

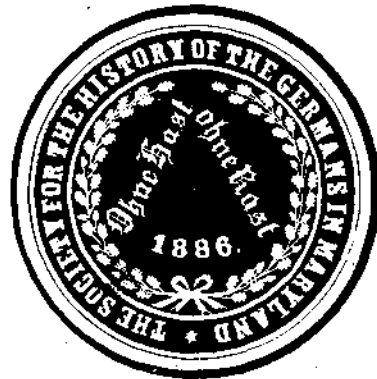
Eleventh and Twelfth Annual Reports

OF THE

Society for the History of the Germans

IN

MARYLAND,



TOGETHER WITH

Reminiscences of the German-Americans in Baltimore
during the years 1850—1860,

BY L. P. HENNIGHAUSEN,

AND A

HISTORY OF THE GERMAN ELEMENT IN VIRGINIA,

BY HERRMANN SCHURICHT.

1897—1898.

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ELEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SECRETARY

OF THE

Society for the History of the Germans in Maryland,

Mr. President and Gentlemen:

As "everything has its two sides," so this Eleventh Annual Report of your Secretary will have its encouraging as well as its discouraging feature.

And as it is generally considered more wise to seize upon any discouraging feature in the path with a bold courage, permit me to call your attention, first in place, upon the discouraging feature that confronts us as we review the events of the past year. It lies — in the decreasing number of our active members.

Entering upon the year closing, the first in the second decade of our existence, with sixty-three active members upon our list, we number at its close, inclusively of the gentlemen elected at this meeting, only fifty-nine, showing an actual loss of four members.

The total loss in our membership during the year, however, was nine. Of these, five were dropped from our list for non-payment of dues; Messrs. F. Gardner, Rev. P. A. Menzel and Dr. B. C. Steiner resigned, whilst Mr. H. A. Schroeder was removed from our midst by death, which occurred October 31st, 1896.

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Five new members were received during the same period.

Whilst your Secretary ventures to call this loss in membership the discouraging feature of the year expiring, it is his opinion, that the cause of this decrease in numbers, does not lie in a waning interest on the part of the Community, but rather on our part in a lack of effort in securing new members and thus increasing our number.

This lack of effort, however, I am quite sure, is explained, not so much by a want of interest on the part of the members, but rather by a commendable zeal and care as to the character of this body.

Your Secretary is convinced, that by a little personal effort on the part of the members, our number can be easily doubled, add he expresses the hope, that such may be the case at the close of the year, upon which we are about entering.

Such an increase of membership is all the more desirable in view of the greater demands made upon our treasury.

And this brings me to

THE ENCOURAGING FEATURE
of our affairs.

The Annual Report,, about to be distributed, will be one of the most important publications ever issued by this Society, both in regard to its size, as well as in regard to its contents. Some very interesting papers of original research will be published in this Report, whilst others of even larger extent and of no less interesting character are already in view.

THE ORIGINAL ARTICLES
read at our meetings during the year, were:

1. *"The Early Settlements of Germans in Maryland,"* by Mr. E. T. Schultz.
2. *"The German Turner Lyric,"* by Prof. M. D. Learned, Ph.D.
3. *"History of the Germans in Virginia"* by Mr. Herrmann Schuricht.

The last two have become the property of the Society. The former will appear in our Report, about to be issued; the latter, which has thus far been but partially read, will, very likely, appear in our next Report. A number of other articles were read and brought to the notice of the Society at their meetings, but they were not of an original character.

The Society adopted during the year

A MEMBERSHIP-CERTIFICATE

of a very neat and becoming character, designed by one of our own members, viz: Prof. O. Fuchs.

The meetings of the year were regularly held at their appointed time and place, and

OUR LIBRARY

enriched by a number of valuable books and pamphlets, both by donation and by purchase.

THE DONORS,

who thus kindly remembered us, are:

1. Historische Gesellschaft des Künstler-Vereins von Bremen.
2. Bureau of Education, Washington, D. C.
3. The Enoch Pratt Free Library of Baltimore.
4. Yonkers Historical and Library Association, N. Y.
5. The Leland Stanford, Jr., University, Cal.
6. Drew Theological Seminary.
7. The Pennsylvania German Society.
8. The Oneida Historical Society, Utica, N. Y.
9. Proprietor of Baltimore Correspondent.
10. Proprietor of Baltimore Journal.
11. Proprietor of Baltimore Sun.
12. Mrs. S. Trowbridge of Baltimore, Md.
13. Mr. L. P. Hennighausen.
14. Mr. E. T. Schultz.
15. Rev. P. Anstadt, D.D., of York, Pa.

