnson's father, lived in this house. In 1858 John Lobb built the large house on the east side of the avenue, at the edge of the Borough. It is of stone, colored white, surrounded by a broad, well-kept lawn, trees and shrubbery lending a special charm to the grounds. John Lobb died in 1877, and the place is now the home of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson. The farm around the mansion was known as "Thorough Plain." During the year 1908 upwards of 80 acres of the Johnson farm were sold to the Lansdowne Lead Syndicate and the McWater West Company, these parties cutting their acquisitions up into building lots, many of which have been sold and some already improved by the erection of fine residences. The east side of the tract has curbs and gutters and cement pavement from Essex avenue up to the mansion grounds, one square south of Marshall Road, and from Lansdowne avenue to First avenue, the latter thoroughfare having been opened northward from Essex avenue in December, 1908. On the south side of Essex avenue, between Lansdowne and First avenues six suburban houses were started by W. C. Shuster, Jr., in December, 1908.

### PART OF ORIGINAL POWELL FARM.

The property on which stands the row of houses bounded by Stewart, McKinley, Union & Wycombe avenues was part of the original Powell farm. The four acres passed into the possession of Nicholas Milloy, father of James Milloy, an old Borough resident, upwards of thirty years ago. Mr. Milloy conducted a dairy and tilled the soil until old age compelled him to retire from active pursuits. Shortly after his death the property was sold to a syndicate, and from them passed into the possession of Edgar T. Bishop, who began the building operation in the fall of 1898, and completing it the following spring.



### THE BARKER BUILDING.

The Barker Building, at the northwest corner of Baltimore and Lansdowne avenues, was erected by William H. Barker in 1893. Morgan Hurling was the architect. The building, a three-story one, is of local gray stone, with trimmings of India limestone, and is equipped with modern improvements. It fronts 150 feet on Lansdowne avenue and 60 feet on Baltimore avenue. Among the early occupants were the St. John's Club, an audience hall, and builders, lawyers, a dressmaker, an artist, and a printer, on the second floor, and a hardware store, stove store, pharmacy, the Lansdowne Water Company office, and the Borough Tax Collector's office, on the first floor. Mr. Barker, who is engaged in the granite and marble business with offices in Philadelphia, was the first Burgess of Lansdowne Borough, and now resides in one of the most attractive homes in the Borough, at 117 North Lansdowne avenue.

### BLANCHPIERRE

The home of Francis G. Taylor, Esq., known as "Blanchpierre" built on a two-and-one-half-acre lawn, at the corner of LaCrosse and Lansdowne avenues, was erected in 1891, by Edgar T. Bishop, builder, of Lansdowne, on designs by Hazelhurst & Huckel. The material is Avondale marble.

**RUNNYMEDE**

The old estate on the Garrett Road, west of the Darby Road, was purchased of William V. Black by Christopher Fallon, Esq., of Philadelphia, in 1839, who constructed a stone mansion. The pine trees were brought from Ireland. The name came from the old family seat of the Fallons in Rosecommon County, Ireland. Queen Christina, of Spain, had made Mr. Fallon her lawyer, in this county, she owing to government disturbances having thought of seeking refuge in the United States, and as Mr. Fallon built the house about that time, a rumor, that continued for a generation, made the new house her property, and her proposed haven of safety. This was, however, an error. The Queen's husband was the Duke of Rianzares. Mr. Fallon's widow sold the property to Athony J. Drexel in 1882.

**ORIGINAL SHOEMAKER HOUSE.**

The original Richardson Shoemaker home, at the corner of Baltimore and Lansdowne avenues, was built by Mary Owen in 1835, and occupied by Stephen Pancoast, who conducted therein for several years a general store; it was also used for store and business purposes by Thomas Gray, Thomas Snyder, J. Brogan and A. Powell & Son, until 1844, when Dr. Small occupied it as a residence. Homer C. Stewart bought the property in 1883, and, after remodelling the interior, occupied it for several years, and Richardson Shoemaker purchased it from him in 1891.

**FEDERAL INTERESTS.  
POST OFFICE**

In 1888, the Lansdowne Post Office was located at the intersection of the railroad and Elberon avenue, in the door-yard of the present home of Squire

Charles Janyler, and consisted of a frame building 10x12 feet, in charge of Mrs. Maryanna Bliss appointed November 14, 1882, who occupied the adjoining house, and the Post Office force at the time included herself and a boy, named Harry Kahler, who carried the mail bags to and from the trains. In 1889 the Post Office was removed to the old railroad station; this building contained station and dwelling, and was occupied by John C. Hilbert, Ticket Agent, and family. When Mr. Hilbert was appointed Postmaster, July 22, 1889, he turned what had been his parlor into a Post Office, where it remained until the appointment of the late H. A. Noeckel as Postmaster, January 15, 1896, the office being then removed to its present location. Mr. Noeckel was succeeded July 8, 1897, by the present Postmaster, Hon. Isaac P. Garrett. After the office had been transferred to the railroad station the little frame building used as an office by Mrs. Bliss was purchased by Richardson Shoemaker, and stood for a number of years in his door-yard at Lansdowne and Baltimore avenues, and was occupied by Charles Janyler as a Real Estate office and in performance of his duties as Justice of the Peace. The building is now located at No. 8 West Baltimore avenue, Mr. Shoemaker having removed to this point after selling his corner home to Dr. John A. McKenna. It is



Hon. Isaac P. Garrett  
Postmaster, Lansdowne, Pa.  
President  
Lansdowne School Board.

now occupied by J. R. Roberts as a harness shop. The Post Office was established in Lansdowne with the appointment of George C. Dickinson, as Postmaster on January 20, 1880. He was succeeded by G. Bliss, who was appointed November 1, 1882, and the latter's successor, Mrs. Maryanna Bliss, was appointed November 14, 1882.

## EDUCATIONAL.

### LANSDOWNE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Of the various institutions of Lansdowne none can compare with the public school in the number of persons daily employed throughout the school year, and in the importance of the work done. Situated on Baltimore avenue near the centre of the borough, the property presents an attractive appearance with its beautiful lawn, well kept buildings, and general entourage. Citizens should be justly proud of the manner in which the Board of School Directors and the Principal of the School look after every detail



Prof. Walter L. Phillips  
Principal  
Lansdowne Public  
School.

of repair, improvement, curriculum, and such other features as are essential to the proper housing, entertainment, and education and training of children of the borough. The aim of the school is to establish in girls and boys the elements of character that will warrant success in life—to equip them with a good elementary and secondary school education. The oldest part of the school building was completed in 1891, having been built jointly by the Upper Darby Township school district and several citizens of Lansdowne who subscribed \$2,500, towards building the hall now used for high school purposes. The Upper Darby School Board paid these citizens for the hall, and when Lansdowne became a borough in 1893 the school building became the property of the newly incorporated borough. At this time there were 92 pupils and three teachers, and of these Miss Edna Hall, now teacher of the high school, was the second teacher appointed. Owing to the rapid increase in population and the enrollment of pupils it became necessary to build an addition of four rooms, which was done in 1893, the number of pupils having increased to 250 and of teachers to six. In 1898, in order to keep pace

with still further growth in population, another addition had to be built, the number of pupils then being 450 and teachers 16. In anticipation of future needs, the School Board very wisely in 1898 purchased the ground which now forms the largest part of the school campus.

In June, 1892, Miss Emille Groce, now teacher of mathematics in the high school, was transferred by the Upper Darby School Board to the Lansdowne School to assume charge of the high school about to be established. Miss Elizabeth Lyster, teacher of English in the present high school, was added to the teaching force in the fall of 1892.

Physical Culture was introduced into the curriculum in 1893, and Miss Carter, now the wife of Mrs. William H. Worrell of this borough, was placed in charge of it; she also taught Drawing and Penmanship in the schools. Music was added in 1891. For a year, in 1893, Lansdowne was somewhat conspicuous in having two school boards, one elected by Upper Darby Township and the other by Lansdowne. Report has it that entire harmony cannot be said to have existed. The Upper Darby members were

elected on the first Monday of June, which preceded June 7, 1893, when the Borough of Lansdowne was incorporated and therefore entitled to its own members. During the year 1893 the financial matters of the School Board were under the full control of the Upper Darby members of the Board.

The ensuing years brought changes in teachers and pupils, classes were graduated annually until in 1895 an even hundred diplomas had been awarded. Since that time 22 more have been granted. A list of graduates, by years, will be next announced:

1895, Emily L. Hibberd, Elsie Robertson, Kate A. Beale, 1896, May E. Pearson, Amelia V. Lavender, Elizabeth Haigh, William M. Dill, Gertrude Vandever, Carrie Cunningham, Amos Beadle, Samuel L. Hibberd, Jr. 1897, Anna M. Powell, Dobble Garrett, Mary Newton, Alice Hannold, M. Sophronia Beatty. 1898, Emma L. Lyster, Lena Powell, Alice Beadle. 1899, Lewis B. Custer, Lenore D. Dowdell, May H. Edwards, Bertha T. Freeborn, Endora Preston Hagy, Anna M. Hall, Robert S. Hunter, Gertrude S. Patterson, Dora Pearson, Elizabeth Pearson, Emma W. Powell, Alice M. Ridings, Bertha Powell Smith, Helen A. Strangher, Edith Vandever Walker, Eleanor W. Woods, Jeanno W. Nichols. 1900, Florence Amelia Freeborn, Ethel T. Hetherington, Alma L. Janvier, Ella G. Steen, Edith H. Powell, John Shaffner, Jr., William LeR. Robertson, Robert D. Taylor, Frank T. Davis, Jr. 1901, Abigail Simmons, Gertrude Alden, Florence Lowden, Jennie Shoester, Lydia Gardner, May Taylor, Florence Hess, Mary W. Ferry, Christine Nichols, Catherine Fisher, Anna Cromie, May Hughes, Virginia Evans, John Hughes, Reba T. Custer. 1902, Evelyn Eldredge, Ethel Warren, Emma Hoffner, Bessie Knight, Lily Paterson, Marie Stetser, Kirby Haigh, Charles Simons. 1903, Alexander Boyd, Earle G. Morgan, Margaret M. Ryan, Ida M. McCorkle, Elsie MacAllister, Reta S. Wallace, Gertrude De Haquenele, Anna V. Beadle, Frances Woods, Elizabeth Woods. 1904, Ethel M. Powell, Anna French, Alma Robertson, Eva Shiver, Nelly Baker, Grace B. Maxwell, Ethel J. B. McLaughlin, W. Raymond Evans, Florence Schappett, Edith A. Corbin, Laura G. Wagenknight, Lillian D. Taylor, Edith A. Lauer. 1905, Edith M. Brown, Dorothy Lloyd, Edna M. Nell, Anna E. Palmer, Emma T. Schappett, Velma T. Simms, Verona A. Spicer, Rebecca S. Stackhouse. 1906, Florence A. Garrett, M. Clara Hertel, Miriam W. Hines, Elma C. Kirk, Marie G. Loughuey, Mary J. Sullivan, Helen S. Thomas, Mabel Wallace, Emma Warrell, M. Carleton Cowles, Ralph P. Earle. 1907, Elizabeth K. Clothier, Ella H. Wallace, Helen Lewis, Katharine S. Myers. 1908, Alma P. Wallace, William H. Blester, Ella Clark, Helen Cook, Lydia W. Reinsteln, R. Bon Davis, Clement A. Fowler.

The first school board of Lansdowne consisted of the following members: Isaac P. Garrett, President; Edwin B. Lewis, Secretary; Matthew Vandever, Treasurer; William P. Freeborn; Joseph Fleming, and Edward Packler. The present school board is made up as follows: Isaac P. Garrett, President; William P. Freeborn, Secretary; James T. Stewart, Treasurer; Frank T. Davis, Sr.; J. Eugene Baker; and John D. S. Brooks. Other persons who have served on the school board are: Charles M. Corbin, Henry C. Stutzell, Nathan D. Bartram, Frederick A. Genth, and Walter R. Livingston.

Those who will pause to consider will admit that much credit is due those who have served the district faithfully as directors and teachers, and who acted as pioneers in one of the greatest fields of human endeavor. A modern school system is now in operation and open to the inspection of critics of all degrees. Instruction and practice in a complete and up-to-date Physical Training department are given four days of the week in all grades. Manual Training and Drawing are appropriately combined in one department, training being given throughout all the grades and the high school. Work in a thorough Music department likewise extends throughout the schools. Exhibitions of work in these three latter departments were given in 1908, when patrons were afforded an opportunity of seeing the possibilities allied to the branches. With the addition of German in the high school curriculum, and laboratory work in physics; with the supplementing

of advanced courses in History and English, together with courses formerly established, the high school offers training equivalent to that provided by the best known similar educational institutions. The manual training shops and physical laboratory are equipped with high grade apparatus. Four new typewriters were added to the Commercial Department in 1908, and large space was given to this branch. An Athletic Association, recently organized, offers opportunities to boys to participate in many sports, also to meet teams of equal standing from other representative schools. Girls as well as boys play basketball, engage in track and field sports, and take part in work of the gymnasium. All athletic work is under careful and capable supervision.

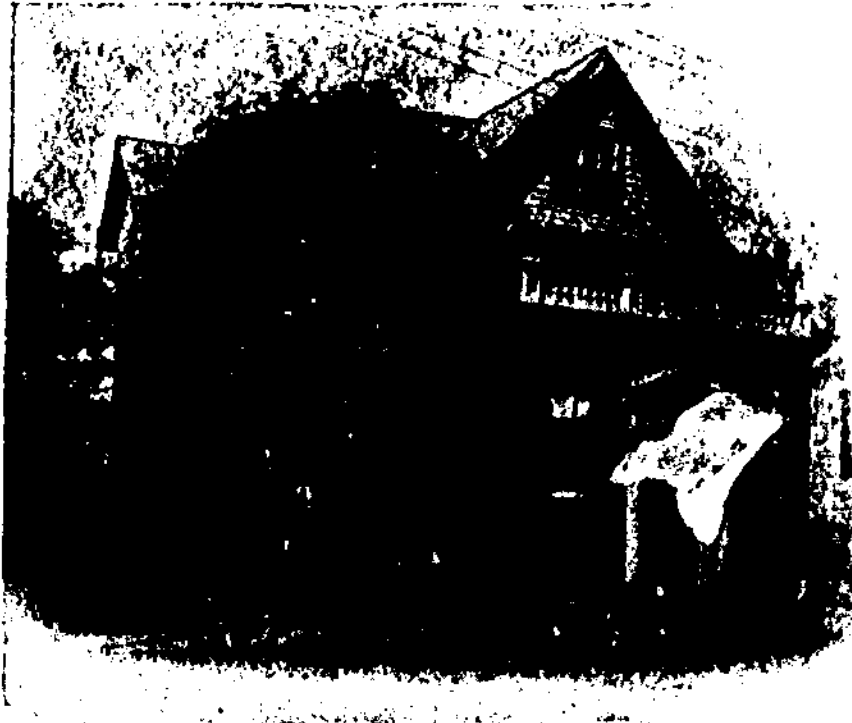
The number of pupils in the high school on October 1, 1908, was 142, nearly twice the number enrolled two years previous. The upper grades especially are full and the time is not far distant when it will be necessary to have more spacious rooms for high school development. A larger building and a large faculty will justify and call for a riper and higher curriculum and more thorough training. With the introduction of departmental work in grades and high school better training of teachers is required and specialists will ere long be demanded for all departments of school work, to insure



LANSDOWNE PUBLIC SCHOOL.

the greatest efficiency. There is a standing cordial invitation to patrons to visit and inspect the schools, as the school officials and teachers desire the fullest possible co-operation of citizens in all that relates to the maintenance and upbuilding of the borough educational system.

