

hymns of the German fatherland, hear a sermon read by some competent person, and engage in other religious services as best they could.

They frequently carried their rifles with them, when they went to worship in the early days of Rev. Weber's ministry. Prowling savages lurked in the thickets for many years. Amid such perils and privations, those pioneer settlers carved out homes for their children and turned the western wilderness of Penn's woods into a fruitful field. Surely a grateful posterity should honor their memory and rise up and call them blessed, while enjoying the goodly fruits of their pioneer toil.

At a still earlier date the Scotch-Irish, led by pastors Finley, Power, McMillan, Dodd, Smith, &c., occupied the Sewickly and other settlements, and already in 1781 the old Redstone Presbytery was organized. "The incursions of savages" prevented the first meeting being held at Laurel Hill, the appointed place, and so it met at Pigeon Creek.

It is meet, as already said, that the descendants of the hardy Scotch-Irish and German-Swiss should occupy the green hills and fertile valleys of old Westmoreland. By the blood and the sweat and the toil of their pioneer ancestors, this goodly land has been rescued from savage barbarism. Hallowed be the memory of the brave men and women who nobly stood in the breach in the hour of trial and danger.

Pennsylvania has been compared to a sleeping giant, not yet fully conscious of her vast power and resources. With unappreciated modesty, she has failed to assert her rights, and especially has she neglected to cherish aright the rich legacies of the past, bequeathed by an honest and patriotic ancestry. It behooves us to gather up the historic treasures that rightfully belong to our grand old Keystone commonwealth.

Our own self-respect and independent manhood demands this. It is no less a duty to posterity than a debt of gratitude to our heroic ancestry. The educational effect will be stimulating and ennobling in all respects.