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On January 1, 1892, the present publisher took Mr. Brewster's place.

The growth of THE NEW ERA, both as a newspaper and as a printing plant, has been gradual, but we believe, substantial. It is with pleasure that we take this opportunity to thank the business men of Riverton, Palmyra and vicinity, and a few staunch friends in Philadelphia, for their loyal and liberal support which has made possible the development of our office until its equipment is not excelled by any of its size in the State. Of late particular attention has been paid to half-tone and two-color work which has necessitated the introduction of three Colts Armory Presses, the best platten presses made, a power paper cutter, besides a large quantity of new type. Other improvements have been made in the equipment which will not interest the general public, but for all of which we are indebted to the favor with which those who have had printing to do have looked upon our work.

We wish also to extend our heartiest thanks to those who, having little or no printing to be done, have subscribed for the paper, and spoken kindly of our office when opportunity offered, to the end that many valued orders for printing have thus reached us indirectly through them. This kindly feeling in the community toward our establishment is a most valuable

asset, and it gives us much pleasure to believe that for the most part our efforts toward conducting a newspaper and producing high-class printing have been approved and appreciated.

The object in publishing the holiday issue of THE NEW ERA in its present form is two-fold: to gather, briefly, before it is too late, many little facts about our neighborhood of local interest, and to present in concise form and by half-tone illustration, the advantages of Riverton and Palmyra as places of residence. This, of course, is unnecessary for those who already live here, but as several hundred copies have been ordered by those who wish to send them to friends out of town, it is possible that many new and desirable residents may be added to the community.

How well the project has been received is evidenced by the large advance sale, and the almost universal use made by the local business men of the pages set aside for advertising.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

In preparing the contents of this issue we have had occasion to enlist the assistance of many of our friends. It is with pleasure we acknowledge the valuable services rendered by the following: A. G. Appel, Fred. Blackburn, Mrs. Fred. Blackburn, Charles M. Biddle, Mrs. R. F. Corry, Mrs. J. P. Cooke, James S. Coale, Clayton Conrow, F. L. Durgin, Charles G. Davis, F. S. Day, J. D. Eisele, Charles L. Flanagan, George C. Frank, Robert F. Garwood, John M. Hughes, Rev. J. F. Hendrick, Dr. J. D. Janney, Mrs. F. M. Johnson, Rev. F. L. Jewett, Mrs. T. A. Lloyd, J. Lawrence Lippincott, Mrs. J. Lawrence Lippincott, W. W. Leap, William B. Lynch, H. E. Moyer, George W. McIlhenny, Mrs. Alex. Marcy, Jr., William N. Mattis, Ogden H. Mattis, Ross Mattis, Rev. P. S. Meinert, Elias Morgan, Rev. J. G. Noordewier, Howard Parry, Edward H. Pancoast, Mrs. H. N. M. Pancoast, James E. Russell, John H. Reese, C. C. Rianhard, A. H. Rudduck, Mrs. William Rudduck, Rev. R. B. Shepherd, Mrs. H. R. Sharp, W. H. Spayd, Joseph H. Smith, Horace G. Stonaker, Joseph Schuler, C. F. Sleeper, John A. Stark, J. Otto Thilow, Joseph Beck Tyler, William J. Thomason, Mrs. Alice Taylor, Charles Turner, John B. VanBaun, Mrs. Alex. Wood, E. L. Williams, John Wallace, Mrs. William G. Wilson, George Wiggins, Elmer C. Warrington, George N. Wimer.

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Early Days in Riverton



While there were farm houses in the neighborhood at a much earlier period, Riverton, as a community known by that name, was started in 1851 by the house built by Daniel L. Miller, Jr., who in that year erected the building on the river bank now occupied by F. C. Brooksbank. It was in that year that nine gentlemen—Caleb Clothier, Robert Biddle, Daniel L. Miller, Jr., William C. Biddle, William D. Parrish, Dillwyn Parrish, J. Miller McKim, James Clothier and Rodman Wharton—purchased a tract of land from Joseph Lippincott, laid it out and drew lots for locations on which they would build their houses. The other houses were started immediately or soon after the Miller property and completed in 1851 and 1852. Caleb Clothier built the house now occupied by Mrs. Ogden, Dillwyn Parrish built the one in which H. J. Mitchell now lives, and Rodman Wharton built the Fidler property, the only brick house in the lot, all the others being frame. The Seckels occupied the farmhouse where the Lawn House now stands. This building was on the tract of ground when purchased. It was owned jointly by the purchasers who rented it to the Seckels for a boarding house. W. D. Parrish built the house where Mrs. W. L. James now lives, and Robert Biddle put up the one now occupied by Miss Martha Biddle, the only one of the original houses to remain in the family that built them. The property now occupied by Mrs. Stevens was built by William C. Biddle. About a year later Professor Cleveland erected and for a time occupied the house where Charles A. Wright now lives. James Clothier erected the house that was later known as the Fraser property on Main street, which has recently been purchased and remodeled by W. McLean Jones, who uses it for a summer residence.

At the time these houses were built Riverton as laid out extended from the house where Mrs. Ogden now lives to the Charles A. Wright property along the river, and back as far as the south side of what is now the Williams property on the road between Riverton and Westfield.

The Riverton Improvement Company was created a corporation by the State of New Jersey and approved March 12, 1852. On August 23, of that year, Daniel L. Miller conveyed Riverton to the Riverton Improvement Company by a deed, in which there appeared a "liquor clause," which read as follows: "Shall not at any time hereafter manufacture or cause to be manufactured, sell or cause, or knowingly permit to be sold, directly or indirectly, in or upon the premises hereby conveyed, or any part thereof, any spirituous, vinous, fermented, or other intoxicating liquors, except as a medicine, or for medical purposes in cases of sickness." The properties were then deeded back to their several owners. This foresight on the part of the early settlers has made it impossible to open a saloon in Riverton—a very effective form of local option. This was tried a few years later in the white house on Main street, since torn down and replaced by S. J. Allen's new residence. The owner was bought out, however, and the house was sold to the Seckels, who used it as a boarding house, which they operated in addition to the one on the river bank.

When Riverton was laid out there was practically

no connection with Philadelphia by rail, the only facilities in this line being a platform on the Dreer property, about where Fulton street now is, at which some of the trains would stop if flagged. In order to secure better and more convenient means of transportation the citizens got together and built a wharf and rented the steamboat Wave, a seventy-foot sidewheeler, which made several trips to and from the city daily. At this time, too, the stone wall along the river bank was built. About ten years later they built and operated the Rancocas, which was run in connection with the Barclay, owned by a man of the same name living at Rancocas. Still, it was realized that even such transportation facilities were inadequate, and in order to get better train service a house and station were erected and presented to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. This was used as a station and home for the station agent. Charles Mattis, father of Ogden H. and William N. Mattis, was one of the early station agents located in this building. It faced the railroad at that time, but has since been turned around to face on Main street, and is now occupied by Milton Vansciver.

One improvement begets another, and about 1880 a system of oil street lamps was installed, Lemuel H. Davis being the father of the project. It was supported by popular subscription at a cost of about \$250 a year. More than the required amount was frequently subscribed, and the treasurer, Charles M. Biddle was often able to refund some of the money. The lamps were cared for by Louis Corner, who paid his subscription in that way, receiving a small sum in addition to his services. The system was maintained in this way until it was taken over by the municipal authorities, who enlarged it and retained it in service until last year, when it was supplanted by a system of gas and electric lights.

Following lights came a sewer on the lower portion of Main street. It was a private project, built by Lemuel H. Davis, and extended from his property at Second and Main to the river. The next step in the direction of providing sewerage facilities was the construction of the Main street sewer in 1892.

To go back a little to the earlier days it might be mentioned that a few years after the original Riverton was founded, the Lippincott and Thomas farms were taken in, extending the line down to where the water works now stand. The house where John C. W. Frishmuth lives was the farmhouse on the Thomas farm, and the Lippincott farmhouse, which stood partly out in the street, was torn down in 1875, to make way for the house now occupied by Charles M. Biddle. This house was erected by Joseph Wilkins, who sold it to Mr. Biddle in 1878.

The house where N. Myers Fidler now lives was built by William F. Thomas, father of William M. Thomas, who afterwards lived in it until a few years ago, when he sold it to Mr. Fidler.

Among the early residents, of a period somewhat later than its founders, was George W. Shinn, who built the house now owned by Mrs. Charles Bioren, on Main street, and built and conducted a store on the site of the one now run by Joseph M. Roberts. Mr. Roberts

took possession in 1881, after the store had been conducted for some years by other parties, after Mr. Shinn sold out. It was the original building put up by Shinn which was destroyed by fire in 1891.

Another resident was Dr. A. A. Willets, who lived on Main street, where the Riverton Free Library now has its home. Still another was Frank Thompson, at one time president of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, who lived in the house Dr. Marcy now occupies.

There were comparatively few houses southeast of the railroad prior to 1898, when what has become known as the "Extension" was opened for building purposes by the purchase of the Edward Lippincott farm by Ezra Lippincott and his son, J. Lawrence Lippincott, after the death of Edward Lippincott in the spring of 1897. The elevated ground in that section made an ideal site for residences, a large number of which have been erected in the eleven intervening years.

The advantages of Riverton as a place of summer residence was appreciated even in its earliest days, as is shown by the large patronage enjoyed by the boarding houses of that period; and the introduction of improved sidewalks, gas and electric lights, a most excellent water supply, unexcelled train service, trolley service, telephone, telegraph and express facilities have made it so convenient and enjoyable a place in which to live that an increasing number are building homes and making it their place of residence throughout the year.