The school tax prior to organization of the borough and for 1894 the first year that the borough authorities fixed the rate was 3½ mills, in 1895 it was 4½ mills, and continued to increase, with normal development of local educational interests and requirements until in 1905 it was 9 mills, in 1906 it was 9 mills, and in 1907 and 1908, notwithstanding the school system has largely grown in all essential and important directions, it was 8 mills.



LANSDOWNE FREE LIBRARY.

Under the provisions of the Act of June 28, 1895, the Lansdowne Public Library was organized March 29, 1899, with the following officers: Frederic M. Spiers, chairman; Henry C. Stutzell, vice-chairman; William P. Freeborn, ex-officio Secretary; Charles M. Corbin, ex-officio Treasurer; Hon. Isaac P. Garrett, (President of School Board), ex-officio; Edward V. Kane; Charles M. Wagner; Mrs. Rebecca S. Conard; Miss Anna Woolman; and Miss Annie Sinclair Register, Librarian. The Library was opened to the public June 3, 1899, with 1,345 books. It occupied rooms in the public school building until October 3, 1905, when it was removed with 3,100 volumes and an enrolled membership of 676, to its present quarters at the north-east corner of the school campus fronting on Baltimore and Highland avenues, and William P. Drew succeeded Miss Register as Librarian. In May, 1904, pressure being brought upon the school board to secure further school accommodations, and in order to meet the demands for the proper housing of the Free Public Library, as well also as being confronted with the fact of another possible purchaser therefor being in the field, they decided it was judicious and, indeed, necessary to acquire the corner property herein referred to, in order to prevent encroachment upon the school site. The price paid was \$8,000, there being at the time a building erected thereon which had cost \$6,000. To fit up this building to meet the requirements of the Library also for two class-rooms on the second floor and an ample store room on the third floor, the board entered into a contract with

William C. Shuster, Jr., representing \$2,630. Bonds amounting to \$8,000 were issued May 21, 1904, to pay for this corner property, and on June 3, 1904, a \$1,000 ground-rent was executed for the same purpose. About this time a proposition was considered involving the acceptance of \$10,000, for a Carnegie Library Building, to which was incident a guaranteed annual maintenance fund of \$1,000, and other requirements usually allied to this manner of gift. For various good reasons, duly announced at a special public meeting held for the purpose, the offer was declined, and the course above outlined was pursued.

The Library in October, 1908, contained 4,467 books, and an enrollment of 1,437 members. The present officers are: Trustees, Capt. Robert Crawford, Chairman; Claude A. Simpler, Vice-Chairman; Rev. Crosswell McBee, Secretary; Joseph Fleming, Treasurer; Hon. Isaac P. Garrett, ex-officio; J. Herbert Ogden; Prof. George H. Hallett; and William P. Drew, Librarians.

### ST. PHILOMENA'S PAROCHIAL SCHOOL

St. Philomena's Parochial School is located on the Church property immediately adjoining St. Philomena's R. C. Church, at the corner of Baltimore and Highland avenues. The school had its initial opening Tuesday, September 3, 1907, with the following corps of teachers: Principal, the Rev. Mother M. Raymond, assisted by Sister M. Luigi who was also in charge of the Commercial course; Sister M. Edna; Sister M. Perpetua; Sister M. Basil; and Sister M. Mercedes, who had charge of the musical course. These teachers were appointed Saturday, August 17, 1907, and opening day marked their first day in Lansdowne. The new school building was consecrated to educational purposes Wednesday evening, May 29, 1907, when a brilliant and largely attended progressive euchre and dance was given in the spacious hall, all parts of the building being at the same time thrown open for inspection. P. J. Hurley, of Philadelphia, was the builder. The structure was started July 1906, and was erected on a site with a frontage of 60 feet and a depth of 112 feet. It is of straight range work, exclusively Pont Deposit stone being used. The interior throughout is finished in oak and is fully provided with the most approved modern facilities. There are eight class rooms on the first floor. On the second floor is the auditorium, with a seating capacity for 800 persons, and a spacious stage, both electrically illuminated, the auditorium having 22 electric lights or the drop pattern, and the stage 16 foot-lights, fireproofed with asbestos and tin, there being also good side-lights. Each class room on the first floor has two large combined fixtures, 4 electric lights and 4 gas jets, and each room is well ventilated with a large transom over each door and three large windows to a room. Toilet rooms with wash-stands and all accessories are located on the second floor. At the rear of the building is a lavatory complete in every detail. In the attic are commodious storage rooms. The roof is slated, with copper cornices and copper rain conductors. The building cost about \$30,00. The idea of erecting a school building originated with the Rector of the Parish, the Rev. Francis J. Markee, who began his Borough Church work on January 29, 1898. The school is now one of Lansdowne's most prominent educational centres, as is it one of the handsomest buildings in the Borough. The School was formally dedicated by Archbishop Ryan on Sunday, September 22, 1907.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

### LANSDOWNE FIRE COMPANY.



**James T. Stewart,**  
 Manufacturer.  
 President Lansdowne Fire Co.  
 Member and Treasurer  
 Lansdowne School Board.

The Lansdowne Fire Company, with quarters on the first or ground floor of the Borough Building, on East Baltimore avenue, was organized December 8, 1894, and incorporated and chartered November 9, 1897. The first officers of the Company were: President, Joseph S. Vanzandt; Vice-President, B. H. Archer; Secretary, William C. Smith; Treasurer, Charles M. Wagner; Chief Joseph L. Lowden; 1st Assistant Chief, Robert Gillilan; 2nd Assistant Chief, H. B. Stites; other officers: John C. Hilbert, Geo. M. Wagner, Chas. M. Corbin, Harry Hilblitt, Wm. Smedley, Wm. F. Shaffner, A. M. Brown, John M. Ridings, J. W. Warren, W. P. Freeborn. The officers as of October 1, 1908, were: President, James T. Stewart; Vice-President, J. Herbert Ogden; Secretary, Wm. F. Shaffner; Treasurer, B. H. Shoemaker, 3rd; Chief, Cornelius McCullough; 1st Assistant Chief, John Hefner; 2nd Assistant Chief, James J. McCullough; Executive Committee, Daniel D. Mullin, Dr. John A. McKenna, and George N. Storch. Finance Committee, Louis J. Eagle, Charles J. Woehar, and J. W. Kershaw. House Committee, A. J. Hefner, Wm. J. Hall and P. Richards. The following com-

ment appeared in a local paper September 29, 1908: The building in which the Company is housed cost \$13,000, and is owned by the borough. The rolling-stock, or purely vehicular equipment, called for total expenditures of about \$3,500; the apparatus, general equipment and uniforms about \$3,500. The entire operating outfit, according to the fire marshal, represents approximately \$8,000. The membership roll contains the names of upwards of 175 active and contributing members, the active members numbering about 70. The Fire Company owned the lot on which the Borough Building stands, and sold it to the Borough for \$2,000, to be paid off at the rate of \$100 a year. The Fire Company pay the Borough a nominal rental of One Dollar per annum.

### Firemen's Relief Association, Lansdowne, Pa.

#### Lansdowne Fire Company.

The Firemen's Relief Association, conducted in the interest of members of the Lansdowne Fire Company, was organized August 16, 1899, and incorporated December 20, in the same year. The first officers were: President, Joseph L. Lowden; Vice-President, B. H. Archer; Secretary, Wm. C. Smith; Treasurer, William F. Shaffner; Trustees, Robert Gillilan, J. W. Warren, James J. McCullough, Wm. Bradley, and B. H. Shoemaker, 3rd. The officers as of October 1, 1908, were: President, B. H. Archer; Vice-

President, John Hefer; Secretary, Fred J. Riley; Treasurer, Wm. F. Shaffner; Trustees, H. B. Miller, James T. Stewart and Louis J. Eagle. The object of the Association is the accumulation of a fund, from the annual dues of its members, legacies, bequests, gifts and other sources, for the purpose of relieving firemen who may be disabled, through sickness or accident, while in the performance of their duties as active firemen of the Borough of Lansdowne, and in case of death for the benefit of a member's widow, orphans, or estate. Stated meetings are held monthly, on the first Monday of each month, immediately after the regular meeting of the Fire Company.

### LANSDOWNE BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATION.

The Lansdowne Building & Loan Association was formed in 1889, its nineteenth annual statement having been issued as of January, 1908. This statement showed a net amount for distribution amounting to \$367,406.95. The chief assets consisted of Real Estate Loans, 1st Mortgages, \$340,500.00; Stock Loans, \$16,750.00; Cash on hand, \$6,222.76; Real Estate, \$950.00. The officers are: President, Morgan Bunting; Vice-President, John Jackson; Secretary, George Foster White; Treasurer, Anna Woolman; Directors, Morgan Bunting, John Jackson, George Foster White, Anna Woolman, Arthur Shrigley, Samuel S. Pennock, Arthur S. Garrett, Fred C. Gretz, John A. Keesberry, C. Wilfred Conard, S. John Pyle, William J. Hilbert, C. C. Lippincott; Auditors, Evan E. Bartleson and Benjamin H. Shoemaker, 3rd.

## PUBLIC UTILITIES.

### LANSDOWNE WATER COMPANY

In the early Eighties Caspar Pennock, who located in Lansdowne village in 1872, ran a private water works to supply houses he had built, also those of neighbors, and at the time the Lansdowne Water Company was chartered in 1889, upwards of 75 houses were being supplied. In the rear of the Pennock home, now occupied by David Muncer, stood the water tank house, a frame structure about three stories in height, erected over an artesian well. A large tank was enclosed in the top of the structure, and water was forced into this tank, by a pump, from the ground floor of the building. The Water Company was conducted mainly by members of the Pennock family and Daniel D. Mullin. The plant soon became too small, and another larger tank was erected on a lot on Highland avenue, north of Stratford avenue, now occupied by Mt. Sinai Baptist Church. Later on this plant also failed to meet the increasing demand for water, whereupon a tank, with a capacity of 200,000 gallons, was built on a piece of land on Lansdowne avenue opposite the Arlington Cemetery and next to the Upper Darby School building; a pumping station being erected in the valley, at State Road and Lansdowne avenue, from which the tank on the hill was supplied with water. Early one morning the hoops of this large tank gave way, the escaping water flooding Lansdowne avenue and overflowing the cellars of nearby houses. After this accident the old Company sold out to the Springfield Water Company in February, 1899.

**SPRINGFIELD CONSOLIDATED WATER COMPANY**

George A. Nitzky, Jr.  
Supt. Springfield Consolidated Water Company

The Springfield Water Company acquired the property of the Lansdowne Water Company, heretofore mentioned, in February, 1920. The plant of this Company is located on the banks of Crum Creek, at Marple, Springfield Township, Delaware County, about five and one-half miles west of Lansdowne. It embraces three pumping stations, a filter station, a wheel house, and a reservoir with a capacity of about 10,000,000 gallons. The water is pumped direct from Crum Creek to the filter station where it is thoroughly treated and then forced through cement-lined pipes to the reservoir on Marple Hill, from which point distribution is made through cement-lined mains to Lansdowne and vicinity. The water has been subjected to chemical analysis from time to time by experts, and pronounced to be of very high excellence from the standpoint of purity. The maximum pumping capacity of the plant is approximately 12,000,000 gallons per day, but the normal capacity ranges from 5,000,000 to 8,000,000 gallons a day. The average water pressure is about 65 pounds per square inch. The pressure for fire protection varies in different localities,



PUMPING STATION, SPRINGFIELD CON. WATER CO.  
MARPLE HILL, DELAWARE COUNTY.

running anywhere from 60 to 98 pounds per square inch. The Company has about eighteen (18) miles of water mains in Lansdowne, and thirty-four (34)

fire hydrants. The officers are: James T. Keen, President; George M. Bunting, Treasurer; H. B. Hodge, Secretary; Wm. H. Roth, Assistant Secretary; and George A. Nitzky, Jr., Superintendent. The title of the Company was changed to "Springfield Consolidated Water Company" on September 28, 1908.



**A. M. GETZ**  
Manager, The Philadelphia Suburban  
Electric Company.

and Treasurer, H. J. Makiver, of Media; Manager, A. M. Getz, of Morton. The main office of the Company is located in the Barker Building, Lansdowne, with Manager Getz in charge.

## Philadelphia Suburban Electric Company.

### Lansdowne Electric Light Company.

The Lansdowne Electric Light Company was organized August 22, 1898, with the following officers: President, Henry C. Statzell; Vice-President, J. Milton Lutz; Secretary and Treasurer, Edwin B. Lewis; Directors, Richardson Shoemaker, Edgar T. Bishop, M. J. Kelly, N. J. Mitchell, and Tammany P. Street. The plant was located on Bartram avenue, between Union and Wycombe avenues. The Company sold its plant to the Philadelphia Suburban Electric Company January 1, 1906. In December, 1908, the present Company had in operation in the Borough 174 incandescent lights of 25 candle power each, and street lamps, distributed about 30 feet apart, and also had 484 electric lights located in Borough residences. In January, 1906, there were 166 street lights and lamps and 266 consumers. The officers of the Company are: President and Vice-President, J. Lord Rigby, of Media; Secretary and Treasurer, H. J. Makiver, of Media; Manager, A. M. Getz, of Morton. The main office of the Company is located in the Barker Building, Lansdowne, with Manager Getz in charge.

### Delaware County and Philadelphia Electric Railway Co.

The Delaware County and Philadelphia Electric Railway Company entered Lansdowne shortly before its incorporation as a Borough under the terms of an agreement between George S. Garrett and Reuben Grant, Supervisors of Upper Darby Township, and the Trolley Company, dated April 19, 1893.

### Lansdowne Sewage Company.

The Lansdowne Sewage Company was organized May 2, 1892, and chartered June 16, 1892. The first officers were: President, Dr. E. T. Darby; Vice-President, Abraham L. Pennock; Secretary, Charles Kerby, Jr.; Treasurer, David H. Garrett; Directors, Dr. E. T. Darby, Abraham L. Pennock, Dr. S. H. Gullford, Charles Kerby, Garrett H. Levis, Homer C. Stewart, John J. White, Aldrich J. Pennock, George W. Thorpe, John C. Lewis. The present officers are: President, Dr. E. T. Darby; Vice-President, Abraham L. Pennock; Secretary, John Shaffner; Treasurer, Caspar Pennock; Directors, Dr. E. T. Darby, Abraham L. Pennock, Dr. S. H. Gullford, John J. White, Garrett H. Levis, Aldrich J. Pennock. The work done by the Company consisted of the laying of terra-cotta pipe and draining into a well on the property of Abraham L. Pennock, where the sewage was disinfected. The work represented an expenditure of about \$2,000. The property was leased to the Borough of Lansdowne May 21, 1894, at a rental of \$100 per year, the Borough Council agreeing to keep it in repair during the continuance of the lease, and also enjoying the privilege of acquiring it by purchase. The sewer has been incorporated in the Borough system, the Borough authorities having made attachments to it. It runs into the Darby sewer.