16. Rev. B. Sadtler, D.D.
17. Mr. Moritz Sonner of Baltimore, Md.
18. Mr. Morton L. Montgomery of Reading, Pa.
19. Mr. Chas. Hennighausen of Richmond, Va.
20. Prof. H. Froehlicher.
21. Mr. L. C. Schneidereith.

Respectfully submitted,

F. PH. HENNIGHAUSEN, Secretary.

BALTIMORE, MD., February 22d, 1897.

Society for the History of the Germans in Maryland,

Annual Report of the Treasurer.

BALTIMORE, February 22d, 1897.

Balance on hand March 17th, 1896 . . . \$558 99

RECEIPTS.

Members' Dues.....	\$295 00	
Interest from Hopkins Pl. Sav- ings Bank.....	20 39	
		----- 315 39
		\$874 38

PAYMENTS.

Books and Papers	\$ 8 75	
Bookbinding	37 65	
300 Membership Certificates . .	57 50	
Salary to the Secretary . . .	100 00	
Postage, Printing & Stationery	12 40	
Commission to the Collector . .	12 00	
		----- 228 30

Balance on deposit in Hopkins Place Savings Bank \$646 08

ROB'T M. ROTHER, Treasurer.

Above Report examined and found correct.

O. FUCHS

G. WM. SATTLER, } Auditing Committee.

TWELFTH ANNUAL REPORT.

BALTIMORE, MD., February 22d 1898.

Mr. President and Gentlemen
of the
SOCIETY FOR THE HISTORY OF THE GERMANS
IN MARYLAND.

Your Secretary begs leave to present to you the following short review of our Society's doings during the past year, the twelfth of its existence.

You have reason to look upon it with great satisfaction. The Society has not only faithfully pursued its original object, the research of such historical events as stand in close relation to the history of our earlier German immigrants and citizens, but it has again been enabled to contribute some important material toward it.

Under the able editorship of Professor Chas. F. Raddatz this Society has issued during the past year one of its most, if not the most important of its publications since its existence.

Our last Report, covering one hundred and sixty-three pages, contains a number of most valuable original articles by a number of our active and corresponding members. Your Secretary has personal proof, that this publication is much coveted by men of high standing by reason of its intrinsic value.

But one member of the Society furnished an original article during the year. Mr. L. P. Hennighausen read in the May-meeting his interesting "*Personal Reminiscences of the Political*

Life of the German-Americans in Baltimore during the decade of 1850—1860."

During the year the Society entered into correspondence with Mr. H. Schuricht, of Idlewild, Va., who, on certain conditions, placed his Manuscript History of "*The Early Germans in Virginia*" into the hands of this Society for inspection and eventual publication.

The reading of this valuable work of our esteemed friend occupied the attention of the Society at almost every meeting during the year, and this may to some extent explain the paucity of other articles.

The Society during the same time has made arrangements for an early publication of some of the unpublished works of the Pioneer D. Pastorius, in the "Americana-Germanica," under the editorship of our highly esteemed corresponding member Prof. M. D. Learned, Ph. D., of Philadelphia, Pa.

The Society has thus proven itself not idle in the effort of bringing valuable documents to general knowledge.

But this Society has also been active in other respects.

Most readily did it respond to the request coming from the "Grand Army of Maryland" for co-operation in rescuing from oblivion the statue of Governor Thomas Holliday Hicks of Maryland, which grateful and admiring German citizens of this city had erected to the memory of his noble and courageous stand at a time, when loyalty to the Federal Government was below par, and to secure for this expression of German loyalty a suitable position. Nor have the efforts in this matter been in vain: a place has been secured in the "Maryland Institute," and a bill, asking a sufficient appropriation to defray expense toward renovating said Statue and keeping it in good condition for future times, is pending before our Legislature in session. It is earnestly hoped that this petition will be granted and that thus the preservation of another monument testifying of the loyalty of our German citizens during a time most trying to the preservation of our free institutions will be insured and handed down to coming generations.

But whilst this Society thus joined in this movement started by another organization, it became the originator of another enterprise which, carried to a most successful end by others, who heartily entered into our suggestions, will also speak to coming generations of the loyalty of our present German citizens toward this beautiful city of ours and of their interest in its affairs and its welfare. I refer to the Centennial Celebration of the Chartering of the City of Baltimore on the 6th of October, 1897, at Electric Park. We have it from the lips of an Ex-Mayor of this city, uttered in this very room, that had it not been for the efforts of the German citizens of Baltimore this memorable event in the history of this large town would have passed by "ohne Sang und ohne Klang."