The population in 1883 was given as seven hundred; it is now about two thousand.

One of the most pleasing features about Riverton is its park-like river bank, maintained entirely by the owners of the property along the river, and open to the public throughout the year. This idea originated with the first residents and has been continued without a break ever since. There is no other place along the river where the residents of the whole community enjoy such privileges and advantages at private expense.

Riverton was a part of Cinnaminson Township until the year 1893, when it was incorporated a borough on December 18. The first Mayor was Edward H. Ogden. At that time but four Councilmen were required, and the first members of this board were Dr. H. B. Hall, John C. W. Frishmuth, Ogden H. Mattis and William M. Thomas.

The present Mayor is F. G. Brown, who has served several successive terms, and who will be succeeded by Edward H. Flagg, Jr., the first of January next. The Councilmen are: William A. Major, Harry H. Pancoast, Robert Biddle, Killam E. Bennett and Henry Ashburner. Mr. Ashburner will be succeeded by William N. Mattis.

RIVERTON YACHT CLUB.

The Riverton Yacht Club, the ninth oldest in the United States, was organized July 1, 1865, by a number of yachtsmen who had boats on the river and desired the advantages of a club. The first officers were: Casper W. Morris, commodore; Jacob G. Morris, vice-commodore, and Edward H. Ogden, secretary and treasurer. The Club was incorporated March 9, 1881, by Walter G. Wilson, Charles E. Cornelius, J. Rulon Miller, Charles W. Davis and William R. Ellison.

Among the early members were: Casper and Jacob Morris, Charles M. Biddle, H. C. Biddle, Lewis Senat, Clement Biddle and Clement A. Griscom. The Biddle boys won the first race in 1865, and held the flag for ten years. Charles M. Biddle is the only original member of the Club still in Riverton. After the Club was incorporated Mr. Biddle resigned for a time and thus lost his priority of membership.

The first boats were of the cat-boat class and about sixteen feet long. They were six in number and built by McGeehen. Three of them were designed by Lewis Senat and three by McGeehen, the builder.

In 1893 a fleet of fifteen mosquito boats were introduced and for a time furnished an interesting diversion, but they gradually dropped out of the club, being discarded for larger boats, until in 1905 they were omitted from the schedule of races.

The one-designers, the latest addition to the fleet, were introduced in 1904, and have lost nothing of the high favor with which they were received. These boats came into favor through the Fiona, which was brought to Riverton in 1902 by J. H. Hillman. This boat proved to be so much faster than the cat boats, and showed such excellent sailing qualities that nine of the members of the Club decided to have built boats of the same type. A. G. Cook and John H. Reese were appointed a committee to superintend their construction. These boats are 25 feet long, jib and mainsail rigged, and of what is known as dead-rise type of construction. The original owners of the fleet were: No. 1, A. G. Cook; No. 2, C. S. Mills (now owned by W. McLean Jones); No. 3, H. McIlvaine Biddle; No. 4, J. W. Hamer (now owned by C. C. Rianhard); No. 5, F. W. Radell (now owned by D. L. Vaughan, who has installed an engine); No. 6, J. H. Reese and J. H. Hillman (now owned by Roberts Leinau and H. B. Hills); No. 7, E. W. Crittenden (now owned by Roberts Leinau and H. H. Watkins); No. 8, C. M. Biddle; No. 9, J. L. Lippincott.

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The Riverton Yacht Club has always taken a leading part in the celebration of the Fourth of July here, practically having charge of the whole day's events, from the children's parade, in the morning, to the closing, with fireworks on the pier in the evening. The children's parade idea was introduced in 1897 by Charles W. Davis and Albert J. Briggs, and enthusiastically adopted by the Club. Each child in Riverton on Fourth of July morning, whether permanent resident or visitor, is presented with a silk flag, a procession formed for a march to the river headed by a band of music, where the ex-



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ercises of the day are opened by the singing of patriotic songs, and an address.

Until the organization of the Riverton Country Club in 1900, the Yacht Club was the only social and athletic club in Riverton.

RIVERTON COUNTRY CLUB.

The Riverton Country Club was organized in January, 1900, and the golf links were ready for play in July of that year. The introduction of this Club into the community met a want that had long been felt to exist in the social life of the neighborhood, and has been the means of attracting to Riverton many desirable citizens who have become permanent residents.

Ezra Lippincott and Edward H. Ogden were the originators of the plan, which met with instant and hearty response. The original officers were Edward H. Ogden, president; J. C. W. Frishmuth, vice-president; Weston Donaldson, treasurer; James S. Coale, secretary. The incorporators were the officers above named and Frederick S. Groves and J. Lawrence Lippincott.

The Club owns its grounds and clubhouses. The grounds consist of about sixty-seven acres, of which

twenty acres are woodland, the only grove within a radius of many miles. The preservation of these trees was one of the incentives which prompted Mr. Lippincott and Mr. Ogden to purchase the site, and the thought of the management is in entire accord with the intentions of the founders of the Club in this respect. This wooded portion of the grounds has been greatly improved and beautified by cutting away the dead wood to allow the live wood a chance to grow, and is fast becoming one of the most attractive spots on the property.

The golf links are laid out in a nine-hole course, which is conceded to be unusually fine. Other attractions are a tennis court, bowling alleys, shuffleboards and billiard tables. Dances are held every two weeks from May to October. The clubhouse is situated on an elevation from which a pleasing view may be had of the surrounding country in all directions, and is fitted with sleeping accommodations and a restaurant.

The Riverton Country Club is a member of the Philadelphia Golf Association, and plays the Suburban League teams of that organization. Two years ago the Riverton Club won the championship, and is always to be found among the leaders. This year the Lynewood Hall and Philadelphia Cups were captured—the two principal trophies of the Association.

There are about sixty active players, of both sexes, among whom are several elderly gentlemen who are very enthusiastic in the game.

The present officers are: F. S. Groves, president; John S. Bioren, vice-president; Charles C. Miller, secretary; E. L. Williams, treasurer. Board of directors: Franklin W. D'Olier, Fred. G. Brown, H. McIlvaine Bidle, James S. Coale, Henry W. Hall, Walter H. Lippincott, Charles C. Miller, Joseph L. Thomas, Dr. Charles S. Mills and Dr. Walter Roberts.

RIVERTON POSTOFFICE.

The Riverton postoffice was established in the year 1871. Previous to that date mail for Riverton went to Palmyra, and it was necessary to go after it or pay a volunteer carrier two cents for delivery. Charles Mattis was the first postmaster, and the office was originally located in the railroad station, Main street, in the house now occupied by Milton Vansciver. It was later moved to the house recently vacated by John J. Adolph, corner Broad and Main, then to Cowperthwaite's drug store, 304 Main street. From there it started up Main street, stopping for a time at 520, now occupied by George W. McIlhenny, after which it was located for some years at 528, where J. J. Adolph now has his news agency. From there it went to its present location, 609 Main street, where it occupies one of the finest postoffice buildings of its size in the State.

The office became second class about 1901. It handles more mail daily (averaging about 9,000 pieces) than most of the small offices on the Amboy Division. Nine mails arrive and depart daily, and it is the only postoffice between Burlington and Camden that is open on Sundays.

Two rural letter carriers are connected with the office, who make two trips a day (except Sunday). They deliver and receive mail, and cover about twenty miles. These are two of the largest routes in the service, serving 210 families and averaging 800 pieces daily.

CHRIST CHURCH, RIVERTON, N. J.

As there was no place of worship in Riverton in the early fifties, the first service was held in a private house loaned for the occasion by Daniel L. Miller, on Sunday evening, December 23, 1855, by the Rev. H. H. Weld, then rector of Trinity Church, Moorestown, N. J. This service was so well attended that Mr. Weld continued to come over from Moorestown once a month throughout that winter. In the spring a weekly Sunday afternoon service seems to have been arranged for by the Bishop of the Diocese, the neighboring clergy officiating, but most of the work fell upon the Rev. Mr. Millett, the principal of St. Mary's Hall, Burlington. In 1857 the Rev. Mr. Hyde, one of the professors of St. Mary's Hall, took Mr. Millett's place. In 1858 Mr. Hyde held service every Sunday morning, the Rev. Mr. Weld officiating once a month in the evening. In 1859 a lot was purchased opposite the present Riverton Station, and a church built upon it entirely free from debt, so that the first service held in it was the consecration service, which took place on June 9, 1860, the Rt. Rev. W. H. Odenheimer, D.D., Bishop of New Jersey, officiating. The Bishop was assisted by the Rev. Marcus F. Hyde and the Rev. H. H. Weld. The Church was incorporated this same year, two Wardens and five Vestrymen being elected. In 1862 the Rev. Levi Johnston, who had just been ordered Deacon, became the first resident missionary. He only continued in charge for one year, when the Rev. H. Palethorp Hay was elected rector. Mr. Hay resigned on February 13, 1866. The Rev. R. T. Roach was called to the vacant rectorship, entering on his duties July, 1866. A rectory was purchased this same year. In 1868 the present stone rectory was built and part of the present Church grounds given. In 1869 the Rev. Mr. Roach resigned and the Rev. H. H. Weld, S.T.D., who had held the first service in Riverton, was elected rector, entering upon his duties in January, 1870. In 1871 the Church was moved from its original site near the railroad and placed on the lot adjoining the rectory. The Church was also enlarged at this time. In 1876 a frame Sunday school building was erected and presented to the parish by William P. Ellison, as a Centennial offering. This building did noble service until 1895, when the present Parish House was erected. The new stone Church was built in 1883, and was consecrated by the Bishop of the Diocese, Rt. Rev. Dr. Scarborough, on July 10, 1884. In the fall of 1888 the Rev. Dr. Weld, after a long and faithful rectorship, died and was suc-

ceeded on November 1 of the same year by the Rev. C. Heathcote Hills. Mr. Hills remained as rector for three years, enlarging the work and building up the parish. In 1891 the Rev. John H. Converse was called to the rectorship. During his rectorship of two years and a half steps were taken looking towards the building of a Parish House, which was becoming more and more a necessity, owing to the growing work. On April 1, 1894, the present rector, Rev. R. Bowden Shepherd took charge. Ground was broken that June for the Parish House and the corner stone was laid August 1, 1894. The new building was opened and dedicated on Saturday, April 20, 1895, and has been in constant use ever since. By this means the work has been greatly enlarged, and the whole community benefited, for the Free Liberty of Riverton was made possible by offering it a home within these walls, and free lectures have helped to interest and instruct many who otherwise would not have had such an opportunity offered them.