## SHRINES OF WORSHIP.

### Lansdowne Presbyterian Church

The First Presbyterian Church of Lansdowne was organized May 26, 1887. The Rev. James Roberts, D. D., at that time pastor of Darby Borough Presbyterian Church, of Darby, Pa., had his attention attracted to the field as offering a promising outlook for Presbyterianism. Calling into his counsel Elder Joseph L. Davis, who had moved to Lansdowne on October 9, 1885, it was thought advisable to invite James S. Austin and H. H. Cooke at a preliminary conference, at which the advisability of starting a Sabbath-school and preaching station should be considered. Homer C. Stewart who is entitled to great credit for the part he played in the early development of the settlement, had publicly announced his intention of donating a lot of ground to any church which would erect upon it a suitable building for worship. Application was at once made to Mr. Stewart for the gift, but the Baptist brethren, then worshipping at Yeadon, had already secured an option on the lot. A conference was held and a meeting called, to be held at the Railroad station the evening of February 18, 1887, but the evening appointed was so inclement that but 10 persons were present, namely: James S. Austin, Joseph L. Davis, John W. Davis, William McMurray, E. W. Wickets, H. H. Cooke, William P. Freeborn, Homer C. Stewart, William L. Wilson, and J. M. Macauley. As the outcome of that meeting the vacant warehouse of Joseph Powell was scouted and fitted up for Sunday-school purposes, and on February 27, 1887, a school of 51 members was organized and preaching regularly instituted. Upon the Sabbath following 120 persons were present, and it was at once perceived that the erection of a church edifice would ere long become a necessity. The offer of Mr. and Mrs. W. Albert Johnson to donate an acre of ground for church purposes, led to the organization of a Board of Trustees, and the application for a charter, which was duly recorded and issued June 6, 1887. Ground was broken shortly after September 20, 1887, the first spadeful being removed by the son of Mr. W. A. Johnson. On October 18, 1887, the corner-stone of the new structure was laid in the presence of a large and enthusiastic audience, Dr. Roberts being assisted in the service by the Rev. Drs. S. W.

Dana and Joseph Addison Henry, of Philadelphia, and Philip H. Atowry and Thomas McCauley, of Chester, and on Sunday, February 21, 1888, the congregation took possession of the building, dedicating it to Divine use free from debt. Meanwhile the Presbytery of Chester, acceding to the request of 57 petitioners, had regularly organized a church May 27, 1887, of which Joseph L. Davis and George J. Haven had been elected elders and Dr. Roberts had been appointed pulpit supply. Dr. Roberts officiated in this capacity until April 3, 1889, when the membership having grown to 91 persons, it was deemed advisable to secure a pastor who could give his undivided attention to the development of the field. On October 3, 1889, the Rev. T. D. Jester was installed into this office, and continued therein until April 12, 1892. The present minister, the Rev. William Boyd, began his labors in Lansdowne on March 12, 1893, and was inducted into the pastorate in the month of May succeeding. The seating capacity of the church has been enlarged twice, a substantial addition in the shape of a church parlor and library room has been built at an outlay of \$1,700, and in 1897 an additional acre of ground was purchased for \$5,500, upon which it is proposed to erect a beautiful church. In matters temporal, also, the congregation, in addition to the erection of a fine chapel, have built an elegant and commodious "manse." The church property represented originally a valuation, inclusive of improvements, approximately \$25,000; but this value has, under the spell of borough growth and development, become a matter of comparative insignificance.

The first Board of Trustees was appointed at a meeting held at the home of J. S. Austin, March 8, 1887, to consider the advisability of accepting the lot offered by Mr. and Mrs. W. Albert Johnson. The Trustees were: Homer C. Stewart, President; J. S. Austin, Treasurer; J. M. Macauley, Secretary; W. Albert Johnson, J. L. Appleton, Leander Marshall, Jno. W. Davis, David H. Garrett, W. L. Wilson. These were the first 12 Apostles of the Church temporalties. The lot in question was duly accepted at a meeting of the Trustees held March 29, 1887.

### Church of St. John the Evangelist

The mission out of which St. John's Parish grew was established near 28 years ago at Fernwood, Delaware County, Pa., and subsequently, because of growth in population, removed to Lansdowne. The first service was held at Fernwood, January 2, 1881, at 7.30 p. m. by the Rev. F. Nalbro Robinson, Rector of St. George's Church, West End, Philadelphia, with the assistance of the Rev. Dr. Mason, of Kingessing, the Rev. Dr. Fiske, and others. After the withdrawal of the Rev. Mr. Robinson, the Rev. R. F. Innes became the missionary, and under his charge the mission was removed to Lansdowne. Rev. Robert F. Innes began his work as minister in charge April 7, 1882. Ground was broken for the foundation of the church edifice, corner of Baltimore and Union avenues, May 28, 1888, the corner-stone was laid by Bishop Whittaker, June 19, 1888, and the first service held November 11 in the same year.

In 1889 the Rev. E. Gaines Nock was placed in charge. He preached the sermon at the first anniversary service of the opening of the church and was later appointed priest-in-charge by the Bishop of the Diocese. He was succeeded in November, 1891, by the Rev. Charles H. De Garms, who continued until July 16, 1896, when the Rev. William T. Manning assumed charge. He began his work July 19, the Seventh Sunday after Trinity, and on February 3, 1897, the requisite steps having been taken, and a petition, signed by 45 male communicants of full age, having been presented, the consent of the Bishop and Standing Committee was given for the organization of St. John the Evangelist as an independent parish. In May, 1897, a charter of incorporation was applied for, and it was granted June 7, 1897. The Rev. Mr. Manning retired November 1, 1898, for the Rectorship of Christ Church, Nashville, Tenn. He was at one time an instructor in the

University of the South, at Sewanee, Tenn. During his tenure the lot for the site of the present beautiful church building, on West Baltimore avenue, immediately adjoining the Barker building, was purchased for the sum of \$9,000, and plans devised for raising the necessary amount toward erecting the new church. Mr. Manning is now Rector of Trinity Church, New York City. The Rev. Mr. Manning was succeeded by the Rev. Lyman P. Powell, November 1, 1888, and owing to the latter's efforts the amount needed for the erection of the parish church was raised. Ground was broken August 27, 1900, and the corner-stone laid October 6 in the same year by Bishop O. W. Whittaker. The church was completed and the first service held on Easter Sunday, 1901. The architecture of the structure is perpendicular Gothic of the later Tudor period. On December 25, 1903, the Rev. Mr. Powell resigned to take charge of the Rectorship of St. John's Church, Northampton in the Diocese of Western Massachusetts, when the Rev. F. B. Hodgins, who had been for some time acting as his assistant, was minister-in-charge, so continuing until the present Rector, the Rev. Crosswell McBee, was called by the Vestery, commencing his Rectorship on Palm Sunday, March 27, 1904, having formerly been Rector of the Church of the Nativity, Union, South Carolina.

### THE ST. JOHN'S CLUB

Among the early social organizations of Lansdowne none enjoyed greater popularity than the St. John's Club, organized September 1, 1895, and which included the representative citizens of the borough. The club was located in the Barker Building, and comprhended a reading room well provided with the best current literature, and also conducted a public lecture course at each meeting.

Pool table and shuffleboards were features of membership entertainment, while upwards of four and one-half acres of ground, at the corner of Baltimore and Union avenues were secured for use of the Club's Athletic Department. The officers in 1900 were: President, Rev. Lyman P. Powell; Vice-president, John M. Ridings; Secretary, H. T. Lavender; Treasurer, William I. Austin. Board of Directors, Morley Underhill, Frank T. Davis, Sr., Wm. H. Barker, Edwin W. Hetherington, and James T. Stewart. The membership in the same year was approximately 230.

### Lansdowne Methodist Episcopal Church

The Lansdowne Methodist Episcopal Church occupies one of the most desirable and attractive sites in the Borough, at the corner of Lansdowne and Stratford avenues. It was organized June 11, 1891, meeting in Garrett's Hall; afterward removing to Central Hall, service being held in the latter hall until completion of the church edifice. The corner-stone was laid on Thanksgiving Day, 1894, the church dedication, by Bishop E. G. Andrews, D. D. LL. D., of New York, taking place on Sunday, June 2, 1895. Samuel T. Milligan, of Philadelphia, Pa., was the architect, and Frank S. Riggs, of Clifton, Delaware County, was the builder. The Rev. George Boddis, 1893, and 1894, and the Rev. T. Norton Hyde, 1895, were the first pastors, in the order named. The Rev. Hyde was succeeded by pastors in the following order, namely, the Rev. A. D. Mink, 1896 and 1897, the Rev. W. E. Sargeant, in 1898, and 1899, the Rev. Charles Wesley Burns, 1900 to 1904, inclusive, the Rev. Charles Wesley Straw, 1905, the Rev. William H. Lindemuth, 1906, and the Rev. J. R. T. Gray, in 1907 and 1908.

### Lansdowne Baptist Church

The Lansdowne Baptist Church, located on the lot at the corner of Lansdowne and LaCrosse (formerly Summit) avenues, was organized February 14, 1887. On January 25, of the same year a meeting was held at the

of J. D. Mitchell totalk over the project of organizing a church, those present being Casper Garrett, W. H. Robertson, James French, J. D. Mitchell, John Curtiss, Annie Kochersperger, Catherine Mitchell, Annie Robertson, Mrs. Annie Robertson, and Lillie Robertson; and the following temporary officers were elected, namely: Treasurer, Casper Garrett; Clerk, J. D. Mitchell. February 6, 1887, a meeting was held to select a site for the new building. A meeting was held eight days later, when the following persons were received from sister churches: J. D. Mitchell, Alfred Phipps, Amanda A. Phipps, Annie Kochersperger, Mary Hebrew, J. Milton Lutz, (Casper Garrett, John Garrett, Ella Garrett, Wm. H. Robertson, W. J. Robertson, Jas. W. Pennepacker, Lizzie Pennepacker. The site above mentioned was then selected. The corner-stone was laid May 24, 1887, the Rev. Dr. Calley of the Lehigh Avenue Church, officiating. Recognition services were held in the temporary building June 25, 1887, and the first service was held in the new chapel on Thanksgiving Day, 1887. The first pastor of the church was Robert M. Green, called July 16, 1894, and who retired June 3, 1898. He was succeeded by T. C. Skinner, who entered upon the work July 1, 1896, and resigned in 1898, being succeeded the same year by the Rev. Wm. Carey Calder. The Rev. John T. Anderson became pastor in 1901, and the present pastor, the Rev. Thomas C. Bird, assumed the pastorate in February, 1904.

### Lansdowne Friends' Meeting (Orthodox)

#### NORTH LANSDOWNE AVENUE.

William Penn's work in advancing the Friends' was not more effectively sustained by any of his successors than by John Woolman, who died in 1772, a lineal descendant of whom is a resident of Lansdowne. The Orthodox Friends occupied as a meeting-house, after proper alterations had been made thereto, a wheelwright shop that stood on the lot now covered by the Barker Building. In this improvised structure Thomas P. Cope was married. He was a noted Philadelphia shipping merchant in his day, operating a line of packets to Liverpool, England, and other foreign ports, a business in which representatives of the family are still engaged. At that time John and Naomi Woolman, parents of John Woolman, were elders of the meeting. The local Society was organized in 1827. In 1831 the present meeting-house was built on the Darby and Radnor Road (Lansdowne Avenue.) For the last seventy-seven years divine worship has been uninterruptedly conducted, in its most simple but impressive form, in this plain, substantial, comfortable, and withal attractive meeting-house.

Among the "leaders" since 1831 may be mentioned Jacob Elfretth and Mary Garrett, as "overseers"; Henry Longstreth, as minister; John and Naomi Woolman; Abraham Pennock, father of Abram L. Pennock; Edward Garrett, father of George S. Garrett; Ann Garrett, who died in her ninety-fourth year; Samuel Rhoads; Isaac P. Garrett, uncle of the present Postmaster of Lansdowne; and Thomas Garrett, father of Edward and Isaac Garrett.

When the present meeting-house was erected the only houses within view were the farm house, still standing, of John Lobb, father of Mrs. William Albert Johnson; the farm-house of Mr. Kenney, known since as "The Mansion," an old house afterward converted into the residence of Ivan Fox on Baltimore avenue; the Owen farm-house; and a log-and-plaster house on the lot on which was built the house of Abraham Powell, on Stewart avenue, which thoroughfares was named for Homer C Stewart

### Friends' Meeting House, Owen Avenue (Hicksite)

The Friends' Meeting House at the corner of Owen and Stratford avenues was erected in 1903, free of debt, by the Lansdowne Monthly Meeting of Friends. The building is of stone and contains, in addition to the

auditorium, five class rooms and a library for the use of the First-day School. A large room in the basement is equipped for serving luncheon or other refreshments on occasions calling for such entertainments. The formation of Lansdowne Monthly Meeting, which is the organization controlling the various activities incidental to the religious Meeting and First-day School, was the outgrowth of a concern felt by a number of residents of the borough, who, finding themselves removed from easy access to older Meetings had some years before begun meeting for religious worship on First-day morning. The first session for business was held 9th month, 23rd, 1901, in Barker Hall, the initial membership being 28, the membership at the close of 1908 being 115. The first clerk was Sarah B. Bartram, and the office is at present filled by William H. Fogg. The Trustees are Frank Maris, Sumner G. Brosius, William W. Kester, J. Alfred Bartram, Edward B. Temple, Abram G. Powell.

### St. Philomena's R. C. Church

St. Philomena's Roman Catholic Church, of which the basement and first story only are completed, was dedicated in 1898, and when completed it will be one of the handsomest religious edifices in the county. The Rector is the Rev. Francis J. Markee, who is assisted by the Rev. William I. Lalou. The status of the church is best told in the following description of the origin of St. Philomena's Parochial School, which appeared in 'The Progress' of June 1, 1907: "The school had its beginning in the active mind of the popular rector of the parish, the Rev. Francis J. Markee, who began his labors in 1898, almost one decade ago. When he first visited the borough he interview eighty families on the possibilities of advancing religious work in the community. From that day down to the present hour he has ceaselessly striven to promote and maintain a healthy and vigorous endeavor in the undertaking. How well he has succeeded is attested by the statement that from the original eighty families his parishioners have increased over three-fold and now number 250 families. This means from the standpoint of five members to each family, a parish of 1,250 souls. But this is not the total for there are upwards of 350 other persons identified with the parish, which swells the total to 1,600 persons."

### CATHOLIC MUTUAL BENEFIT ASSOCIATION

This society was organized March 20, 1900 and had a membership of about 20. The officers were: President, Wm. S. Culhane; Recording Secretary, Albert J. Crawford; Financial Secretary, Michael J. Nolan; Treasurer, Bernard Doherty. Trustees: John C. Schappett, Rev. F. J. Markee, Dr. John A. McKenna, Bernard Doherty, John J. Manley, Jr.

### ST. PHILOMENA'S R. C. CHURCH

St. Philomena's Roman Catholic Church was organized January 29, 1898; the cornerstone was laid November 29, 1898, and the church was dedicated May 27, 1900.

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## CLUBS AND SOCIAL ASSOCIATIONS.

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Unlike New York City, the first clubs formed in Lansdowne were not taverns, nor have taverns ever secured a foothold in the beautiful Borough. Club life in the Borough has been very similar to that common to the career of other communities of like size; that is, many have been organized and started and many have been dissolved and passed away. Those remaining are, for the most part, substantially inaugurated and represent distinct factors in municipal advancement in all important directions:

### Country Club of Lansdowne



LANSDOWNE COUNTRY CLUB HOUSE.