It remains largely with this Society, that this event or celebration shall not, like so many other noble efforts on the part of German citizens, be forgotten, or the merit of it eventually be ascribed to some others.

The Society also manifested its interest toward our present immigration by ordering a protest against the so-called Immigration Bill, pending before Congress, to be sent to our Representatives in Washington.

The Society has during the last year again been kindly remembered by donations toward our Library by the following parties:

Mrs. S. Trowbridge, Messrs. B. A. Rattermann of Cincinnati, Ohio, H. Lingensfelder, P. A. Albrecht, H. Schuricht, Prof. J. Hanno Deiler of New Orleans, Rev. Dr. B. Sadtler, Prof. B. Sollers, S. M. Sener of Lancaster, Pa., L. P. Hennighausen, Prof. P. W. Shepardson of Chicago, Ills., Gen'l J. Roller of Va., the Enoch Pratt Free Library, Historische Gesellschaft des Bremer Kuenstler-Vereins, Drew Theological Seminary, American Jewish Historical Society, Pennsylvania German Society, Franklin and Marshall College and the Ohio Archæological and Historical Society.

Our Library has been augmented by the following books:

1. Almanacs,—The Baltimore Sun, 1876—1896. Nos. 221 to 223.

2. Ansiedler,—Die beiden ersten deutschen—in Pennsylvanien. No. 229.
3. Berks County,—History of—in the Revolution, 1774 to 1783. No. 228.
4. Catechismus,—Der Christliche—New Market, Va., 1818. No. 231.
5. Circular-Schreiben an die deutschen Einwohner von Buckingham und Augusta Counties, Va., in 1818. No. 236.
6. Erinnerungen eines Achtundvierzigers. No. 227.
7. Franklin and Marshall College.—A record of the deceased Alumni, 1897. No. 239.
8. Geister,—Alte und neuere Geschichten von—Chestnut Hill, 1792. No. 225.
9. Henkel, Samuel G.—A Biographical Sketch of—No. 234.
10. Jesu und die Kraft seines Blutes.—Lancaster, 1790. No. 237.
11. Jewish,—Publications of the American—Society. 1897. No. 238.
12. Kirche,—Deutsch-Ev.—Rundschau auf dem Gebiete Nord-Amerika's. No. 224.
13. Morris, J. G., D.D.—Life Reminiscences of an old Lutheran Minister. No. 220.
14. Ohio,—Archæological and Historical Publication. Vol. V, 1897. No. 235.
15. Palatines,—The Story of the—An Episode in Colonial History. No. 233.
16. Pennsylvania,—The Making of—By S. G. Fischer. No. 226.
17. Pennsylvania-German Society—Proceedings and Addresses.—Vol. VII, 1896. No. 230.
18. Virginia,—A History of the Valley of—Woodstock, 1850. No. 232.
19. Washington, Geo.—Geschichte von — By L. M. Weems. No. 212.

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A large number of Addresses and Essays have also been received during the year and have been properly stored.

The thanks of this Society are specially due to the proprietors of the German Correspondent and the Baltimore Journal for the gratuitous furnishing of their valuable daily papers, and to the "Germania Club" for their liberality in still furnishing room, heat and light for the meetings of this Society without any charge whatever.

The Society entered upon the present year with fifty-nine names upon its list of active members. But one was added during the year. Two of our active members have been called away from the activities of this present life, viz: Rev. H. Scheib, who departed this life on the 15th of November, 1897, and Mr. F. Greeble, who died January 24th, 1898. One member has left us for other reasons, thus leaving fifty-seven names on the list of our active membership at the close of the present year.

Respectfully submitted,

F. PH. HENNIGHAUSEN, Secretary.

Society for the History of the Germans in Maryland,

Annual Report of the Treasurer.

BALTIMORE, February 22d, 1898.

Cash on hand February 22d, 1897 ... \$646 08

RECEIPTS.

Members' Dues	\$280 00	
Annual Reports sold	2 45	
Interest on deposits	19 37	
	-----	<u>301 82</u>

\$947 90

DISBURSEMENTS.

Books and Papers	\$ 8 48	
Bookbinding	26 20	
Annual Reports and Pamphlets	260 50	
Stationery and Postage	24 51	
Secretary's Salary	100 00	
Entertainment	37 80	
Commission to Collector	12 00	
	-----	<u>469 49</u>

Balance deposited in the Hopkins Place Savings Bk. \$478 41

ROB'T M. ROTHER, Treasurer.

BALTIMORE, February 22d, 1898.

The undersigned, having been duly appointed to audit the account of the Treasurer submitted this day, have carefully examined and found the same to be correct.

G. WM. SATTLER.
HENRY LINGENFELDER.