The grounds and buildings are entirely free from debt, and a successful effort has been made towards securing an endowment. The Church building has been greatly beautified and improved the past summer.

The first Church building was removed to Palmyra after the erection of the new church, where it is still in constant use as Christ Church, Palmyra.

THE MEN'S CLUB OF CHRIST CHURCH.

This Club is the outgrowth of a weekly meeting for the men of this vicinity, which was carried on for nearly twenty-five years. The Club was organized four years ago, and has since been conducted by the members. The rector of the parish is the president, but the other officers are chosen by the Club. The large basement, with its shuffleboards, its pool and billiard tables, is open to members on Monday and Thursday nights, from November to May, from 8 to 10 p. m. Magazines are also provided.

An annual supper is given each year, in January or February, with special speakers. Occasional smokers have been held.

Any man in this neighborhood over 18 years of age, endorsed by two members of the Club, is eligible for membership. The dues are 50 cents a year. There are at present about seventy members, and others will be cordially welcomed. For further information apply to the secretary.



Christ Church, Riverton, Rectory and Parish House. The Parish House was built 1895 and was the home of the Riverton Free Library from its organization in 1899 until 1908, when the memorial building was presented to the Library Association by Mrs. Edward H. Ogden.



*Presbyterian Church
and Chapel*

*The Chapel was
built in 1898, under
the Pastorate of the
Rev. C. P. Butler.
An addition was
built to it in 1904,
at a cost of \$2,500.*

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

The Girls' Friendly Society is founded upon the idea of Christian sisterhood. It was organized in England in 1874, and has now extended to all lands where the English Church and her daughter in America are at work. The first branch in this country was formed in Lowell, Mass., in 1877. The Riverton branch was organized in 1886 by Mrs. Thomas Roberts and Miss Seckel. Riverton has been honored by having Mrs. Roberts elected president of the American Society, which position she has held for ten years. She is now honorary president.

It is a society for girls who are trying to live good, pure lives and to be helpful to others. Within its limits its members have a right to look for kindness, sympathy and help from every other member. Its motto is "Bear ye one another's burden."

Any girl of good moral character is eligible for membership after a probation of six months. She must be at least 12 years of age. There are three divisions in the local branch—seniors, juniors and candidates. Meetings are held weekly in Christ Church parish house on Wednesdays, at 8 p. m., for the seniors, and on Saturday, at 3 p. m., for the juniors and candidates. Miss Elizabeth B. Campbell is branch secretary.

CALVARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Pursuant to a call issued in the early part of July, 1874, signed by I. M. Hoffard and Allen H. Brown, there assembled on July 18, in the Riverton schoolhouse, the Reverends Hoffard and Brown, the Messrs. Wells, Naudain, Davis, Ourt, Campbell, Listen, Steedle, Dreer and Mrs. Dreer for the purpose of forming a congregation for the worship of God according to the tenets of the Presbyterian Church. Dr. Edward L. Duer was selected as secretary, and the Rev. Mr. Hoffard acted as chairman of the meeting. The following gentlemen were unanimously elected to serve as trustees: Messrs. Joseph Campbell, Charles W. Leavitt, Lemuel H. Davis, Lewis Ourt, Edward Lippincott, William F. Dreer, John Fraser. Mr. Davis was selected as president of the board, Mr. Campbell, treasurer, and William F. Dreer, secretary. In December, 1874, Calvary Church was formally granted a charter, and duly registered by the County Clerk. The selection of a lot and the erection of a building was referred to Messrs. L. H. Davis, Lewis Ourt, Edward Lippincott and Mr. Sanson. They secured the lot on the

northwest corner of Fourth and Lippincott avenue, and John Fraser, architect, of Riverton, presented plans for the new building which would cost \$4,000. Subscriptions were taken and the Board of Church Erection of the General Assembly advanced \$1,000. James Wilson, a builder, of Burlington, was chosen to erect the building. Mrs. Dreer presented the pulpit as a memorial to her husband, Henry A. Dreer; L. H. Davis gave the bell in memory of his daughter, Re-Ella. His son, B. Frank Davis, and John Fraser presented a memorial window for the chancel.

On July 2, 1879, the church was dedicated. The Rev. Dr. Grier, of Philadelphia; Rev. E. B. Hodge, of Burlington; Rev. M. L. Hoffard, of Morrisville, Pa.; Rev. L. R. Fox, of Jacksonville and Providence, N. J.; Rev. A. A. Willetts, of Philadelphia; Rev. Allen H. Brown, Rev. D. W. Dehughes, of Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church; and Lemuel H. Davis, president of the Board of Trustees, the Rev. J. R. Sanson, pastor in charge, took part in the dedicatory ceremonies. The press was represented by Rev. Allen H. Brown, for the Observer; Rev. Dr. Grier, for the Presbyterian; Rev. D. M. Dehughes, for the Christian Herald; Mr. Wells, for the Philadelphia Bulletin; J. H. Haffey, for the Beverly Banner; Mr. Stokes, for the Mount Holly Herald.

On April 7, 1882, the Rev. John R. Sanson was elected to the pastorate of the church. On June 25, 1887, the Rev. Charles W. Nevin was elected to the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Sanson. Mr. Nevin served the congregation until March, 1889, when he handed in his resignation. On July of that year the Rev. Paul A. Houghtaling was called to the pastorate. The Rev. Richard Hodge was the next pastor, followed by the Rev. Courtlandt P. Butler, who was succeeded by the Rev. Charles L. Candee, who was followed by the present incumbent, the Rev. John G. Noordewier.

The present session consists of James Hemphill, clerk; James Forrester, Dr. Alex. Marcy, Sr., and Datis Reed.

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART.

Prior to the year 1873 the Catholics of Riverton were accustomed to attend divine worship at Riverside, Moorestown and Camden. In 1874 Catholic services were held for the first time within what is now the borough of Riverton at the house of Edward McKeon, which still stands on Main street. The first church was built on Fourth street, between Main and Howard, on ground donated by Lemuel H. Davis, a Presbyterian by faith, and a gentleman of broad religious opinions. The cor-

ner stone was laid May 31, 1879, by the Rev. Peter Jachetti, who had charge of the mission. The edifice was dedicated to divine worship on July 6 of the same year, by the Most Rev. M. A. Corrigan, archbishop of New York. In 1883 the Rev. Peter Jachetti was transferred to Trenton, and was succeeded by the Rev. James MacKernan, who immediately purchased the ground at Fourth and Linden, on which to erect a new church, as the first church edifice was becoming too small for the needs of the growing congregation. The Rev. John M. McCloskey had the present church erected during his pastorate. Rev. S. D. Walsh succeeded Father McCloskey and remained as pastor for the period of six years. In the year 1900 the Rt. Rev. Bishop McFaul decided to separate the Riverton mission from the parish of Beverly, and accordingly appointed in the same year Rev. J. F. Hendrick to the pastorate of the Sacred Heart Church.

Father Hendrick began his work by collecting funds for the building of a rectory. The parishioners responded generously and as a result a magnificent parochial residence was built on the lot adjoining the church on the north. The following year he was enabled to adorn the interior of the church with new and costly windows, a grand pipe organ, frescoes and beautiful paintings. On October 9, 1904, the silver jubilee of the church was observed with all splendor and due ceremonies.

The pastorate of Father Hendrick has been in every way a success. A gentleman of erudition and culture, he has endeared himself to Catholic and non-Catholic alike.

MOUNT ZION A. M. E. CHURCH.

The Mount Zion A. M. E. Church, which has been variously known as the Riverton A. M. E. Mission, Riverton A. M. E. Church, and finally by the name it now has, was started by the Mite Missionary Society in Roberts' Hall thirteen years ago last February. The officers of this Society were: Mrs. Alice Taylor, president; Mrs. M. Coggins, vice-president; Mrs. Eliza Starks, treasurer; Mrs. Martha Anthony, recording secretary; Mrs. Josephine Gould, assistant secretary; Mrs. Jennie Jackson, corresponding secretary.

For years meetings were held in Roberts' Hall, until in August of this year the congregation dedicated their

own church building at Third and Penn streets, which had been erected at a cost of \$1,400.

The first pastor was Rev. John Robinson, and the present incumbent is Rev. L. W. Generette.

The present board of trustees is composed of George Madison, Joseph Clayton, Howard Johnson, George Corney, George Lee, William Cephas and Isaac Fawcett. Stewards: Arthur Watts, Stephen Sparrow and George B. Coggins. Stewardesses: Mrs. Alice Taylor, Mrs. Joseph Clayton, Mrs. Phillis Ashley, Miss Lydia Owens, Mrs. William Cephas, Mrs. Hassie Brown, Mrs. Martha Still, Mrs. Lydia Watts, Mrs. Jennie Bond, Miss Allie Taylor and Miss Emma Harris.