The Country Club of Lansdowne was incorporated in 1902, and was grounded upon substantial support energetically extended by a group of the older residents, who recognized that Lansdowne needed some manner of centering point of local sociability to which would be incident the advantages and benefits of a country club promotive of out-door sports and exercise. The moving spirit in the Club's foundation was William F. Read; the first President and incumbent of that office until the present occupant, George W. Statzell, assumed the reins in 1977. Mr. Read contributed liberally toward the maintenance of the club until it reached the point at which its membership placed its finances in a stable condition. Associated with him in the foundation of the Club, and upon whom largely rested the labor

of Inauguration, were William F. Read, Jr., N. B. Kelly and Joel Bailey Davis. These men, with Wharton E. Harris, J. R. Lincoln Edwards and George W. Carr, the Club charter officers, brought to the organization the prosperity it now enjoys. The club house is in fact an old residential seat built by Isaac T. Jones, and the original attractive home aspect has not been disturbed, and as a consequence the spot is invested with the physical environments and social characteristics ever so desirable in out-of-town life. The selection of the Jones estate proved to be a happy one. Within the Club's seventy-two acres of ground there is presented a most charming variety of rural landscape. Directly back of the club-house, in a deep hollow, flow the waters of Darby Creek, and from the club verandahs and room windows Nature disports in her fairest and wildest moods, the eye resting upon and roving over vistas of woodland, meadow and stream. The Club forms the social centre of suburban Lansdowne, and is situated about one mile south of the Pennsylvania Railroad Station on Lansdowne avenue. It is also regularly visited by members residing in contiguous suburbs along the Central Division of the railroad, as well as by Philadelphia members.

The premier sport of the club is golf, and the club is justly proud of its beautiful course, which ranks as one of the finest in or around Philadelphia. It is a nine-hole course, 3061 yards in length, and for the most part runs over rolling hills. No other club expends more care upon keeping its golf course in condition. The course is in charge of an energetic grounds committee composed of Frank M. Longstreth, chairman, J. B. Gibb, W. H. Folwell, Jr., R. W. Wistar and Frank M. Camp. For many of the members of the Club tennis is the major sport, and for this the Club has a fine string of courts, newly constructed and built in the most up-to-date fashion, to secure speed and rapid drainage. In tennis the women of the Club have been particularly active, and among the best players in the Club may be mentioned Mrs. C. Edwin Hunter, Mrs. Nathan F. Stauffer, Mrs. E. A. Sloan, the Misses Griffith, Huey, Walsh, Stauffer, Guilford, and Longstreth. Hockey is another branch of sport to which the women members are devoted. The Club is active at all seasons of the year. Bridge parties, dinner parties, dances, and all kinds of social entertainments are constantly being held. The present officers of the Club are: President, George W. Stutzell; Vice President, W. Lane Verlenden; Secretary, J. R. Lincoln Edwards; Treasurer, C. Wilfred Cunningham; Governors, C. Edwin Hunter, William H. Folwell, Paul A. Griffith, J. Burnett Gibb, Walter E. Hoag, W. Vernon Phillips, Frank M. Longstreth, Wharton E. Harris, Frank M. Camp, Harry E. Johnson, Jules J. Keenan, George M. Wagner.



**LOUIS A. WARREN,**  
First President of the Union  
Athletic Association of  
Lansdowne, Pa.



**THOMAS J. LINDSEY,**  
Secretary and Historian of the  
Union Athletic Association of  
Lansdowne, Pa.  
Mr. Lindsey has for years  
been connected with the Phila-  
delphia Bulletin in an editorial  
capacity.



**CLAUDE A. SIMPLER,**  
President of the Union Athle-  
tic Association of Lansdowne,  
Pa.  
Mr. Simpler is President of  
the Lansdowne Borough Coun-  
cil.

## Union Athletic Association

Since its organization, in 1904, the Union Athletic Association has filled a conspicuous place in the public and sporting life of Lansdowne. Each recurring Memorial Day and Fourth of July has been the occasion of patriotic public exercises, held under the auspices of the Association, in which the orators of the day have been from the ranks of the Association's membership, and the citizens of Lansdowne have taken part with a high degree of satisfaction. The games and field sports on the grounds on Union avenue north of McKinley avenue have afforded the youth of the Borough a splendid opportunity for the development of physical skill and fostered a love for manly sports, while the monthly sessions of the Association have been a feature in local social circles. Its membership includes a high standard and broad range in the religious, professional, public and business life of the community, while its good fellowship is of the most sincere kind.

The Association was organized on October 24, 1904, by the election of the following officers:

President—Louis A. Warren.  
Vice President—William A. Leonard.  
Secretary-Treasurer—John C. Hines.  
Manager—Samuel H. Dyer.  
Captain—Isaac H. Rhoads.

These officers served until November, 1907, when they were succeeded by the following officers :

President—Claude A. Simpler.  
Vice President—Robert Crawford.  
Secretary—Thomas J. Lindsey.  
Treasurer—Thomas S. Bishop.  
Historian—Thomas J. Lindsey.  
Manager—Samuel H. Dyer.  
Vice Manager—William A. Leonard.  
Captain—Isaac H. Rhoads.  
Vice Captain—George F. Lewis.

The Association has grounds for base ball, foot ball and beautifully arranged tennis courts. An essential feature of the organization is the Junior Branch, composed of the sons and daughters of the members and such others as are elected by ballot. When a junior member reaches the age of twenty-one he is eligible to become a senior member on the payment of the fee and an election by unanimous ballot.



## De La Salle Council, No. 590, Knights of Columbus



John V. Loughney.

De La Salle Council No. 590, Knights of Columbus, of Lansdowne, Pa., is the local branch of the greatest Catholic fraternal order in the United States. The Lansdowne Council numbers in its ranks most of the best known Catholic men in this section of Delaware County, and is constantly adding to its membership. The Council was founded by John V. Loughney, who was elected its first Grand Knight. Its formation was the result of meetings held during the months of May and June, 1901, and its institution occurred on June 25, 1901, since which time it has enjoyed unusual prosperity.

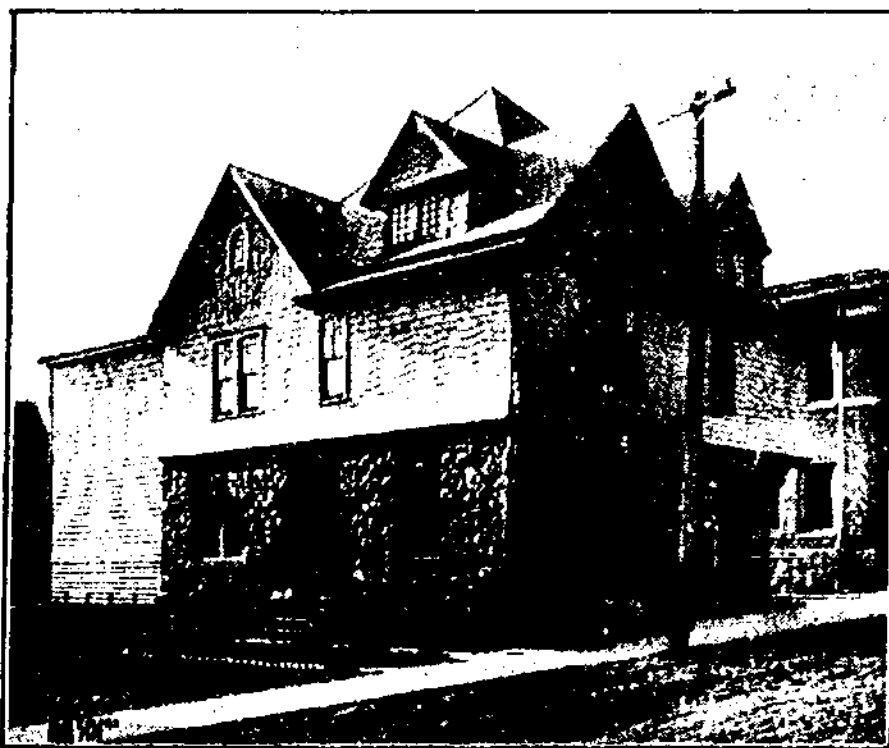
The Charter members of the Council are as follows:

Joseph F. Brown, John B. Comber, Albert J. Crawford, John Conway, Edward L. Donnelly, Bernard Doherty, John P. Gallagher, Bernard A. Gallagher, Thomas Gaffney, John Heiner, John Harley, Thomas Hughes, Sr., Thomas Hughes, Jr., William F. Hughes, Samuel J. Johnston, Andrew B. Kean, Murtha J. Kelly, John V. Loughney, Rev. Francis J.

Markee, George Marlow, Edward J. Minge, Louis J. Meyer, Daniel D. Mullin, John J. Manley, John T. Mulligan, Alexander J. Morris, Cornelius McCullough, Dr. John A. McKenna, Charles B. McGonigle, James J. McCullough, Patrick J. McCullough, Bernard McDevitt, John F. R. McDevitt, Michael J. Nolan, John J. Nolan, John I. Nolan, James L. Ryan, Charles J. Ryan, John C. Schappet, Thomas J. Sullivan, Milner R. Sharkey, Benedict L. Sharkey, William Sinnott, Jr., and Charles Tete, Jr.

Among those who have entered the Council since its institution and who are active in its affairs are: James Jordan, John J. Sullivan, Rev. William J. Lallou, Thomas M. Fitzgerald, James F. Gallagher, Thomas A. Dougherty, Thomas Manley, George J. Haenn, Thomas J. Lindsay, Henry J. Crowley, William Bruton, Michael Barrow, John McCormick, Harry J. Farren, William A. Jordan, Frank Manley, James Burdsall, John Roche, Daniel Barrow, Anthony Hefner, James Connor and Thomas J. Brown.

Mr. Loughney's successors as executive of the Council include, in the order named, Michael J. Nolan, Dr. John A. McKenna and Edward J. Minge, Mr. Minge being the present incumbent. The Council owns the handsome building which it occupies at No. 14 E. Baltimore Avenue, through the De La Salle Association, formed for that purpose, of which Joseph M. Albright is President. The interior of the building was thoroughly overhauled during the year 1908, the changes embracing provision for commodious, richly equipped and cosy library, reading and reception quarters. The public entertainments given under the auspices of the Council, from time to time, invariably include the best available talent and are uniformly popular and successful.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CLUB HOUSE, E. BALTIMORE AVE.

Headquarters De La Salle Council, No. 590.

### Lansdowne Natural History Club

President John D. Carter, of the Lansdowne Natural History Club, organized November 10, 1892, gave the following interesting sketch of the organization's beginning:

About fifteen (15) years ago a series of University Extension lectures concluded by one on Botany by Dr. John M. Macfarland. Taking advantage of the evident interest aroused in this way, a class in Botany met for some time at the home of Thomas P. and Rebecca S. Conard, under the leadership of Dr. Macfarland. The membership increased and the interests became more diversified, so that the present club is a direct outgrowth of the class in Botany. During following years the Club has held its regular meetings at private house or in public halls, as opportunity offered. A great variety of subjects have been discussed, both by members of the club and by others invited to make addresses. Eighty-three (83) names are now on the membership roll. The officers of the Club are: President, John D. Carter; Vice Presidents, Thomas P. Conard and Sarah P. Marshall; Secretary, Walter Rhoads White; Treasurer, Benjamin H. Shoemaker, 3rd.

### Lansdowne Republican Club.



Hon. Fred Taylor Pusey,  
Solicitor,  
Boro. of Lansdowne.  
Ex-Member Pennsylvania  
State Legislature.  
President, Lansdowne  
Republican Club

H. Tighe, Tammany P. Street, William S. Dunlap, James T. Stewart. The officers in 1908-1909 are: President, Fred Taylor Pusey; First Vice-President, J. Herbert Ogden; Second Vice-President, Richardson Shoemaker; Secretary, Edwin B. Lewis; Treasurer, Jno. W. Davis; Financial Secretary, James T. Stewart; Assistant Financial Secretary, Roger T. Nichols.

The Lansdowne Republican Club was organized in 1898, and was incorporated June 5, 1899, by decree of Judge Thomas J. Clayton, the incorporators being J. Herbert Ogden, Nathan D. Bartram, Wm. S. Dunlap, Isaac P. Garrett, Robert Gillilan, Harry Hibbitt, William E. Hinkson, Edwin B. Lewis, Joseph L. Lowden, Emlen C. Paul, Edward F. Pearson, John M. Ridings, William H. Ryan, Richardson Shoemaker, William C. Smith, Henry Statzell, James T. Stewart, Harold B. Stiles, Tammany B. Street, George W. Thorpe, John H. Tighe, John P. Underhill, Morley Underhill, Matthew T. Vandever, Charles M. Wagner, and Warren F. Ware. After organization in 1898 the Club rented for its quarters a large parlor in the Lansdowne Villa. The lease for the room having expired prior to the summer of 1900, the meetings of the Club were suspended until October of that year when a reorganization was effected, and the present commodious quarters on the West side of South Lansdowne Avenue were rented for a term of years, and fully fitted up and furnished. The officers elected to serve for the first year after incorporation were: President, John M. Ridings, First Vice-President, J. Herbert Ogden; Second Vice-President, Henry C. Statzell; Secretary, William C. Smith; Treasurer, Charles M. Wagner; Directors, Joseph L. Lowden, John

### Neighbors' Club.

The oldest club in Lansdowne is the Neighbors' Club, organized February 4, 1896, which has been active during the last thirteen years. The objects of the Club are "social intercourse between its members and the discussion of topics of general interest." The Club's first officers were: President, Charles M. Corbin; Vice-President, E. E. Rankin; Secretary and Treasurer, Harley B. Nichols. Meetings are held monthly throughout the year, July and August excepted, at the homes of its members, each member being the host in his turn. The Club has many active standing committees elected annually. A Club banquet is given each year to the members, and to their families several entertainments are given. Membership is limited and is now complete. The Club has a mailing list. While the Neighbors' Club is unassuming, it has, nevertheless, accomplished much good work in the Borough, the membership being composed of representative citizens and leading business men who all move together in the right neighborly spirit. The Club officers for the year 1908 are: Harley B. Nichols, President; Alex. M. Brown, Vice-President; William S. Haines, Secretary; Walter L. Webb, Treasurer.

### Twentieth Century Club of Lansdowne.

The Twentieth Century Club represents the best there is in Lansdowne's social, civic and philanthropic life, while it stands for art and literature in their choicest forms. It has given frequent public evidences of a desire to advance the various objects of the organization in a way that has made it a valuable adjunct to the State Federation of Women's Clubs, and the membership includes women of the highest cultur and social standing in the community. The Club was organized December 11, 1897, and in January 1899, was admitted to the State Federation. In the eleven years of existence it has had six Presidents as follows:

Mrs. Benjamin Hallowell—1897 to 1899.  
 Mrs. Matthew H. Cryer—1899 to 1901.  
 Mrs. Edward C. Kirk—1901 to 1902.  
 Mrs. Nathaniel S. Keay—1902 to 1905.  
 Mrs. Seymour Eaton—1905 to 1908.  
 Mrs. Henry T. Kent—1908 to ———.

The officers for the present year are as follows:

President—Mrs. Henry T. Kent.  
 First Vice-President—Mrs. Robert F. Irwin.  
 Second Vice-President—Mrs. X. Byrne Dougherty.  
 Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Harley B. Nichols.  
 Recording Secretary—Mrs. Walter L. Webb.  
 Federation Secretary—Mrs. Frank M. Camp.  
 Treasurer—Mrs. Edward R. Fackler.

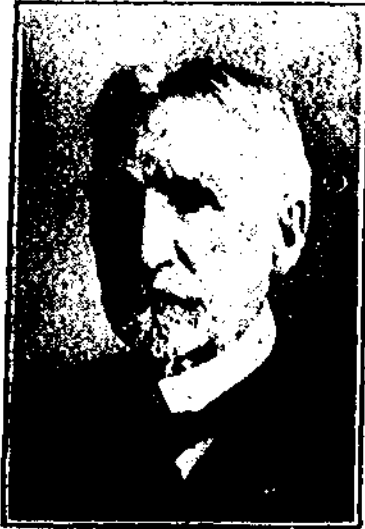
The motto of the Club is—"Give to the World the best you have and the best will come back to you."

### Lansdowne Minstrels.

The Lansdowne Minstrels is a club organized by a number of young men of Lansdowne in the early part of 1905, the intention being, according to the programme announced, to make it a permanent organization giving entertainments and take-offs of the happenings in the Borough. The first show was given May 26 and 27, 1906, the sketch being "A Burlesque Meeting" of the "Lansdowne Council". The second annual performance was given March 1 and 2, 1907, the chief sketch being entitled "Lansdowne Doings". Being a Variegated Assortment of Every Day Life in The Good Old Borough. Another skit given being styled "Seeing Lansdowne in The Rubber Wagon." The third annual performance was given December 6 and 7, 1907, and presented two burlesques, "Great Post Office Robbery" or Have a Stamp on Me, and "Fool Days and Mule Dogs" in the Old Lansdowne School. The fourth annual performance was given December 3 4 and 5, 1908, the main burlesque being "The Thrilling Tragedy Curbs and Gutters or Council's Latest Horrible Mistake"; another presentation having been a skit styled "Salomy Dance." A list of officers and members includes: C. Edwin Hunter, President and Treasurer; F. Rees Phillips, Vice-president; Ralph L. Hays, Secretary; Clarence De Armond, Horace Hasleigh, Harry L. Henry, Thomas M. Longcope, Jr., Harold Ogden, Henry B. Quinn, Maurice Saul, William Taylor, Charles McGuire, John H. B. Collins, Fred Kelly, Rollin Meyers, William S. Pickard, Frank E. Sagendroph, 3rd, Robert Taylor, John J. H. Phillips, Phillip Cody, Frank Eaton, Robert Hunter, Frank Moorshead.

## Some of the Men Who Have Helped to Build Lansdowne.

### Capt. Robert Crawford



Capt. Robert Crawford,  
U. S. N., Retired.  
Chief Burgess of  
Lansdowne

Robert Crawford, Chief Burgess of the Borough of Lansdowne, was born in Scotland, was appointed from Pennsylvania as Third Assistant Engineer (Midshipman) United States Navy, January 23, 1863; was advanced to Second Assistant Engineer (Master), July 25, 1866; became First Assistant Engineer (Lieutenant) February 20, 1874; was made Passed Assistant Engineer (Lieutenant) February 21, 1874. Instructor in engineering branches in the Naval Academy, 1879-1873 and 1875-1878; on duty at Spring Garden Institute, Philadelphia (by order of the Navy Department), organizing Manual Training as a new feature of the work of the school, 1882-1885; organizer and superintendent of the first Manual Training School of Philadelphia, 1885-1887; organizer and superintendent of the Williamson Free School of Mechanical Trades, Delaware County, Pa.; builder and organizer of Reform School for Boys and School of Agricultural and Industrial Arts for Boys of Cuba, 1890-1892; retired from U. S. Navy, January 30, 1892. Now on inspection duty for the Bureau of Steam Engineering, U. S. Navy, as assistant to the Inspector of Machinery at Cramp's Shipyard, Philadelphia. Promoted to grade of Chief

Engineer, with rank of Lieutenant-Commander, June 29, 1900. Capt. Crawford was elected a member of the Borough Council in 1903, and was elected Chief Burgess in 1906. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Lansdowne Free Library, and a Director of the Lansdowne Civic Association. He is prominently identified with many clubs and organizations. He is also a member of the Pennsylvania Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion. The Borough has no more loyal or highly esteemed citizen than Capt. Crawford, who is ever actively concerned in every movement aiming at local uplift and development.

### Hon. Fred Taylor Pusey.

Hon. Fred Taylor Pusey was born in Philadelphia, Pa., June 3, 1872. His early education was had in the public schools of Chester County, this being supplemented by attendance at the Friends' Central School, Philadelphia, from which he was graduated in 1887. Mr. Pusey located in Delaware County in 1888, residing on a farm at Lima, Middletown Township, and settled in Lansdowne in 1895. He studied law and was admitted to the Philadelphia bar in February, 1894, and is also a member of the Delaware County bar, being also an active and successful practitioner in the courts of both counties. He has been admitted to practice before the Superior and Supreme Courts of the State of Pennsylvania. Mr. Pusey has been active in the National Guard of Pennsylvania for many years, having been Adjutant of the First Regiment during 1906 and 1907, when he was appointed an Aide on the Staff of Governor Stuart with the rank of Lieu-

tenant-Colonel. He is a member of the Union League of Philadelphia and many other clubs and organizations, being at this time President of the Lansdowne Republican Club. He was elected to the House of Representatives of the State Legislature in 1923, and re-elected in 1924, serving during the sessions of 1925, 1926, and special session of 1926, and during his stay in the Legislature was sponsor for much valuable legislation that found a place in the statute books. He was Borough Solicitor in 1899-1900, and was again elected in 1908 to discharge the duties of the same office for a period of three years.

Colonel Pusey is really at the starting point of a life career. Brief as has been his appearance as a public man, he has crowded into the period a continuous series of substantial professional and public achievements of the highest order. Devoid of ostentation, ever accessible and receptive, Colonel Pusey is the ideal type of public man of the hour. In all that he undertakes, in every cause he espouses, he brings a profound enthusiasm and charm of personal magnetism that have won for him a most enviable place in the esteem of his fellow citizens. For all that relates to Borough advancement, he has ever been a fearless, open and capable champion. Few young men have so early in life secured so many substantial prizes in public accomplishment, and it is fair to assume that the future will find Colonel Pusey still further advanced in public relations.

### Hon. John Milton Lutz.

The subject of the following brief sketch, the Hon. John Milton Lutz, resides on the Pike, in Upper Darby Township, and has for years been actively identified as a property owner and otherwise, with the interests of



Hon. J. Milton Lutz,  
Ex-Member Pennsylvania  
State Legislature.  
Vice-President, First National  
Bank, of Clifton  
Heights.

Lansdowne Borough, where he is generally known and held in highest esteem. Mr. Lutz was born in Ambler, Montgomery County, Pa., October 18, 1857; removed to Philadelphia in 1863, and was educated in the public schools of that city and Delaware County. He is Vice-President and one of the organizers of the First National Bank of Clifton Heights; has been a school director of Upper Darby Township since 1883, and Secretary of the School Board for several years. Mr. Lutz was chairman of the Republican County Committee from 1890 to 1897; served as Director of the Poor and Treasurer of the Board during 1925 and 1926. He was elected to the House of Representatives of the Pennsylvania State Legislature in November 1906. Mr. Lutz is a man

in the full vigor of life, and has attained signal success through purely personal effort. He possesses in the highest degree the qualities that go to constitute noble and admirable manhood. He takes a prominent and active part in church work, contributes financially and by personal activity to all movements, public or private, aiming at the betterment of the conditions of his fellow-men, and withal is loyal to his friendships. Lansdowne is, indeed, fortunate in having as a friend and

supporter a man of such ripe experience, sterling character, and good judgment.

### John Herbert Ogden.

John Herbert Ogden has been a resident of Lansdowne for upwards of twenty-two years. His parents were John Worrall and Hannah (Rhoads) Ogden. His paternal grandfather, for whom he was named, was John Ogden. The Ogdens are members of one of Delaware County's oldest and most highly esteemed families. "Herbert" Ogden's early education was in the public schools. Later he attended the Friends' School at Providence, R. I. Subsequently he took a course in a Philadelphia business college. In 1870 he entered the service of the Sharpless Dyewood and Extract Co., in which his promotion was rapid until he became a director and stockholder. This Company is now known as the American Dye Works, the foremost enterprise of the kind in the country. In 1900 Mr. Ogden was a delegate to the National Convention held in Philadelphia, at which the late William McKinley was nominated for the presidency. He was married to Louise Pasmore, of Paschalville, October 20, 1886. He is a member of the Union League of Philadelphia, and is First Vice-President, and was one of the incorporators of the Lansdowne Republican Club. He is a prominent member of the Lansdowne Country Club, and many other well known social, business and athletic organizations. Mr. Ogden's square-dealing tendencies, unvarying liberality, unostentatious philanthropy, and unswerving loyalty to friends and local interests, have combined to make him one of the most popular and highly esteemed men residents in Lansdowne, and these same splendid personal qualities have endeared him to all who have met him. He believes in Lansdowne, and is ever in the front rank of every movement aimed at advancing Borough interests in any direction.

### Hon. Isaac Price Garrett.

In presenting mention of the Hon. Isaac Price Garrett, Postmaster at Lansdowne, which office he has held continuously since his appointment on July 8, 1887, it is considered a distinct contribution is made to the history of the Borough's prominent citizens who have materially aided in the promotion and maintenance of its general betterment and development ever since its corporate inception. Mr. Garrett was born at Stanton, New Castle County, Delaware, August 4, 1814, and was the son of Benjamin and Mary Garrett. In September, 1849, Mr. Garrett removed to Upper Darby, residing on a farm containing about ninety acres, the tract being now occupied by the cemetery of the Arlington Cemetery Company. He remained on the farm until 1890, when he removed to his present cosy home on North Lansdowne avenue. Until his thirteenth year Mr. Garrett attended the public schools of Upper Darby, and then spent four and one-half years at Westtown Friends' Boarding School, Chester County. After leaving this institution Mr. Garrett, as already intimated, devoted a number of years to agricultural life on the Upper Darby farm. At the age of 21 he was elected a delegate to the Republican County Convention, and later was elected a member of the Republican County Executive Committee for Upper Darby Township, an office he held for sixteen consecutive years. Mr. Garrett was a senatorial delegate for Delaware County to the State Convention at Harrisburg, Pa., at the time the county delegates were instructed to vote for national delegates pledged to vote for the late Hon. James G. Blaine for President. He was a delegate to the State Convention the following year, with instructions to vote for Samuel Butler, father of the Hon. Thomas S. Butler, for State Treasurer. In 1876 and 1877 Mr. Garrett was Supervisor of Upper Darby Township. He was a member of the State Central Committee in 1880. In 1881 he was elected from the Eastern District of Delaware County to the State Legislature, for the unexpired term of the Hon. Nathan Garrett, deceased, and was also elected for the term of 1889-1900. He resigned his seat in the Legislature in August, 1889, to assume the duties

of Cashier of the Philadelphia Custom House, where he remained for four years and eight months. He was elected a member of the School Board of Upper Darby Township in 1831, occupying the presidency during the seven years previous to incorporation of the present Borough of Lansdowne, when he resigned from the Upper Darby Board and was elected to the Borough Board, and has served as President of the latter since its creation. Mr. Garrett is a descendent of the original Garretts, William and his wife, Ann, and several children, who came to America from Leicestershire, England, in 1684, and settled in Upper Darby in 1685. Mr. Garrett's father was born in 1751, his grandfather in 1718, and his great-grandfather in 1720. On November 12, 1868, the subject of this sketch was married at Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa., to Sarah Emily Bell of Bloomington, Illinois. By this union there were three children two of whom are deceased, the remaining child being a married daughter, Mrs. James A. Kell, who resides in Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa. Mr. Garrett is a man of sterling qualities. His long and varied relations with all phases of local life have placed him in the front rank of active and progressive citizenship. He enjoys widespread popularity and esteem, and no townsman has been more closely, continuously, or intelligently identified with Borough affairs than he.

### James T. Stewart.

If any man ever attained genuine popularity, in the highest sense of the term, among his fellowmen, and particularly among his fellow townsmen, the subject of this sketch, James T. Stewart, is one of the men in that category. He is the real type of true American citizen, and the real type of loyal and progressive townsman. He is the manner of citizen who will always exert his influence on the side of justice, of morality, of law and order, and in keeping with the best interests and with the honor and dignity of his home town. Steadfast and prompt in business intercourse, alert and willing to assist through his means and influence in every good enterprise, and yet withal retiring and unobtrusive, he combines in his disposition rare and valued qualities which make him every inch a man. Mr. Stewart came to Lansdowne in June, 1893, and has been actively identified with every step of borough growth since that time. He has always been devoted, in business, to the textile industry. In this field he served a long and faithful apprenticeship, mastering every essential detail. In the prosecution of knowledge therein he was a student of the Philadelphia Textile School, Broad and Pine streets, Philadelphia, and is now a member of the Advisory Committee of that widely known institution. Starting in a subordinate way Mr. Stewart rose until he became the President of the Caledonia Mills Company, of Clifton Heights, a contiguous borough, and in the latter part of 1908 he ascended higher and became the proprietor of the mills. He is President of the Lansdowne Fire Company, a prominent member and officer of the Lansdowne Republican Club, a member of the Lansdowne School Board, also of the Board of Trustees of the Lansdowne Free Public Library, and a director of the Lansdowne Civic Association, and is, besides, identified with a number of other prominent organizations. Socially Mr. Stewart is a prince of entertainers, ranking as one of the best local raconteurs. In his relations with his fellow man he is uniformly candid and fair. He is an approachable man, and at all times a frank and plain spoken man. Mr. Stewart has a deep and abiding faith in Lansdowne's future, and believes in the advocacy of the recognized interests of the majority. No citizen has done more to promote the development of the borough, and none has displayed a more intelligent, energetic, and continuous activity in sustaining every movement that had for its aim the uplift and betterment of the borough.

### A. Culver Boyd, Esq.

One of the rising young men of Lansdowne is A. Culver Boyd, Esq., son of the Rev. William Boyd, Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of the Borough. Mr. Boyd has been a resident of the Borough since



A. Culver Boyd, Esq.,  
Chairman, Ordinance Com-  
mittee, Boro. Council.

1893. Apart from preliminary educational advantages enjoyed in public and private schools, Mr. Boyd graduated from the college department of Princeton University, and from the law school of the University of Pennsylvania. He early applied himself to the study of law, and is now a well known and successful practitioner at the bars of Philadelphia and Delaware Counties. He is a Director of the Tradesmen's Trust Company, of Philadelphia. He has always taken an active part in club life in the borough, having been Vice-President of the Lansdowne Republican Club, of which organization he is now a Director, being a member of the well known Neighbors' Club and Vice-President of the Lansdowne Civic Association. Mr. Boyd was elected a member of the Borough Council in 1938 and was appointed chairman of the Ordinance Committee of that body, which is one of the most important of the councilmanic committees. He is devoted to athletics and out-door sports and exer-

cise. His name is always prominently identified with all movements looking to the uplift of the Borough.