The present membership is nineteen.

ST. PAUL'S BAPTIST CHURCH.

St. Paul's Baptist Church was organized about twenty years ago. The Rev. John Robinson, of Virginia, was the first pastor, and the meetings were held at the home of Samuel Wade, at Wrightsville, who was one of the oldest and most influential members up to the time of his death in 1902. John Taylor, William Gabbons, Adam Edgerton and all the members of Samuel Wade's family were prominent in the early days of the church. Starting in 1891, services were held for a short time in Morgan Hall, after which the congregation moved to Joyce's Hall, where it remained until 1905, when a new brick church building was erected at East Riverton at a cost of about \$3,900, not including the ground.

The present pastor is the Rev. Frank Lynch, of Richmond, Va., now living in Philadelphia. The congregation now numbers forty-five.

The deacons are Charles Turner, John A. Stark, Aaron Payne, Luke Jones, Benjamin Marks, Promise Austin. The trustees are Charles Turner, John A. Stark, Aaron Payne, Robert Turner, Henry Johnson, John Jones, Stephen Wise; clerk, John A. Stark; treasurer, John Jones.

FORESTERS OF AMERICA.

Court No. 98, Foresters of America, is probably the strongest order, numerically, in Riverton. It now has a membership of 130, and is still growing. The first officers were: James J. Karins, financial secretary; Walter B. Hart, recording secretary; Horace G. Stonaker treasurer.

Meetings are held the second and last Tuesday in



Sacred Heart Church, showing the Rectory on the left, built since Father Hendrick, the present pastor, took charge. Through his efforts also the interior of the Church has been adorned with new and costly windows, frescoes and beautiful paintings, and a grand pipe organ installed.



Scene on the Delaware during a race, showing a mosquito boat, with one-designs and cat boats in the distance

the month in Roberts' Hall. The dues are 75 cents a month, the sick benefits \$5 a week and attendance by the Court physician. One hundred dollars is paid on the death of a member.

The present officers are: I. S. Williams, financial secretary; William Crouch, recording secretary; H. G. Stonaker, treasurer.

SHEPHERDS OF BETHLEHEM.

Friendship Lodge, No. 11, Shepherds of Bethlehem, was instituted May 24, 1897. The charter members were: George W. McIlhenny, Mrs. Henrietta Richman, Mrs. Lydia Norcross, Mrs. Virginia Mood, Mrs. Marion Sauers, Mrs. Annie Cole, Andrew J. McIlhenny, Mrs. Anna McIlhenny, Mrs. Clara Fox, Harry Lloyd, Mrs. Mary Steedle, Mrs. Anna Murphy, Samuel Cole, Mrs. Sarah Remine, Mrs. Mary Russell.

The first officers were: Commander, Mrs. Clara B. Fox; vice-commander, Mrs. Anna McIlhenny; treasurer, George W. McIlhenny; first past commander, Mrs. Marion Sauers; accountant, Mrs. Lydia Norcross; scribe, Mrs. Annie Cole.

The present officers are: Commander, Mrs. Mary Steedle; vice-commander, Mrs. Anna Lezenby; chaplain, Mrs. Mary Russell; past commander, Mrs. Henrietta Richman; treasurer, Morris Steedle; accountant, Mrs. Annie Cole; scribe, Mrs. Anna McIlhenny; organist, C. B. Wood; trustees, George W. McIlhenny, Andrew J. McIlhenny and Morris Steedle.

It is a beneficial order paying \$4 a week benefits for ten weeks, and \$100 on death of a member. The age limit for membership is from 16 to 50. The dues are 10 cents a week.

A. O. H.

On January 24, 1892, the Ancient Order of Hibernians was organized in Riverton with fourteen members, by Matthew H. Gaynor, County President of Burlington County. The original officers were: Michael O'Neil, president; Michael Fenlon, vice-president; Martin Kerrigan, Jr., recording secretary; John McDermott, financial secretary; Thomas J. Flannery, treasurer.

While this Order has a membership of only seventeen, owing largely to the fact that only those of Irish descent are eligible, it is one of the strongest financially in the State. The age limit is from 18 to 45, the weekly dues are 50 cents a month. Sick benefits of \$5 a week are paid, and \$50 on the death of a member.

The present officers are: James J. Flynn, president; P. J. Fenlon, vice-president; James Laughlin, recording secretary; John McDermott, financial secretary; Joseph T. Schuler, treasurer.

DREER'S NURSERIES.

Dreer's Nurseries, Riverton's largest industrial institution, was founded by Henry A. Dreer in 1838. The nursery grounds were located for the first eleven years on the historic Hamilton estate of the "Woodlands," on Woodland avenue, Philadelphia, then known as Darby road. In 1850 the nurseries were removed to a square of ground on Thirty-fifth street, below Haverford avenue. In 1873 they again changed their location, coming to Riverton, which had been selected as their permanent home five years before.

The Riverton seed and plant farm covers about one hundred acres, about eight acres of which are covered by greenhouses, packing sheds, cold-frames, etc. Some idea of the area under glass will be obtained from the fact that it takes fifteen boilers of a capacity of nearly one thousand horsepower and nearly twenty-five miles of radiating pipe to heat the greenhouses to the requisite temperatures. Both steam and hot water are used for heating, and over three thousand tons of coal are consumed every season.

It is not possible, in the brief space of a magazine article, to enumerate even a small number of the many varieties of plants and seeds which are grown. Among the specialties which are handled are new and rare plants, of which a large number are annually introduced; palms, ferns and other decorative foliage plants are grown here in large numbers and in greater variety than in any other establishment in the world, over two and one-half millions of ferns alone being grown every season. Hardy perennials, or what are known as the old-fashioned hardy flowers, which have again become such great favorites during recent years, are grown in even greater numbers. Roses for the amateur for outdoor planting are also one of the special features—not millions of tiny plants, such as are usually distributed by mail, but large, two-year-old plants, prepared in such a manner as to give immediate results to the planter. The trial beds of roses, containing over five hundred varieties, embracing not only the old standard varieties, but also the latest novelties—the result of the art of the world's most skilled hybridizers—may here be seen, and are visited by rose fanciers from the whole country.

The aquatic gardens, covering about eight acres of ponds located on the banks of the Pomps Creek on both sides of the railroad, are one of the most attractive spots in the nurseries from early in July until the middle of September. In looking over these, the pond of tropical water lilies, which is located to the rear of the packing sheds, must not be overlooked—containing, as it does, besides the glorious tender water lilies, specimen plants



*View of
Bank avenue,
showing the
well-kept bank,
which is one of
the most pleasing
features of
Riverton*

of the wonderful Victoria Regia, with leaves frequently over six feet in diameter and of sufficient buoyancy to support the weight of an adult.

In conducting this establishment over one hundred and fifty men are employed, which number, during the busy season, is increased to over two hundred. A number of these employees have seen continual service for more than a quarter of a century.

CINNAMINSON BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATION.

The Cinnaminson Building and Loan Association of Riverton, which has become so widely known, was organized and incorporated on October 1, 1878. We find among its organizers the names of Edward H. Ogden, S. Robinson Coale, Ezra Lippincott, Edward H. Lippincott, Dr. H. B. Hall, James Hartley and William R. Lippincott, to whom the Association owes much for its successful career, as they gave much of their time and energy pushing forward the work. It would be difficult now to give the number of homes that have been secured through this Association in the past thirty-one years. At the present time it has more than \$300,000 in gilt-edge securities. It has become one of the largest, having on record over 4,000 shares of stock, and also enjoys the reputation of being one of the best managed, strongest and safest banking institutions in the State. It matures its stock in about eleven years and three months. Its place of meeting is in the Cinnaminson National Bank of Riverton, on the second Monday evening of each month.

The present officers are: President, J. Otto Thilow; vice-president, Samuel Slim; treasurer, H. B. Lippincott; secretary, Joseph H. Smith; directors: Joseph L. Thomas, Thomas L. Morton, Robert Biddle, John B. VanBaun, William D. Lippincott, S. B. Jones, Samuel Slim, Howard Parry, J. Lawrence Lippincott; conveyancer, Howard Parry.

RIVERTON ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

At the close of an unsuccessful baseball season in 1907 Manager Lynch and Captain Warrington reviewed the situation and decided to make an effort to organize an athletic association. After much hard work this was accomplished, and the first meeting of the Riverton Athletic Association was held on March 1, 1908, at which the following officers were elected: President, Charles L. Flanagan; vice-president, E. H. Flagg, Jr.; treasurer, William B. Lynch; secretary, Elmer C. Warrington;

directors: Samuel MacMullin, F. C. Cole, E. R. Williams, I. S. Williams and J. M. Hughes.

A first-class team, mostly of paid players, was put on the diamond, but they were too expensive to be a success financially, and their team work was not good enough to enable them to win from the teams that were played.

The first of March, 1909, it was decided at the annual meeting to select a team composed entirely of amateurs, and F. C. Cole was elected manager. Of course failure was prophesied, but the team proved to be a most pleasing surprise. It made good on the diamond, and was the first team Riverton ever had which ended the season with a balance on the right side of the ledger financially.

Encouraged by the success of the baseball team, the management decided to have the football team amateur, too. It was organized under the able leadership of Lawrence Keating. The football team was even more of a surprise than the baseball team had been. Their team work was excellent and from a financial standpoint they were all that could be desired. Their performance against the heavy Orange A. C. will long be remembered with pride.