### Frank Thomas Davis.

Frank T. Davis, Sr., President of the Lansdowne Civic Association, has been a resident of Lansdowne for about twelve years. Mr. Davis acquired his early education in the public schools, following this up with terms at Shortledge's Academy and the State Normal School. When scarcely emerged from his "teens" Mr. Davis started out to make his own way in the world. Among the early experiences of his training for business were connection with a national bank, a western sojourn, and the re-indexing of the old records that were made when Chester and Delaware County were one, extending from 1680 to 1880. Upon the completion of the latter important and onerous task in 1884, Mr. Davis became identified with the Phoenix Bridge Company as its Treasurer, a position he has ever since held. Mr. Davis has served as Chief Burgess and a member of Council of the Borough, and is now serving as a member of the Lansdowne School Board. He is a member of the Manufacturer's Club of Philadelphia. He is recognized as one of the Borough's foremost citizens, and is one of its staunchest and most consistent supporters. He is a fine type of self-made man, and enjoys the fullest confidence and esteem of his fellow townsmen.

**Richardson Shoemaker.**

There is not a resident in the Borough of Lansdowne a citizen who has done more in a substantial way toward the upbuilding of the locality than Richardson Shoemaker, the proprietor of the well known Lansdowne



Richardson Shoemaker,  
Liveryman and  
Warehouseman.

Storage Warehouse and Livery Stables on W. Baltimore avenue, who has been located in the immediate vicinity for over a quarter of a century. When it is stated that Mr. Shoemaker built the first roadways, laid the first pavements, and constructed the first main sewer system, further comment is unnecessary. No man has become more thoroughly interested with the life and welfare of the community than he. Although yet a young man, he has attained a full measure of deserved business success and won a permanent place in the high esteem of his fellow townsmen. Mr. Shoemaker grew up to his present business. From 1883 to 1892 he was a clerk in the lumber yard office of J. Alfred Bartram, which was located where the present Hoopes lumber yard now stands, at Baltimore and Union avenues. While in the employ of Mr. Bartram the subject of this sketch started in the livery business, at Bartram Lodge, in 1889, and at the same time inaugurated the stage line running to and from the railroad station this line having been conducted continuously ever since. It originated for the purpose of carrying summer guests to and from the Bartram Lodge which at that time was occupied by Mr. Shoemaker's mother as a suburban summer apartment house. The Bartram Lodge, which was torn down in 1908 to make room for modern improvements, was

built in the year 1800, the stable on the premises having been erected in 1799. Mr. Shoemaker resided in the lodge for three years, 1889 to 1892, removing in the latter year to the property at the corner of Baltimore and Lansdowne avenues now owned and occupied by Dr. John A. McKenna. Mr. Shoemaker owns considerable valuable real estate, improved and unimproved, in all parts of the borough. He built the houses at Nos. 96 and 98 Nyack avenue in 1885 and the house in which Charles Janvier resides No. 30 Elberon avenue, in 1888, and is the owner of the property occupied by the Crucible Steel Casting Company, S. Union avenue and the Railroad. Mr. Shoemaker is a lover of horses, and always keeps his stables stocked with the best of horse flesh. He has never been an aspirant for political office, but served as Judge of Election in the borough during the ten years 1892 to 1902, inclusive. There is no better known or more popular man in the borough. He enjoys a most enviable reputation for square dealing, and rigidly pursues that policy in all his relations both in business and socially. Mr. Shoemaker is an eminently practical man. His business conceptions and methods are solidly founded and have been carefully cultivated. In him Lansdowne has a loyal citizen, a public-spirited townsman, a successful and progressive business man, and a resident who is ever striving to intelligently promote the best interests of the borough in all directions.

### William C. Shuster, Jr.

In actual life we want things done, not preparations for doing them, and we naturally admire the man who has definite aims and purposes and proceeds in the straightest and shortest way to accomplish his objects. That is



William C. Shuster, Jr.  
Contractor and Builder.  
Real Estate Operator  
Member of Boro. Council.

why William C. Shuster, Jr., in his early thirties, stands out, in borough affairs, as a conspicuous figure, a citizen and business man of pronounced attainments and performances. He has been a resident of Lansdowne since May, 1891. In the first years of his residence he was in the employ of John S. Wilson, the well known local builder, and while thus engaged mastered the details of the business and eventually established a business of his own, and in a few years became known far and wide as a builder of artistic and beautiful suburban homes. In the conduct of his business he operates his own manufacturing plant, on S. Lansdowne avenue, where also he has an office. He is practically the originator of the strictly modern suburban detached home, and he has built over a hundred of these charming and complete homes in all sections of the borough, whole rows of them in some quarters. These homes range in cost from \$4,000 to \$10,000 each. This is tantamount to stating, that Mr. Shuster, in those beautiful residences, has given to Lansdowne mod-

ern, up-to-date improvements approximating a round million of dollars. So popular have become this style of home that the houses built by the subject of this sketch are proudly designated as "The Shuster Type," which is locally synonymous with "the best type." Mr. Shuster is a large owner of unimproved property in the borough. With T. Ellwood Bartram and J. Henry Bartram, two well known citizens, he is part owner of what is considered the most beautiful tract in Lansdowne, known as Lansdowne Court, on S. Lansdowne avenue, adjoining the railroad station. This property was formerly a part of the estate of Col. Thomas A. Scott, deceased, President of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and consists of sixteen acres of beautiful rolling grounds with fine old shade trees, rare shrubbery, and artistically designed landscape gardening. This property is assessed at about \$18,000, but has a real value that approaches close to \$75,000. Several beautiful homes have already been built on the tract. It also contains "The Devonshire," a fine mansion, originally erected by Col. Scott at much expense, and which has been renovated and converted into an up-to-date apartment house, the owner, William A. McEwen, having full control of the management. Mr. Shuster lives up to the statement that "Time is gold; throw not one minute away, but place each one to account." In 1908 Mr. Shuster was elected to membership in the Borough Council, for a term of three years. His public career has been marked throughout by unwonted activity and intelligent enterprise. In no direction has he evidenced more good judgment than in his consistent and unwavering devotion to the work of giving his fellow townsmen first-class highways, both as to sewers, drains, roadways and sidewalks. He is inalienably wedded to borough welfare and uplift, and can be depended upon to do all in his power to advance borough interests along all avenues of development and improvement. RAHY

**W. Frank English.**

The official life of W. Frank English, as a member of the Borough Council, and particularly as Chairman of the Highway Committee of Council, during the year 1908 alone entitles him to the highest encomiums of the citizens of Lansdowne. The outcome of his unceasing official performances during the year in question showed conclusively that work and occupation had become necessary for his comfort and happiness. He devoted his time and ability almost exclusively to the devising and executing of plans for the improvement of borough highways in all directions. Extended service and varied experience as a municipal officer specially equipped him for the big task he not only essayed but successfully carried out. Mr. English came to Lansdowne in its village era, on October 15, 1887. He resides in the historic Plumstead mansion, located on the avenue of the same name. Although a prominent and successful business man, he has found time, during the twenty-one years he has resided in the community, to serve his fellow townsmen as Chief Surgeon and as Councillor, and his public service is marked throughout with monuments of effective accomplishments in furtherance of public good and municipal advancement. Mr. English has been a member of the Board of Trustees of the Lansdowne Methodist Episcopal Church ever since the Church was organized. It was at his suggestion that the church secured and located at its present very desirable place. Mr. English has served on all the committees of Council, at various times, but has given the public the best service during the year 1908 as Chairman of the Highway Committee. In this capacity he originated and introduced what has since been styled a "system of borough highway improvements." In short, he, after carefully studying all phases of the local highway situation and after repeated conferences with fellow councillors and well informed fellow townsmen, inaugurated a system of roadway, sidewalk, sewer, and drainage, improvement, which when carried out uniformly, will place the borough in the front rank as a model community in the matter of highway conditions. Mr. English possesses the courage of his own convictions. He perseveres in the face of discouragement when he becomes convinced he is right. In the face of adverse opinion, he, after determining upon a plan of work for borough uplift, stood faithfully, loyally, and conscientiously at his post, and indefatigably promoted every detail essential to proper consummation of the undertaking. Already the splendid results offered by way of experimental demonstration are accorded due praise by citizens conversant with local needs. No citizen of Lansdowne has devoted more earnest and intelligent consideration to the borough's condition and the borough's needs. He is a firm believer in Lansdowne's future development.



W. Frank English,  
Chairman, Highway Committee, Borough Council,  
Manufacturer.

**George W. Statzell.**

George W. Statzell, one of Lansdowne's most progressive and prominent citizens, was born at Philadelphia, in 1858, and settled in Lansdowne in 1894. Mr. Statzell recently retired from active business, and is now engaged in improving one of his properties in the northern section of the borough, known as the "Anderson Tract," containing about 23 acres of ground.

### Dr. John Albert McKenna.

Dr. John Albert McKenna is one of the most popular and widely known of the rising young men of the Borough of Lansdowne. He has won distinct success both as a medical practitioner and public official. Dr. McKenna



Dr. John A. McKenna.  
Member of Borough Council.

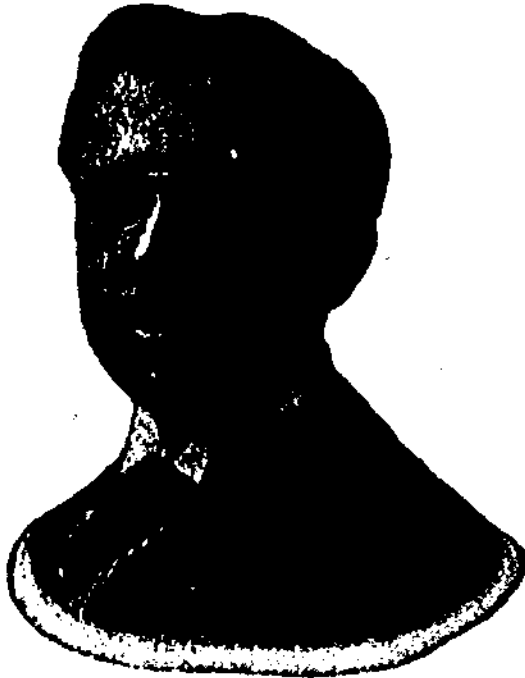
came to Lansdowne in the Fall of 1899. After a good preliminary education had been obtained, he entered the Medical-Chirurgical College, Philadelphia, and graduated from that institution in 1897. In his profession career have been crowded the following important fields of activity: Instructor in Surgery and Chief of Surgical Clinic, Medical-Chirurgical College. Assistant Surgeon to Medico-Chirurgical and American Stomach Hospitals, Philadelphia. Former Resident Surgeon Medico-Chi Hospital, and Acting Assistant Surgeon, United States Army, Camp Alger, Va., 1898. Member of the Philadelphia County Medical Society, Philadelphia Pathological Society, Philadelphia Medical Club, and American Medical Society. Dr. McKenna early won distinction in the field of metropolitan journalism, and is now engaged upon a medical work of great interest and worth to his profession, in the preparation of which he has devoted considerable time and extended study and research. He has long been a member of the Borough Council, and during his incumbency has served on practically all of that body's committees. Dr. McKenna is a prominent member of De La Salle Council, Knights of Columbus, of Lansdowne, and is prominently and actively identified with all movements looking to the uplift of Lansdowne.

### John Carl Hilbert.

John Carl Hilbert, the popular and efficient Station Agent of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, at Lansdowne, was born at Buffalo, N. Y., in 1861, and was educated in the public schools of that city. About 1880 he removed to Philadelphia to study telegraphy, entering the service of the Railroad Company for that purpose. At first he was assigned to Norton Station in a clerical capacity, remaining there about three months, when he was transferred to West Chester, where he stayed two years as freight clerk and operator, and at the expiration of that period was given the position of Station Agent at Burmont, where he remained until transferred to Lansdowne on April 1, 1888. Mr. Hilbert has served as Postmaster in Lansdowne and at present is Borough Real Estate Assessor and one of the Borough Auditors. He is a man of sterling character, and has discharged with fidelity and thoroughness the duties of all posts, public or private, to which he has been either elected or appointed. He is a firm believer in and upholder of Borough interests.

**C. Edwin Hunter.**

One of Lansdowne's most prominent citizens, although young in years, is C. Edwin Hunter. Mr. Hunter was born in Philadelphia, July 11, 1880,



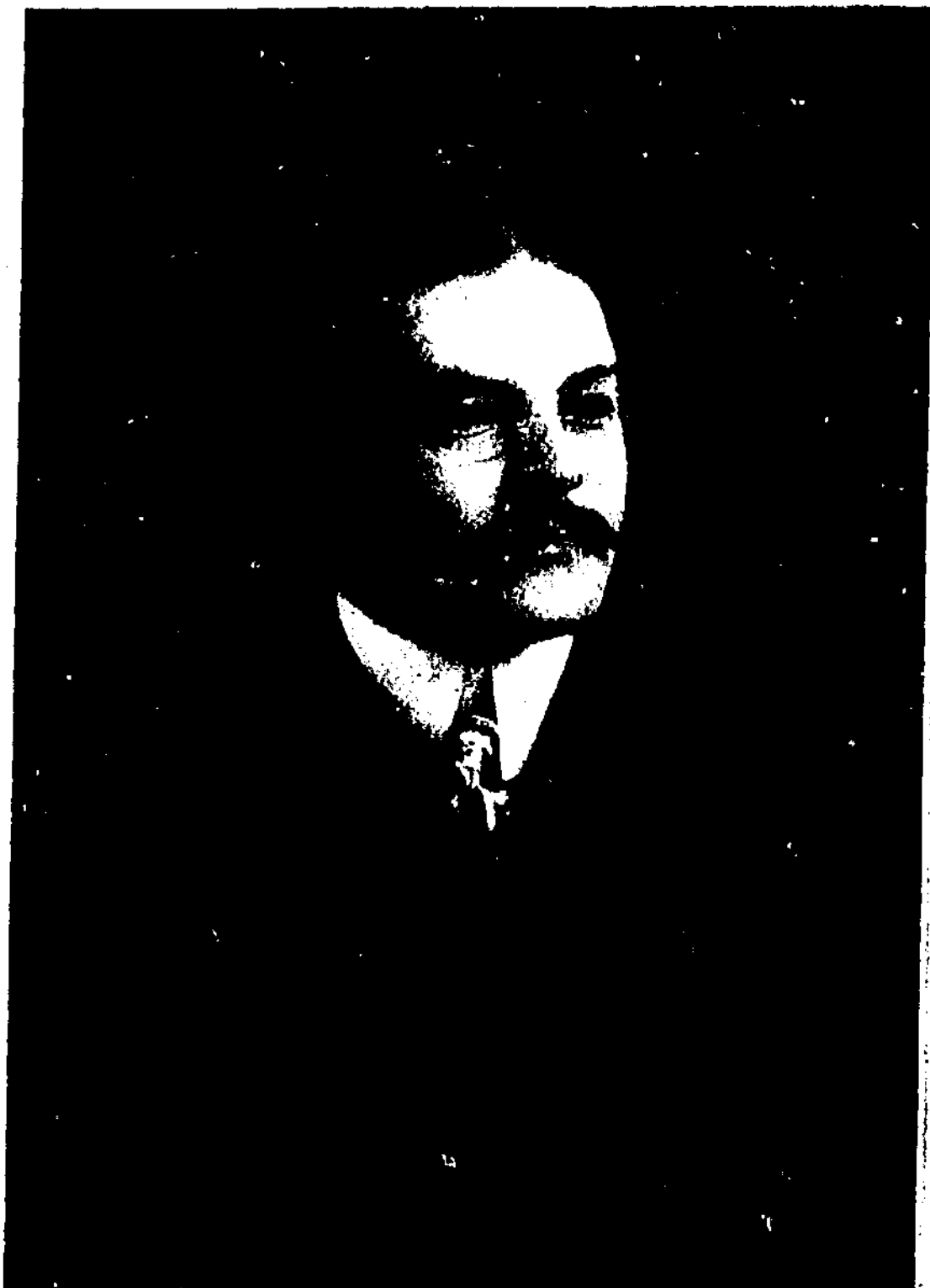
C. Edwin Hunter,  
Prominent Real Estate Operator.

and was educated in public and private schools. He started in the real estate business, in which field he has won signal success, at the age of 17, and up to the time of starting in business for himself, in 1904, had been connected with several of Philadelphia's largest and best known real estate concerns. At the organization of the Philadelphia & Western Railroad Company, he was appointed Real Estate Agent and Conveyancer, and had charge of the acquisition of all right of way of the Railroad, and is still retained by the Railroad Company in the same capacity. Mr. Hunter is also Real Estate Agent and Conveyancer and a Director of the Homestead Real Estate Company, owning large acreage along the Philadelphia & Western Road. He is also identified as one of the largest real estate brokers and operators in suburban real estate and expert appraiser. In Lansdowne and vicinity, he has sold upwards of \$300,000 worth of real estate

Two of the most notable sales were of the property belonging to the late Col. Thomas A. Scott, President of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, on which he outlined the project of Lansdowne Court, and of property belonging formerly to Joel J. Bailey, located on South Lansdowne avenue. Mr. Hunter is a prominent officer of the Lansdowne Country Club, a Director of the Lansdowne Civic Association, and is actively identified with many other prominent clubs and organizations. He is a young man possessed of splendid energy, push, and enterprise; and withal displays at all times sound judgment and tact. Lansdowne's interests find in him a steady, intelligent, and substantial supporter and promoter.

**John V. Loughney.**

John V. Loughney ranks among Lansdowne's foremost townsmen. Mr. Loughney settled in the Borough September 1, 1900. He was the prominent pioneer spirit in the establishment of a local council of the Knights of Columbus, which was done on June 25, 1901, with himself occupying the distinguished position of Grand Knight, it being named De La Salle Council, No. 500. Mr. Loughney is at the present time the District Deputy of the Sixteenth District of Pennsylvania, covering West Philadelphia and Delaware County and having jurisdiction over West Philadelphia, De La Salle, Pinzon and Columbus Council; and is an active member of the Union Athletic Association, having joined at the organization. He has attained marked business success, at present occupying the position of Assistant Secretary and Treasurer of The Equitable Trust Company, of Philadelphia. His career has been marked by a wide experience and close application to business.



LARRY M. DAVIS.

**Harry M. Davis.**

Lansdowne's representative pharmacy has been for years popularly known as "Davis' Drug Store." The proprietor, Harry M. Davis, one of the borough's highly esteemed young business men, was born at Llanerch, Delaware County, and started in the drug business in Lansdowne in the Barker Building on November 1, 1896. Mr. Davis purchased the present home of his pharmacy, at the corner of Lansdowne and Baltimore avenues in 1901, it occupying the site of the old Brennan Drug Store building which was removed, intact, under the supervision of R. J. Robinson, in 1900, to its present location on Baltimore avenue, as the club house of the Knights of Columbus. Mr. Davis moved into the new building in May, 1901. The property cost \$10,000, including the house and store only; he subsequently added the barber shop in 1901, and in 1903 the Twentieth Century Club Hall, and the store buildings now occupied by the Craig-Wright Meat Shop and the Chinese Laundry. He also conducted a drug store at Fernwood, Delaware County, from 1903 to 1906, and is still owner of the property. He is the owner of considerable improved and unimproved real estate in the borough. On May 26, 1906, Mr. Davis, owing to impaired health, sold his Lansdowne drug store to J. V. Slaughter, and, with the recovery of normal health condition, re-purchased the store from Mr. Slaughter on October 1, 1908, and has as a partner in the business Walter Jessup, the firm name being Davis & Jessup. Mr. Davis was educated in the public schools, supplementing his early schooling with courses at the West Chester State Normal School and the Millersville State Normal School. He began the study of pharmaceuticals in 1887 in Philadelphia and graduated in 1892. He served as a member of the local Board of Health, first filling the unexpired term of J. Herbert Ogden, and then serving for a full term. He was elected a member of the Borough Council in 1908 for a (three-year) term, is chairman of the Police and Buildings Committee, and a member of the Highway and Fire and Light Committees. His career in council has evidenced marked ability and ripe judgment. He is zealously devoted to all undertakings calculated to promote the best interests of the borough, and devotes much of his very valuable time to studying municipal needs and devising ways and means for their betterment.

**Cornellus McCullough.**



Cornellus McCullough,  
Chief, Lansdowne Fire  
Company.  
Boro. Building Inspector

Among the young men who have achieved business success in Lansdowne is Cornellus McCullough, the well known heater and range and roofing expert with offices on South Lansdowne avenue. Mr. McCullough has been a resident of Lansdowne for twenty-five years, having settled in the village in 1891. He has grown with the borough, and particularly with its residential development. He is practically conversant with all phases of municipal activity, and has always taken a prominent part in all matters directed toward local advancement. He is Chief of the Lansdowne Fire Company, and has evidenced marked ability in promoting the best interests of that organization. Mr. McCullough was appointed Borough Building Inspector in 1908, and has discharged the important duties of the office with marked fidelity, intelligence and efficiency.

### George A. Nitzky, Jr.

Lansdowne citizenship is proud of its water supply. The residents boast of its excellence. The various departments of the municipality openly proclaim its adequacy and completeness in all avenues of municipal requirement. The local water system attained its present stage of thoroughness since the advent in the Borough of Geo. A. Nitzky as Superintendent of the Springfield Consolidated Water Co. Mr. Nitzky is an expert on public water supply, and gained his enviable status in that field by years of practical experience and hard conscientious study. He gives every detail of the water supply personal supervision, and is thoroughly conversant with every feature of the water system. He is an Ex-Chief of the Lansdowne Fire Company, and in that position directed the Company to a high state of efficiency. He is recognized as one of the borough's self-made young men.

### Casper Pennock.

Caspar Pennock is one of Lansdowne's early citizens, one of the men who did the pioneer work out of which has grown the Lansdowne of today. His early part in Lansdowne's affairs is elsewhere recounted in this publication. Suffice it to add, that no man in the Borough has contributed more extendedly or substantially to its development in all directions than he. Mr. Pennock located in the village of Lansdowne in 1872, at which time Lansdowne avenue (Darby Road) was a 33 foot wide road south of Baltimore avenue.

### John W. Davis.

John W. Davis is one of the best known of Lansdowne's early residents. Mr. Davis came to the locality to live on February 1, 1887. Since his advent to the community he has been active in all matters directed toward its welfare and advancement. His name appears in sundry parts of this publication in connection with prominent steps taken in early local development. He was a member and the first Secretary of the Borough Board of Health when organized. Mr. Davis served in the Borough Council, and has been for years that body's secretary, a post at once charged with numerous and very responsible duties, and which he has ably and most acceptably filled. He is Treasurer of the Lansdowne Republican Club, and a Director of the Lansdowne Civic Association, and also a member of other well known local Clubs. He is one of the best informed men in the borough on municipal history and conditions.



John W. Davis,  
Secretary,  
Lansdowne Boro. Council.

### Edwin B. Lewis.

Edwin B. Lewis, the well known Real Estate Agent, located in Lansdowne in July, 1890, but had purchased a home in the then village in the

Fall of 1889. Mr. Lewis has been Collector of Taxes for the Borough for a number of years, and his large and varied relation to local real estate, improved and unimproved, constitute him one of the best and most reliably informed men on local realty values in the Borough. Mr. Lewis is a member of all prominent Borough organizations whose aim is local improvement, and is always in the foreground of all movements aimed at fostering and promoting that end.

### H. F. Griffith.



Henry C. Griffith,  
Head of the Lansdowne  
Land Syndicate.

Trading as the Lansdowne Land Syndicate Director of Belmont Trust Company, Officially identified with important Industrial Enterprises, and also Owner of Large Realty Interests in the West.

There is presented in this place a picture and brief sketch of Mr. H. F. Griffith, the purchaser in 1908 of fifty acres of the erstwhile W. A. Johnson farm tract in the northwestern section of the Borough. Mr. Griffith is trading as the Lansdowne Land Syndicate and developing this newly acquired section with the view of making it the ideal residential quarter of Lansdowne. He is a Director of the Belmont Trust Company, of West Philadelphia, and is even more prominently identified with industrial enterprises. Mr. Griffith is Treasurer and Manager of the American Cork and Seal Company, a new and flourishing Philadelphia undertaking, which is now installing immense power presses and other improved machinery; and when the outfitting is complete it will be the second largest plant of the kind in the United States. He is also President of the Shelby Spring Hinge Company, of Shelby, Ohio, manufacturer of builders' hardware and kindred lines. He is the owner of large realty interests at De Kolb, Ill. The past year found Mr. Griffith pushing the Lansdowne investment with the view of placing its recognized advantages and claims before the people intelligently and attractively. With the advent of open weather in the spring and summer of 1909, it is his purpose to renew on a much more extended scale his plans of improvement in the Borough, and for the successful prosecution of this work he has surrounded himself with a corps of efficient, experienced and thorough realty men.

### R. James Robinson.

There are few better known or more respected men in Lansdowne than R. James Robinson, of the "Villa." Mr. Robinson was born in Haverford Township, Delaware County, in 1857, and with his parents removed to the W. Albert Johnson farm, at Marshall Road, in 1861. From the Johnson farm Mr. Robinson removed to Garrettsford, where for ten years he was engaged in the milk business, and then became a horse dealer. He served as constable in Upper Darby Township in 1889. In 1900 he settled in Lansdowne, at his present home, the "Villa," South Lansdowne avenue, where he has since been engaged in the general teaming and livery business. He has held the office of Constable continuously since 1900. Mr. Robinson is an active and prominent member of the Lansdowne Fire Company, and is ever active in all matters tending to Borough Improvement.

### Albert F. Damon, Jr.

Albert F. Damon, Jr., of Darby, Pa., was appointed Borough Engineer of Lansdowne, Pa., in 1908, by the Lansdowne Borough Council, his indorsement for the office having been of the highest order. His preparatory education was had at the Friends' Central School Fifteenth and Race streets, Philadelphia, Pa., this having been supplemented by attendance at the Pennsylvania State College, from which institution he graduated in 1891. Mr. Damon was in the employ of William Wharton & Co., Philadelphia, until 1893, when he formed a partnership with Enon M. Harris, Jr., who was at that time Borough Engineer of several boroughs in Delaware County. This partnership continued for about seven years, and since its conclusion Mr. Damon has been in the general engineering business on his own account, representing, for varying periods of time, the following boroughs in Delaware County, namely, Darby, Colwyn, Sharon Hill, Yeador, Prospect Park, Norwood, Eddystone, Collingdale, Glenolden, Clifton Heights, and Lansdowne. His work in Lansdowne has brought him in contact with all phases of highway improvement. During the year 1908 he planned, instituted, supervised, and completed street construction and general highway betterments that have already left a prominent impress of sterling benefit to the Borough. He has also been instrumental in originating plans for and conducting toward satisfactory completion a sewage disposal plan for Lansdowne and adjacent boroughs. He is a young man of distinct promise and substantial performances.



Albert F. Damon,  
Engineer and Surveyor  
of Lansdowne Borough.

Dr. H. C. Bartleson.

Dr. H. C. Bartleson was born in Radnor, Delaware County, Pa. He was educated at the Millersville State Normal School, Lancaster County, Pa., and in Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, Pa., (1870). He settled in Lansdowne on October 1, 1896, but had been in the immediate vicinity for twenty-seven years. His charming home at the corner of Baltimore and Wycombe avenues was built for him by John McConaghy in 1893, and has been occupied by the Doctor ever since his advent to the Borough. On November 12, 1873, he was married to Clara Virginia Thompson, of Philadelphia.

### Frank P. Drew.

Frank P. Drew has been a resident of Lansdowne since 1893, but had been accustomed to pass the summer months in the Borough for several years previous to that date. Mr. Drew has always taken a strong and active interest in every movement having for its object the promotion of Borough welfare. He is a member of several local clubs, and in these, as in his business undertakings, takes an energetic and helpful part. Mr. Drew is a lover of the gun and rod, and is a member of the Lansdowne Gun Club, and one of its organizers. He is a director of the Lansdowne Civic Association.

### George N. Storch

Among the strictly representative local business establishments that of George N. Storch, at No. 9 S. Lansdowne avenue, unquestionably stands first from the standpoint of completeness of equipment and artistic arrangement and furnishing. Mr. Storch, a young man not yet past his twenties, located at No. 5 S. Lansdowne avenue March 27, 1936, having acquired the



George N. Storch.

confectionery and ice cream business up to that time conducted by H. M. Whitman. The new owner at once injected modern business procedure and soon found his quarters too cramped for his growing trade. On March 18, 1937, he purchased from William H. Worrell, the local plumber, the property at No. 9 S. Lansdowne avenue, and in August of that year started to remodel the building. A first-class ice cream manufacturing plant was installed on the first floor and a complete baking department at the rear of the second floor, both departments being supplied with features realizing the best known system of sanitation and cleanliness, this being the first undertaking of the kind in the borough, as in other cases it was customary to conduct the work in poorly ventilated and lighted cellars or basements. On December 1, 1937, Mr. Storch took possession of the premises. The property was purchased from Mr. Worrell for \$7,600, and the alterations made in it before possession was taken footed up approximately \$5,000. Among the other changes made since

his occupancy the following merit special mention: The ice cream factory is remarkable for its cleanliness and the uniformity of methods observed in the manufacture of ice cream. The ice cream parlor, decorated with rich classic designs, handsomely carpeted, containing rich mahogany tables and chairs, and provided with beautiful art-glass electric lights, a light being assigned to each table, has a seating capacity of fifty-two persons. It opens directly into the store department at the front of the building. In the latter department the same eye-pleasing classic designs in decoration prevail, the walls also carrying large beveled glass mirrors, while fine glass show cases, filled with sweetmeats of his own manufacture and set off with tastefully arranged bric-a-brac and objects de vertu,—appear on either side of the entrance aisle. It is safe to state there is not another such establishment outside of Philadelphia. During 1938 Mr. Storch added to the store a very beautiful and complete soda fountain at a cost of about \$1,200. This establishment keeps two delivery teams on the go day and night, and affords employment to eight persons other than the members of the proprietor's family. Mr. Storch is the only caterer in the borough, and his service in this field has been of such uniformly excellent nature that he is in constant demand in connection with public and private functions, the Clifton National Bank having been one of his latest patrons on the occasion of the annual meeting of the stockholders in January, 1939. The ice-creams offered by this business enjoy a wide reputation for excellence, and are delivered to customers in all parts of the County and in Philadelphia. He extends to his patrons an invitation to visit and inspect any branch of the business at any time. The store front is handsome, with plate glass display windows in which are costly drop curtains, the business sign being wrought artistically on the transom over the main entrance door. Mr. Storch has contributed substantially and most attractively to the improvement of the borough, and is a consistent and stalwart champion of all movements aiming at borough development and uplift.

### William A. Leonard.



William A. Leonard.  
Successful Boro. Florist.