A basketball team has been organized under the management of Edward Flagg, 3d. The first game will be with Merchantville on November 27.

Until this fall the Association has been devoted exclusively to athletics, not being in a position to develop much along social lines, but on December 7 an entertainment and smoker was held, which was much enjoyed by the members and their invited guests. Several such occasions have been arranged for the coming winter.

It is the fond hope of the members to have a clubhouse of their own at no distant date.

The admission fee is 75 cents, which also pays one month's dues. The monthly dues after that are 25 cents a month.

The officers of the Association for 1909 are: E. H. Flagg, Jr., president; S. MacMullin, vice-president; F. C. Cole, treasurer; E. C. Warrington, secretary; directors: John Seckel, John M. Hughes, I. S. Williams, F. P. Hemphill and W. R. Jones.

RIVERTON FIRE COMPANY.

The Riverton Fire Company was organized just after the fire which destroyed Joseph M. Roberts' store, and was incorporated May 5, 1890. The original officers were: John C. S. Davis, president; Walter Spackman, vice-president; A. J. Borie, secretary, and Charles A.

Wright, treasurer. The Company has rendered efficient service for nineteen years, and has several times been called on to assist the Palmyra and Westfield fire companies.

The property of the Company is the fire house, a chemical engine, one large and one small hose cart, over 1,000 feet of hose, all new, and several ladders. The Company has fitted up the second story of its building as a pool and billiard room.

The present officers are: Edward C. Stoughton, president; E. H. Flagg, Jr., vice-president; Louis Corner, Jr., treasurer, and William J. Thomason, secretary. The board of directors is comprised of O. H. Mattis, John H. Reese, Louis Corner, Sr., William A. Major and William B. Lynch.

RIVERTON LYCEUM ASSOCIATION.

The Riverton Lyceum Association was incorporated April 6, 1886, with Thomas Roberts president and Charles L. Flanagan secretary and treasurer. The erection of the Lyceum was the outcome of an entertainment given in the schoolhouse, then a very small building, at which there were as many outside, holding tickets for admission, as had been able to crowd inside, and the dissatisfaction was very marked—particularly among those outside. That night Stephen Flanagan offered to give a lot if money could be raised to erect a suitable building of sufficient size in which to hold public entertainments, dances, fairs, etc. The money was raised and the building was erected, to the lasting satisfaction of Rivertonians. In this building the flower of Riverton society has danced, sung, and been entertained for nearly a quarter of a century, and there is no indication that the pleasurable usefulness of the Lyceum is nearing an end.

The affairs of the Association are managed by a Board of Directors, composed of Thomas Roberts, Charles C. Rianhard, Albert G. Cook and Dr. Harry P. Wyman. The officers for 1909 are Edward B. Showell, president; Dr. Alex. Marcy, Jr., vice-president; Charles L. Flanagan, secretary and treasurer.

CINNAMINSON NATIONAL BANK.

The Cinnaminson National Bank was opened for business February 4, 1907, with a capital stock of \$25,000. For a time its headquarters were in Joseph M. Roberts' store, but steps were immediately taken for the erection of a suitable home for the institution, and in October of the same year the Bank moved into its own handsome building on East Main street, erected at a cost of \$12,000, and fitted with the most modern equipment. It is said to be the handsomest bank building of its size in the State.

The organizers were: Samuel Slim, J. Lawrence Lippincott, L. L. Sharp, M.D., E. E. Compton, D. H. Wright, John H. Lewis, William Rudduck, Joseph M. Roberts, Samuel MacMullin, Alfred Smith, C. T. Woolston, F. G. Brown, Dr. Alexander Marcy, Jr., Robert F. Garwood and Joseph Morgan.

The first officers were: Charles W. Nevin, president; Dr. Alexander Marcy, Jr., and Joseph Morgan, vice-presidents; E. L. Williams, cashier. On the death of Mr. Nevin, on November 14, 1908, Mr. Morgan succeeded to the presidency, and J. Lawrence Lippincott became one of the vice-presidents.

The board of directors was composed of Charles W. Nevin, Dr. Alexander Marcy, Jr., Joseph Morgan, Samuel F. Ringgold, George C. Frank, Samuel Slim, Edmund Holmes, Joseph M. Roberts, Collins H. Haines, J. Lawrence Lippincott, Charles A. Wright and J. Otto Thilow. The board remains the same today, except that Joseph L. Thomas has been elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Nevin.

The Bank was a financial success from the first. Its depositors now number over 1,500, and the deposits amount to a quarter of a million dollars.

The phenomenal growth of the Bank is due to the high character of its officers and directors, who are men well known in the community for their stability and conservatism. This institution is equipped to handle all branches of the banking business to the complete satisfaction of its patrons.

Soon after its organization the Bank took over the



Cinnaminson National Bank, Riverton, one of the finest bank buildings of its size in the State. This bank has been a success from the very start. The deposits are now a quarter of a million dollars, having had an increase of over \$82,000 in one year.

work of the Riverton Savings Bank, which had been conducted by public-spirited citizens who met its operating expenses by private subscription. The savings department pays 3 per cent. interest on deposits, and is much used by the residents of the neighborhood.

Another feature in which the Bank is able to serve its patrons particularly well is the safe deposit boxes, in a burglar-proof vault, which are rented for the storage of papers and other valuables. Many residents this summer availed themselves of this safe-keeping for their silver, jewels, etc., while away to mountains or seashore.

The selection of the word Cinnaminson as a part of the name was particularly fitting, as it was the name of the township which formerly embraced the territory of what is now Riverton, Palmyra and Cinnaminson Township, so that not only Riverton but all the adjacent territory is represented in the title of the institution.

For the convenience of Philadelphia patrons the Bank has made arrangements by which deposits may be made at the Corn Exchange and the Franklin National Bank.

CHILDREN'S SUMMER HOME OF CINNAMINSON, N. J.

During a very heated period in the early summer of 1889 a busy doctor, working in one of Philadelphia's dispensaries, remarked to a friend while talking of the betterment of the poor, "It is not medicine these children want, but pure air, sunshine and good milk." The friend replied, "Can not we in this beautiful land find such a place?" The suggestion was followed by prompt action; a house and lawn on the Burlington pike was rented. Lydia Green, wanting to give her summer months for others' help, was engaged as matron; three children with their mothers came to us for two weeks. This was the beginning of the Children's Summer Home of Cinnaminson, N. J. All unorganized as it was, the work prospered, and a board of managers was appointed.

The first officers were: Mary Emma S. Wood, president; Elizabeth S. Coale, secretary and treasurer; Dr. Frances S. Janney, physician; Amelia R. Coale, chairman of visiting committee.

The Home has continued its work during the summer months ever since, with the exception of one year. In the winter of 1897 a house with seven acres of land,

situated on the Riverton road, was purchased, the house greatly enlarged and a family of fifty children and mothers welcomed by July first.

The Home is supported by voluntary contributions; there is no endowment. The liberal gifts of fruit and vegetables from farmers round about help materially. The managers give much personal care—a more harmonious board could not be found. Each year about four hundred mothers and children are cared for. A kindergarten teacher interests the children, while mothers' meetings are helpful to older ones. Up to date there have been over 6,412 guests who have spent one and two weeks in this healthful environment.

The present officers are: Sarah Janney Deacon, president; Caroline Biddle Lippincott, first vice-president; Mary M. Marcy, second vice-president; Cornelia S. Coale, treasurer; Margaret F. James, chairman visiting committee; Alice H. Matlock, secretary.

MOTHERS' CIRCLE.

The Mothers' Circle was started as a section of the Porch Club by six or eight club members in 1896, by Mrs. E. C. Grice and Mrs. Howard R. Sharp. Mrs. Sharp was the first president, and Mrs. Alex. Marcy, Jr., was the first secretary. For a time the meetings were held in the Presbyterian Chapel, but as the membership and interest grew it was later decided to meet in the public school building. The Circle now has a membership of one hundred and thirteen, and is an auxiliary to the New Jersey State Congress of Mothers, of which Mrs. Marcy has been president on two occasions.

The spirit of the Mothers' Circle is educational and social. The idea with which it was organized and under which it is still conducted was that of bringing the mothers together for mutual acquaintance and instruction in all matters pertaining to the home and the rearing of children; also an underlying desire to bring the mothers into sympathetic relation toward the teachers and the whole system of public education. This idea has grown and spread until in many cities we have what are called Parent-Teacher Associations, which have taken the place of Mothers' Circles.

In Riverton the original name is retained, although the aims and aspirations are precisely the same as those of the Parent-Teacher Associations.

The reasons for holding the monthly meetings in the



Children's Summer Home of Cinnaminson, N. J.

This Home was started in 1889, and the first year entertained three children and their mothers. Last year about four hundred mothers and children were cared for. The total number of guests entertained from the time the Home opened until the end of last season, was 6,412



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schoolhouse are that the parents may be thereby drawn into actual contact with the school life of their children and meet their instructors.

There are still parents who regard teachers and principals as the natural enemies of their children, and there are still teachers who regard parents as meddlers and desire them to keep aloof from school buildings, as they are required to do in France and Germany; but much good has sprung out of the mutual association. The meetings are invaluable to those mothers who attend, as many have testified. The association has taught women to regard themselves as mothers, in a broader sense, of all who need motherly love and protection; all homeless children, all overburdened daily toilers, all who are steeped in sin and crime, all who suffer for the crimes of others, and all who are in any way physically afflicted. Some of the subjects to be discussed during the present year are: "How can you retain the confidence of your children?" "The value of music in the development of the child," "Food values," "Self-control and respect for other people."