William A. Leonard is recognized as one of the foremost exponents of practical floriculture in Delaware County, and admittedly stands in the front rank of Lansdowne florists. He has devoted years of unremitting and close study of the history and nurture of flowers. He has been a resident of Lansdowne for a number of years, and has succeeded in building up one of the most extensive as well as best equipped greenhouse systems in the State. The greenhouses now number fourteen, and Mr. Leonard's business is growing so rapidly that this number will not long meet his requirements. He is one of the borough's large property owners, and also owns property in East Lansdowne. He is essentially a business man, and by adherence to sound business policies has deservedly won distinct success. He is ever among those who are striving for a better and greater Lansdowne, and in the management of his own business affords a most commendable example along this line.

### Dr. Warran Lawrence Rhoads.

Dr. Warren Lawrence Rhoads was born in Delaware County, May 5, 1868. He was educated at the West Chester State Normal School, the Shortlidge Academy, Media, the University of Pennsylvania, and the American Veterinary College, Veterinary Department University of New York, from which he graduated in the spring of 1893. He began the practice of his profession in Lansdowne in September, 1893, and purchased his present residence of Homer C. Stewart in the spring of 1896, and immediately erected a veterinary sanitarium, containing all the latest improvements and appliances; this sanitarium was damaged by fire in 1908. In the fall of 1896 he married Anna M., second daughter of H. Jones and Anna R. Moore, of Broomall, Delaware County. He was unanimously elected for three successive years as Secretary of the Keystone Veterinary Medical Association, the oldest local association in existence, and also served as Secretary of the Pennsylvania State Association.

### Benjamin W. Carskaddon

Benj. W. Carskaddon has been a resident of Lansdowne since November, 1892, and has always taken an active part in every movement that promised to promote Borough development and betterment. After an extended, varied and successful real estate and conveyancing experience, Mr. Carskaddon was on May 1, 1902, appointed to his present very important official post as Real Estate Agent of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Lansdowne Public Library. As this volume goes to press, Mr. Carskaddon stands as the Republican nominee for Chief Burgess.

**Lucian W. Beatty and T. Edgar Beatty.**

Lucian W. Beatty.



T. Edgar Beatty.

The two young local merchants above named, trading as Beatty Bros. started in the grocery business at No. 8 East Baltimore avenue, Lansdowne, March 29, 1904, removing to their present quarters on South Lansdowne avenue on November 22, 1906. They are self-made business men in every sense of the term. These young men started as grocery clerks in the Borough, January 5, 1895, serving at different times with such well known local grocerymen as W. S. Jefferies, E. F. Pearson and H. Hibbert. In that way they acquired a practical foundation that has proved a most valuable asset in the success that attended their subsequent business undertakings. They have always been substantial contributors to the growth and development of Lansdowne in all directions. These young men located in Lansdowne in 1894.

**Joseph S. Vanzandt.**

Joseph S. Vanzandt, born at Philadelphia, Pa., in 1850, located in Lansdowne, (at the time a village in Upper Darby Township,) in the fall of 1884, moving three years later to his present home on North Lansdowne avenue. Mr. Vanzandt has always taken an active interest in the growth and development of the Borough. He was one of the organizers of the first united effort for local government, the Citizens' Association, serving as its Secretary from its organization until it passed out of existence after the incorporation of the Borough in 1893. In 1898 Mr. Vanzandt was elected a member of the Borough Council to fill an unexpired term, serving during his incumbency as Chairman of the Finance Committee of Council. He was also chairman of the committee that organized the local fire company, and was elected the company's first President, an office he filled for several years. Mr. Vanzandt is officially identified with the Treasury Department of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, with which Company he has been associated for a number of years. Not only the prominent and effective part he played in the early career of the Borough, but as well his energetic and broad-minded interest in all that relates to the municipality at the present time, place him in the rank of the really representative men of the locality.



John W. Gibson,  
Real Estate Agent.

### John W. Gibson

John W. Gibson, Real Estate Agent, settled in Lansdowne, June 19, 1889, as a representative of the Lansdowne Heights Land Association. At that time Lansdowne was a small village with a population of about 600. He can point to at least 100 houses in Lansdowne and vicinity that have been erected through his efforts, and during his residence in Lansdowne he has sold upwards of 1,000 lots in Lansdowne and adjoining boroughs. He is a loyal townsman, whose best endeavors are invariably directed toward all movements having for their object local improvement.

### Dr. Elwood Baker.

Dr. Ellwood Baker, who died March 1, 1896, aged 57, was one of the best known physicians in Delaware County. He was born at the farmhouse on the road from Church Lane to Cardington. He was a graduate of Jefferson Medical College, and Hahnemann College gave him a diploma. He had an extensive practice and was highly esteemed by all. His wife was Miss Mary E. Plumstead, daughter of Robert Plumstead, of the "Maple Grove Farm," now a part of Lansdowne. He was interred at the Friends' burying ground at Darby.

### James S. Austin.

James S. Austin was born in Philadelphia. His father, John B. Austin, owned Dr. De Forest Willard's present property, and used it as a country-seat. James S. Austin was President of the Citizens' Electric Light Company, and was also President of the Delaware County & Philadelphia Trolley Company.

### S. Tyson Kinsell,

Secretary of the Lansdowne Civic Association.



S. Tyson Kinsell,  
Secretary, Lansdowne Civic Asso.

Mr. Kinsell is a Registered U. S. Patent Attorney, and formerly practiced in Philadelphia. He entered the Federal Government service in 1903, several years prior to which he also published the "Delaware County Tribune."—(1901-03). He spent about four years in the Secret Service and Customs Divisions of the Treasury Department, Washington, D. C., and is now connected with the Customs Service at the port of Philadelphia. Appointed member of Board of Health, in March, 1909.

**Edwin T. Darby, M. D., D. D. S.**

Dr. Edwin T. Darby's residence on Lansdowne avenue, just below the Providence Road, was named "Darbydene," and was built in 1884 by Benj. D. Price, architect, and original owner; the ground formerly belonged to the Lincoln estate. Dr. Darby was born in Binghamton, Broome County, New York, and educated at Cortland Academy, Homer, N. Y. He graduated in dentistry in 1865 at the Pennsylvania College of Dental Surgery, Philadelphia, and in medicine at the University of Pennsylvania in 1879. He has been identified with the University of Pennsylvania as Professor of Operative Dentistry and Dental Histology in the Dental Department.

**Civil Betterment Undertakings.**

**Citizens' Association of Lansdowne.**

The first movement toward the creation of an "improvement association" in Lansdowne may be said to date from January 18, 1889, when the present borough was a village forming a part of Upper Darby Township. On that date a meeting was held in Pennock's Hall, at which Joseph Powell offered a resolution providing for the appointment of a committee to consider such matters as were of interest and for the general welfare of the community. The chairman, Joseph E. Thropp, appointed as such committee Messrs. Clement M. Biddle, Abram L. Pennock, John W. Davis, F. M. Longstreth, E. St. J. Brady, Henry Albertson, J. Wesley Harris, Joseph S. Vanzandt and Joseph E. Thropp. Mr. Vanzandt acted as Secretary of this meeting. The question of borough incorporation was discussed and the following boundaries for Lansdowne were suggested: Commencing at East side of Darby Creek on a line with Fairview ave.; eastwardly on said Fairview ave. to Union ave.; northwardly to Kenney's Lane to Marshall Road, thence westwardly to Shadeland avenue, thence southwardly to east side of Darby Creek to place of beginning. Organization was effected at the meeting of the foregoing committee held February 13, 1889, with Clement M. Biddle as chairman. The committee recommended, inter alia, that the organization be known as the "Citizens' Association of Lansdowne." On June 13, 1889, the first regular meeting of this Association was held in Pennock's Hall, James Garrett occupying the chair, with Joseph S. Vanzandt as Secretary. At the meeting held the 18th of the same month the following were elected as the first officers of the Association:

- President, ..... James Garrett.
- Vice President, ..... Joseph L. Davis
- Secretary, ..... Joseph S. Vanzandt
- Treasurer, ..... Leander Marshall

The Trustees were Abram L. Pennock, Dr. DeForest Willard and Henry Albertson, and the Executive Committee comprised F. M. Longstreth, Edward V. Kane, A. E. Postel, Joel J. Bulley, Caspar Pennock, Robert F. Irwin, James Garrett, E. R. Fackler, Frank Morris, Henry Grim, John W. Davis, Joseph S. Vanzandt, John J. White, Howard White and H. H. Cook. This Association included in its membership many of Lansdowne's best known citizens, and at the time of its dissolution in 1893 had 83 members. It did much good and substantial work in the way of local beginnings, improvements and general uplift.

### Lansdowne Civic Association.

The Lansdowne Civic Association had its origin in a movement instituted by citizens of the northern section of the borough who were desirous of promoting and maintaining a high standard of municipal conditions, and which culminated in the organization on September 13, 1907, of the "Eastern Precinct Improvement Association of Lansdowne." After several meetings it was decided to enlarge the field of activity, to include the borough in its entirety, and accordingly the name was changed to "Lansdowne Improvement Association" at a meeting held in January, 1908, which title obtained until the adoption on October 13, 1908, of the present title "Lansdowne Civic Association", in order to harmonize with National and State organizations of like character. Although in its infancy the Association has accomplished much substantial good in borough affairs, its work thus far having been for the most part formulative and suggestive. The officers are:

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 Vice President, ..... A. Culver Boyd.  
 Secretary, ..... S. Tyson Kinsell.  
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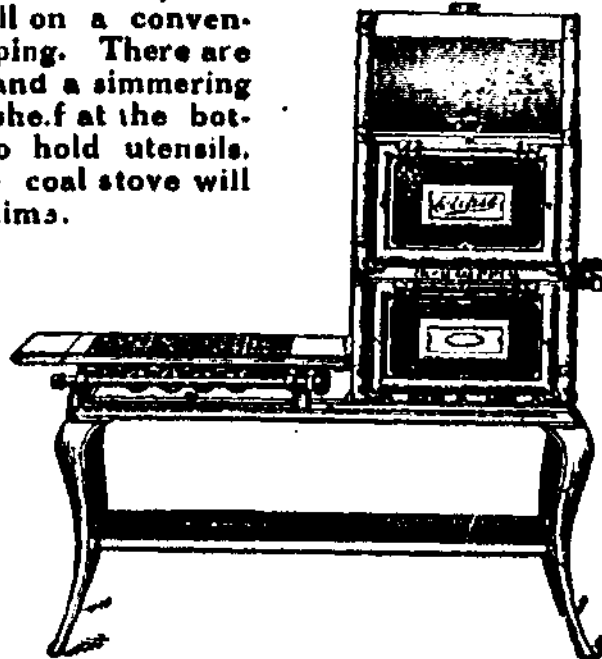
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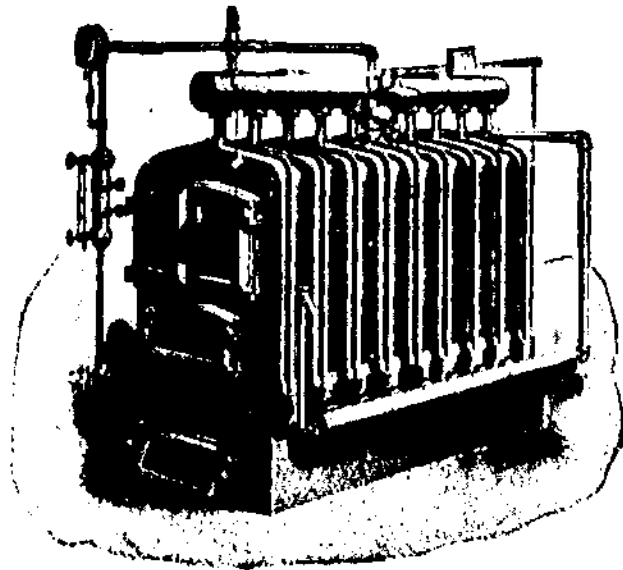
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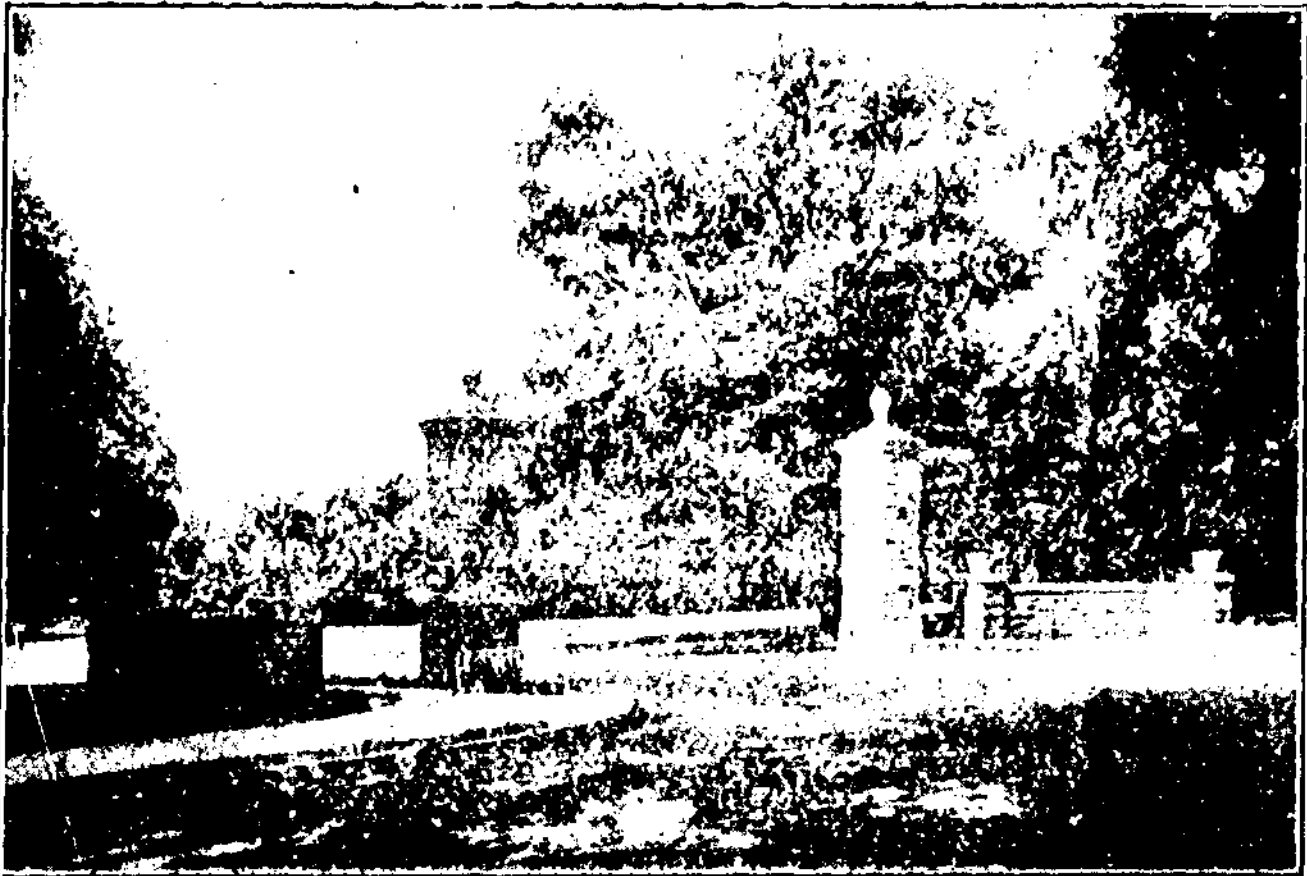


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