In December of each year a Christmas party is held, to which each member brings a contribution which is sent to some charitable institution. This year the party will be held on December 16, in the Porch Club. It will be a "thimble party" and each member is requested to bring a garment ready to be finished at that meeting. A little entertainment will be provided and a very pleasant time is anticipated.

The present officers of the Circle are: Mrs. R. F. Corry, president; Mrs. William G. Wilson, first vice-president; Mrs. Henry Ashburner, second vice-president; Mrs. Joseph M. Roberts, secretary; Mrs. Walter Tees, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Walter S. Spackman, treasurer.

THE PORCH CLUB.

The Porch Club, of Riverton, was first formed as a Reading Circle for the review of current books in the early spring of 1890. It had but a presiding officer and secretary until five years later, when a complete organization was effected, and meetings were held regularly once a week at the home of Mrs. Edward H. Ogden.

There were but eight charter members—Mrs. Grice, president; Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Murdock, Miss Coale, Miss Amelia Coale, Miss Helen Lippincott, Miss Cowton, and Miss Cecelia Leavitt, secretary. Mrs. Thomas Roberts was elected president in 1904, and still holds that office.

At a meeting held April 1, 1895, with Mrs. Grice in

the chair and twelve members present, it was decided to frame a constitution and by-laws. The first regular business meeting was held a month later, at which the new constitution and by-laws were unanimously adopted. It was also decided to join the State Federation of Women's Clubs and thus keep in touch with the work and life of other organizations. The Club was incorporated in 1908.

The first social function of the Club was a Colonial luncheon, given by Mrs. Grice, which was followed two weeks later by a Colonial tea by Mrs. E. B. Showell.

Colonial history was the first subject discussed after the Club had been organized, and "Fiske's Beginnings of New England," "The Love Letters of the Winthrops," "The Life of Samuel Adams," and "The Letters of Abigail Adams," were read aloud by Mrs. Ogden.

In 1896 three sections were formed—the Junior Porch Club, which has since been discontinued; the Free Kindergarten, now known as the Mothers' Circle; and the Village Improvement Section. In 1897 the Club membership was increased to thirty-five, in 1899 to fifty, and the present limit is one hundred, with several applicants on the waiting list.

The Study Section was added in 1898, and the Music Section in 1899. In this year, too, it was decided to have an Executive Board.

In 1904 the Club began to hold its meetings in the building now occupied by the postoffice, where it remained until June, 1907, when it relinquished its lease and found temporary quarters in the old postoffice building. It was decided to buy ground and erect a permanent home for the Club, and the members set about this new project with their customary promptness and energy, so that on March 13, 1909, the memorial stone of their present handsome building was laid. The work was rapidly pushed to completion, and in May the Club took possession of its new home, less than a year after it had been decided to build.

The Riverton Porch Club has taken a keen interest in the various phases of club work, and has been an important factor in all public affairs making for the spiritual, moral and material uplift of the community of which it is a part. Educational interests have received a large share of attention, and three members of the Club are now serving on the School Board.

The Club has retained its membership in the New Jersey State Federation, and joined the New Jersey State Congress of Mothers and the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

THE RIVERTON FREE LIBRARY.

The Riverton Free Library is the outcome of a parlor meeting held in January, 1899. This meeting was attended by a number of the representative people of Riverton, and much enthusiasm was manifested. It was decided to call a larger meeting at the Lyceum immediately after the University Extension Lectures had been delivered. At this meeting an organization was effected, February 3, 1899. The offer of the rooms in Christ Church parish house was accepted. The Library has been in constant service from that time, supplying an ever-increasing number of readers in Riverton, Palmyra, and the surrounding territory with good, wholesome literature.

The Riverton Free Library Association was incorporated in December, 1906, and in the spring of 1908 became the owner of a well-appointed library building centrally located, the gift of Mrs. Edward H. Ogden, a memorial to her husband, who was so greatly interested in the library movement from the beginning.

The newest fiction, the most helpful class books, reference books, and works bearing on the curriculum of the public schools are constantly being added. The reading and reference room is daily occupied by the young students of this vicinity who are in search of literary help.

During the first ten years 135,891 books have been circulated, but these figures are a very insufficient statement of the real help and uplift the Library has been to the community.

The Library is supported by the yearly contributions of the members of the Association. It has received one gift of \$100 from the Borough of Riverton. The pressing needs are more contributions and an adequate endowment fund. The usefulness of the Library is only limited by its income.

RIVERTON BLUE ROCK CLUB.

The Riverton Blue Rock Club was organized February 2, 1906. The original officers were: John H. Reese, president; John Seckel, vice-president; William B. Lynch, secretary; William H. Stiles, treasurer; D. M. Clifton, field captain. The board of directors was composed of William H. Stiles, W. A. Hendrickson, S. J. Coddington and O. H. Mattis.

The first shoot was held on an open lot at East Riverton. After the shoot a committee was appointed, which secured suitable grounds and erected a clubhouse, which was built by L. F. Lowden.

The second meeting was held in February, 1906, at which thirty new members were elected. The Club was a success from the first, and now has a membership of ninety-five. A number of prize shoots have been held and the Club has awarded several valuable prizes. John Keating holds the record of breaking ninety-eight out of a possible one hundred. A number of shoots have been participated in away from home with such clubs as the S. S. White, Merchantville, Haddonfield and Delanco.

The charter members were: John H. Reese, John Seckel, William B. Lynch, William H. Stiles, Daniel M. Clifton, Louis Corner, Jr., William N. Mattis, O. H. Mattis, Ross Mattis, O. H. Mattis, Jr., H. B. Lippincott, H. L. Stockman, William A. Major, L. C. Cook, Dr. C. S. Mills, E. E. Compton, W. A. Hendrickson, C. C. Fidler, E. C. Stoughton and Robert Biddle, 2d.

The present officers are C. C. Fidler, president; Walter Thomas, vice-president; William H. Stiles, treasurer; William B. Lynch, secretary, and William Mattis, field captain.

RIVERTON IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION.

The Riverton Improvement Association had its origin in the ardent desire for the permanent improvement of the streets in the borough on the part of Robert Biddle, F. G. Brown, Walter H. Lippincott, J. L. Lippincott, K. E. Bennett, J. Carl De La Cour, Franklin W. D'Olier, C. S. Somervell, Walter K. Woolman, Joseph Beck Tyler, Dr. Walter Roberts, A. R. Cavanna, and F. P. Pfeiffer. Of course, there were many others to whom the methods of street improvement that had been in vogue seemed to be extravagant and unsatisfactory, but it was these gentlemen who started the movement toward better methods. They met with Mr. Biddle at his home the latter part of April, 1909, and talked the matter over. A larger meeting was held later at the Country Club, at which the name of the Association was decided on, and an organization effected with the following officers: Walter H. Lippincott, president; J. Lawrence Lippincott, treasurer, and Joseph Beck Tyler, secretary. The original members of the Association, enrolled at this meeting, were: Henry Ashburner, Killam E. Bennett, Robert Biddle, F. G. Brown, A. R. Cavanna, R. F. Corry, J. Carl De La Cour, Franklin W. D'Olier, E. H. Flagg, Jr., William A. Hendrickson, John H. Lewis, Edgar Lippincott, J. Lawrence Lippincott, Walter H. Lippincott, Dr. Alexander Marcy, Jr., Benjamin S. Mechling, H. E. Moyer, F. P. Pfeiffer, Joseph M. Roberts, Dr. Walter Roberts, Wilfred H. Robertson, C. S. Somervell, Joseph Beck Tyler, A. J. Wadhams, L. P. Warner, E. L. Williams, and Walter K. Woolman.

Soon after the organization had been effected a public meeting was called at the Riverton Lyceum. This meeting was largely attended and passed a resolution asking the Borough Council to consider the project of improving all of the streets at one time. The committee appointed to lay this before Council consisted of Walter K. Woolman, Charles L. Flanagan, and Charles F. Earp. In response to the action of the Association, Council appointed a committee, composed of Robert Biddle, Killam E. Bennett, and William A. Major, to confer with the committee from the Association in ascertaining the cost of the proposed improvements, and to ascertain what materials it would be advisable to use. After careful deliberation and the gathering of much data, the committee reported that all of the streets of the borough could be graveled six inches deep in the center and four inches at the curb at a cost of not more than \$30,000, but did not advise immediate action, owing to other pressing needs on the public purse, among which was the new schoolhouse.

While the original object of the men who founded the Association was to secure better roads, many other projects which would tend to borough improvement were soon taken up, among which was a proposal to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company to move its freight station to East Riverton. The matter of abating the smoke and whistling as much as possible within the borough limits was also taken up with the company. The latter requests were readily granted, but the matter of moving the freight station seemed to present greater difficulties. The committee appointed to present this request to the company was composed of F. G. Brown, Arthur Dorrance, and Joseph Beck Tyler. Several conferences have been held with Mr. Weirman and Mr. Snowden, who came to Riverton as guests of the committee and went over the ground. While nothing definite has yet been effected, there is good reason to believe that it is only a matter of time, and probably a short time, when the desired end will be accomplished. The Association now has a membership of nearly one hundred.

RIVERTON IRON PIER COMPANY.

The Riverton Iron Pier Company was incorporated June 3, 1886. The first president was Ezra Lippincott. Associated with him was Edward H. Ogden, secretary and treasurer, which position he held until his death. The original wharf was built about forty years ago by a few citizens of Riverton, among whom were Robert and William C. Biddle, Edward H. Ogden, Stephen Flanagan, Samuel C. Cook, William P. Ellison, Daniel L. Miller, Henry Bower, Lemuel H. Davis, Ezra and Edward Lippincott, and Thomas Roberts.

The present wharf is maintained by the stockholders of the Pier Company for the convenience and use of the citizens and visitors of Riverton.

The present officers are: Thomas Roberts, president; John C. S. Davis, treasurer; Charles L. Flanagan, secretary. The officers form the board of directors.

The Riverton Yacht Club built the clubhouse by permission of the Pier Company, with the stipulation that the club should maintain a waiting room for steamboat passengers.

RIVERTON AND PALMYRA WATER COMPANY.

The Riverton and Palmyra Water Company, which now supplies Riverton, Palmyra and much of the surrounding territory with water, was incorporated in 1888, the articles of incorporation having been signed by Henry C. Kelsey, Secretary of State, on July 23 of that year. The incorporators were Edwin F. Partridge, William S. Perot, Jr., David J. Hoar, Clifford Stanley Sims, William M. Paul, Howard Parry and Edward H. Ogden. The first meeting was held in the office of Mr. Partridge, 1025 Arch street, Philadelphia, on the last day of December, 1888, and organization effected with the following officers: Edward H. Ogden, president, which office he held until his death in 1903, when he was succeeded by Joseph Morgan, who had been vice-president. At the first meeting William M. Paul was elected vice-president, and served in that capacity until his death in 1902, when he was succeeded by Mr. Morgan. When Mr. Morgan became president, Charles M. Biddle was elected vice-president. Howard Parry was elected secretary, treasurer and superintendent at the first meeting, and has served in that capacity ever since.

William M. Paul, of Moorestown, one of the incorporators, was really the founder of the company, for it was with him that the idea originated. Mr. Paul was a member of the Pennsylvania Pipe Company, afterwards the American Pipe Company, manufacturing cement pipe. It was at his suggestion that an effort was made to in-

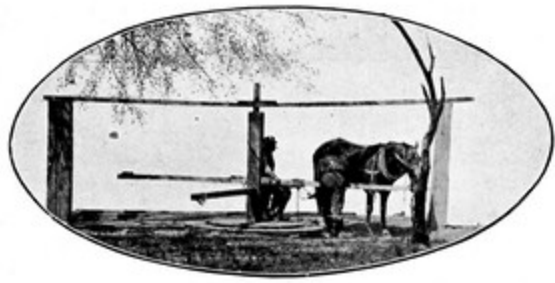
terest the people of Riverton and Palmyra in a water company. The plan met with very little encouragement and would in all probability have fallen through had not Edward H. Ogden started it in good earnest by subscribing for \$10,000 worth of stock. Howard Parry obligated himself for \$5,000 worth, and William M. Paul for another \$5,000 worth. With this amount guaranteed from outside the pipe company assumed \$30,000 worth and the water company was started with a capitalization of \$50,000. Among those who soon became interested were Joseph Morgan, William F. Morgan, C. A. Wright and Dr. H. B. Hall, who was very active in promoting the interests of the new company. As it became apparent that the company was going to be a success the stock taken by the pipe company gradually changed hands until it is now practically all held by residents of this vicinity.

The original equipment consisted of a twenty-foot tank with a capacity of 40,000 gallons, mounted on a brick base about forty feet high, a pump with a capacity of a million gallons in twenty-four hours, and about eight miles of pipe. The service now being rendered requires nearly twenty-five miles of pipe, and is supplied from two standpipes with a combined capacity of 575,000 gallons, which are kept filled by a new pump of the latest type, having a capacity of two-and-a-half million gallons daily. There are also two other pumps with a capacity of a million gallons each and a duplicate boiler to insure continuous service in case of accident or breakdown. The capital stock has been increased to \$100,000, \$30,000 of which has been spent on improvements in the last two years. A new line has just been extended to East Riverton at a cost of about \$6,000. The average daily consumption is 500,000 gallons.

RIVERTON PUBLIC SCHOOL.

The early history of educational matters in Riverton are somewhat shrouded in obscurity owing to the fact that prior to 1865 no permanent records were kept by the school board. At a public meeting in that year it was decided that "a book should be purchased in which the proceedings of all public meetings, trustee meetings and finances should be recorded."

As nearly as can be ascertained the first place in which school was held in this neighborhood was a little brick building which stood along the railroad opposite what is now Elm avenue. When the railroad was built in 1833 this building was moved, brick by brick to a nearby lot donated by Elias Morgan with the understanding that when it was no longer used for school purposes it should revert to the adjoining property own-



One of the picturesque features of Riverton, until a few years ago when it was discontinued owing to the property where a landing was made being bought up for residential purposes, was the Faunce Shad Fishery. This fishery was started a half century ago, and has been kept in the Faunce family ever since. The hauls were made in great nets, laid by boats and drawn ashore by the horse-power capstan shown in the illustration, which was placed on the bank on what was at that time the Cook property. There is still shad fishing done at Riverton, but it is with smaller boats and nets, and lacks the picturesque features of the old fishery.

ers. This school was conducted for the children living in the territory now occupied by Riverton, Palmyra, and part of Cinnaminson Township, but many pupils from here attended the Friends' School, at Westfield, which was conducted partly as a pay school. Some pupils paid, while those who could not afford to do so were taught free.

The first schoolhouse, in what is now Riverton, but was at that time known as School District No. 7, Cinnaminson Township, was a frame building on the site of the present school, corner Fourth and Howard streets. This building was erected about 1865, at a cost of \$800. Joel Grant was the contractor, and Edward H. Pancoast worked for him as carpenter on the building.

At this time there were no County Superintendents, their place being taken by Township Superintendents. But little public funds were available for school purposes, the sum of \$228.98 being apportioned by the Township Superintendent for the support of this school in 1865. Most of the money was contributed by interested citizens, and not raised by taxation. In 1867, the Township Superintendents were abolished. A school census taken in August of that year showed 125 children between the ages of five and eighteen years in the district.

At annual meeting held September 7, 1868, the following named citizens were present and voted: Charles Mattis, Samuel C. Cook, W. H. Inskip, Henry Bower, John H. Seckel, George L. Senat, Thomas A. Buttern, Joseph L. Thomas, Henry C. Thomas, Dr. John Tanner, William McIlhenny, Robert B. Knight, John A. Hendry, Edward Lippincott, William Faunce, William S. Thomas, Robert Cole, Robert Biddle, William T. Hetzell, Joel Grant, Louis Corner, David Pike, Charles Crosta, Richard Hatfield, Isaac Lovett, Ira A. Dillon, Robert Roach, Morris Steedle, George W. Davidson, William B. Ellison, John Bioren, Tras G. Schultz, Thomas Roberts, John Fraser, Rodman B. Ellison, Allen Hubbs, James Brown, Andrew Harbison, Robert Wells, Alfred Kimble, Daniel L. Miller, Ezra Lippincott and Lemuel H. Davis.

In 1874 a cellar was put under the building, a heater installed and the first well dug. In 1889 a one-room annex was built by Edward H. Pancoast, contractor, at a cost of \$549.

The present large building, known as Building No. 1, was erected in 1892, Grant & Lowden contractors, at a cost of \$4,400, and \$500 for heating plant. The dry closet system, installed at a cost of \$175, was paid for by individual contributions of citizens. In 1896 Building No. 2 was purchased from the Catholic Church, at a cost of \$1,000, and a kindergarten was opened there the following year, the building having been enlarged and made to meet the requirements of kindergarten work by Contractor Louis F. Lowden, at a cost of \$2,282.65.

In 1867 there was an enrollment of 51 out of 125 children in the district. In 1909 the enrollment had risen to 305, with an average attendance of 232.

The present plant being entirely inadequate to meet the requirements being made upon it, the School Board has been authorized to erect a new building to contain eleven class rooms, to provide for four hundred pupils, with a large auditorium and manual training room in the basement, at a cost of about \$38,000, including the lot, and the contract has been made. The building will be up-to-date in every particular, both as to architecture and equipment, and will provide a school plant of which Riverton will have no need to be ashamed.

FRIENDS' SCHOOL, WESTFIELD.

The Friends' School at Westfield, in answer to a request made by Evesham Monthly Meeting of Friends, was provided for by Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of Friends in 1792, and was established as soon thereafter as was compatible with the necessities of the case. It was for many years the only school of the neighborhood, and was attended by pupils miles away, who walked, there being no public conveyance provided. This school was large, there often being 110 to 120 in attendance, and was in part a pay school.

Later a pay school was established at what was known to the older people of the present generation as the old stone schoolhouse on the road from Haines' Mill to Cambridge.

Prior to the establishment of this school, pupils walked from near Riverside, a distance of four miles, to Westfield.

There was also a school at a point about halfway between Riverton and Palmyra, but the school at Westfield being the better school, many walked from that neighborhood thereto.



Friends Meetinghouse, Westfield, as rebuilt after the original building was destroyed by fire in 1859

Friends' Meeting was established at Westfield quite early in the years of 1800. The Meeting House at Westfield was burned down in 1859, and rebuilt immediately afterwards.

The Orthodox Friends' Meeting and School, at what is now called Pomona, in Cinnaminson Township, was established soon after the separation of Friends into the two branches of Orthodox and so-called Hicksite Friends, in 1827. The school of that branch of Friends at Pomona was discontinued, probably about 1870.

The township of Cinnaminson was formed by a division of Chester Township in 1859. The divisions of Cinnaminson Township into Delran Township, and later into Palmyra Township; and still later into the borough of Riverton are of more recent occurrence and the causes thereof are too well known by most of the people of the various subdivisions to make dates important or of particular interest.

To those—if any—who are not familiar with the fact, it may be interesting to know that the word Cinnaminson is an Indian name, meaning sweet water, which they (the Indians) enjoyed in their time on the banks of the Delaware at what is now Riverton.

Riverton and Palmyra each have a street bearing the name Cinnaminson; and it is also a part of the title of the National Bank at Riverton, perpetuating the name as a token of regard for its derivation.

RIVERTON'S TELEPHONE SERVICE.

Of the towns along the east shore of the Delaware River between Camden and Trenton one of the very first to receive telephone service was Riverton.

The first telephone here was a public station located in what was then Cowperthwait's drug store, on Main street.

About 1895 a single position switchboard was installed in the residence of George W. Tucker, 516 Main street, and later removed to the frame addition on the east. Mrs. Tucker, who had been an operator in Phoenixville several years before, took charge of the service.

When the switchboard was outgrown the central office was moved to the building occupied by Otto Sauers, where the service was maintained for several years. In April, 1900, William H. Stiles, the druggist, 526 Main street, took charge of the local traffic and the switchboard was transferred to that address.

In the meantime, the circuits to other towns had been increased and the number of local telephones had grown from a score to several hundred.

The present equipment is of the highest type common battery drop signal board, at which four operators can work simultaneously. This was installed in the second floor of the Price Building, Broad street west of Main, in the late fall of 1906. The board can now accommodate about 1,200 telephones, and is so arranged that this number can be nearly doubled. The outside plant is a combination underground and aerial cable, one such as is commonly used in towns of this size.

Riverton, including Palmyra and Cinnaminson, now has 621 Bell telephones, 99 of which are served by one-party lines.

Early Directory Discovered.

A Philadelphia and vicinity Bell telephone directory, dated July 1, 1886, has just come to light. In it there are three Riverton listings, namely:

Riverton No. 1, Heulings Sons, R. W., lumber and coal.

Same, Heulings Sons, R. W., lumber and coal, Palmyra.

Riverton No. 2, E. H. Ogden, residence, No. 2. (Also line connecting house and stable).

Among the early ones were: Riverton Gun Club (now disbanded), Dr. Alexander Marcy, Thomas Roberts, F. W. D'Olier, J. S. Collins & Son, A. V. R. Coe, H. A. Dreer, O. Sauers, Thomas Dewees (Palmyra), Dr. Frances Janney (private line to Westfield), Dr. H. B. Hall

(private line to Palmyra), W. H. Stiles, G. W. Tucker, J. Lawrence Lippincott.

Palmyra, in the early telephone days, had one public telephone in the home of Thomas Dewees, at Fourth and Leconey avenue; later when Mr. Dewees (an employee of the Telephone Company) moved to Riverton the local central office was operated by Mrs. Charles Weyman, Sr.

BIOREN & CO.

Among our advertisements will be found one which can very properly be considered that of a local institution.

We refer to the firm of Bioren & Co., two members of which firm reside in Riverton, and for many years have been prominent in the various activities of our community. The firm is one of the oldest doing business in its line in Philadelphia, as well as one of the largest.

It was founded in 1865 by the father of J. S. Bioren, and has established during the last forty-five years a reputation second to none.

About a year ago a consolidation with the firm of E. C. Miller & Co. laid the foundation for a new era in the affairs of the firm, and as a result of the consolidation the firm is now a member of the New York Stock Exchange, and four of its partners are members of the Philadelphia Stock Exchange.

Mr. Bioren is president of the Delaware Insurance Company and a director in the Merchants' Trust Company, and in addition thereto a director in some twenty or thirty public service corporations. Both he and Mr. Miller are on the Board and Executive Committee of The American Railways Company.

Mr. Miller is also president of the Philadelphia Stock Exchange and a director of the Real Estate Title Company.

Walter H. Lippincott is vice-president of the Logan Trust Company and an active director of the Burlington County Safe Deposit and Trust Company, of Moorestown.

Both Mr. Dale and Mr. Wieand, of the firm, are well known in financial circles, the latter having personal charge of the execution of all orders on the floor of the Philadelphia Stock Exchange.

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The Morning Star Lodge, No. 123, Improved Benevolent Order of Elks of the World, was instituted in Riverton, August 10, 1907, the following being the charter members: Josiah Conwell, John A. Stark, Timothy John-



The accompanying half-tone shows the railroad station that stood on the southeast corner of Main street and the railroad. It was built about 1868 and moved to West Palmyra in 1886, where it is now used as a freight depot. The first ticket office was a small building or lean-to attached to the front end of the dwelling house shown in picture. There were no tickets sold for trains at Riverton prior to 1862. In that year Charles Mattis was appointed agent and tickets were placed on sale. The shed-like structure shown on the north-west side of track was a shelter for passengers waiting for trains going east as at that time the trains ran opposite to the way they now do; that is, they used the left track instead of the right.

son, W. H. Pangelton, Samuel Conwell, W. H. Gassaway, William Johnson, George W. Lee, C. H. Harper, John Gibson, J. O. Butler. The dues are fifty cents a month; sick benefits, \$4 a week, and \$50 is paid on the death of a member. Meetings are held the second and fourth Monday nights of each month at the Elks' Home, Riverton, N. J. The membership now numbers about thirty-five. The present officers are: E. R., Charles Turner; E. L. K., Charles Harper; E. L. K., Benjamin Marks; E. L. K., George Madison; Esquire, John A. Starks; Treasurer, George W. Lee; Secretary, William Wade.

TOLL GATE AT FIVE POINTS.

The charter of the Westfield and Camden Turnpike Road was obtained during the sitting of the Legislature in the winter of 1853-4. The improved road was commenced in Camden, and first extended to the Pennsauken Creek; and some years later was extended on to Westfield, and up the branch to Pomona, at the intersection of that road with the road from Riverton to Moorestown. This road was first a gravel road, and many years later was converted into a stone road. It was a few years ago purchased by the counties and made a free road.



Toll House at Five Points

During the year 1854 the tollhouse, of which the above is a picture, was erected on the Burlington County side of Pennsauken Creek, just across the road from what is now the shops of Martin Kaufer. Some years later this tollhouse was removed, by Clayton Conrow, to its present site at Five Points, and is now used as a dwelling and shoemaker shop. The turnpike was finished and began taking toll in 1855.

THE BURLINGTON COUNTY SAFE DEPOSIT AND TRUST COMPANY.

The Mercantile and Financial Times questions if another financial institution in New Jersey has experienced such a rapid and positive augmentation of wealth and business as the Burlington County Safe Deposit and Trust Company. The corporation was chartered February 19, 1890, and commenced business April 1 of the same year. Commencing with a cash capital of \$50,000, it was found expedient to double this in 1896. The earned surplus in 1896 was \$30,000; it now is \$130,000. The undivided profits in 1896 amounted to \$5,703; these now

foot up \$116,000. The assets aggregated \$538,852 in 1906; now the total is \$1,780,380.

The management is distinctive for personal worth and eminent ability, being composed of gentlemen of the highest standing in financial, industrial and commercial circles. The implicit and widespread confidence enjoyed is attested by the deposits having reached \$1,405,390. In 1896 the total was \$538,852.

The executive officials have practically been identified with the management from the inception of the institution and deserve credit for the admirable results of their administration of its affairs. William W. Stokes is the president and trust officer; John C. Hopkins, vice-president; William R. Lippincott, treasurer; L. Hartman Burr, secretary; A. H. Coate, assistant secretary; Charles Ewan Merritt, solicitor; William D. Lippincott, assistant solicitor.

The company allows 3 per cent. interest on deposits. It is fully equipped to act in every fiduciary and trust capacity and becomes surety for the faithful performance of trusts. No charge is made for the drafting or safe-keeping of wills. It takes entire charge of real and personal estates and loans upon mortgage and approved collateral security. Up-to-date facilities are afforded for protecting valuables from loss by fire or burglary in the modern vault of the company, located on the main floor of the banking house. The company enables out-of-town depositors and clients to transact their business through the mails as satisfactorily as by a personal visit to the banking house and the same courtesy and consideration is extended to all patrons and depositors regardless of the size of their accounts.

Trust funds are kept separate from the other assets and immediate means are sought to make them income earning. The trust funds held are \$1,186,457.

R. W. HARTNETT COMPANY.

R. W. Hartnett, president of R. W. Hartnett Company, has for fifty years been engaged in manufacturing, rebuilding and selling printers' machinery and material.

He entered R. Hoe & Co.'s shop as an apprentice in 1857, and was in the employ of R. Hoe & Co. in New York and Boston until 1865, when he opened a printers' machine shop in Boston. He disposed of his interest in this enterprise in 1874.

After spending several years in selling presses, he came to Philadelphia and took charge of the Franklin Machine Company. In 1880 he resigned his position as superintendent of the Franklin Machine Company, and organized a firm of R. W. Hartnett & Bros. The new firm started with three men, and within two months twenty men were added. The new firm soon realized that to meet the wants of the printer it would be necessary to carry a stock of printers' supplies; this department was added.

In 1901 the firm of R. W. Hartnett & Bros. was dissolved, and a year later a corporation was formed, with R. W. Hartnett as president and general manager. The Company has the reputation of having the best equipped printers' machine shop and supply house in Eastern Pennsylvania.

The business was originally started at the location of the present Company, 54 North Sixth street, Philadelphia.

Present officers: President, R. W. Hartnett; vice-president, H. C. Magee; secretary and treasurer, E. D. Haney.