

EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SECRETARY
OF THE
Society for the History of the Germans in Maryland
FOR THE
Year Ending February 22nd, 1894.

Mr. President:

I HAVE the honor herewith to submit a brief review of the affairs of the Society during the year just closing.

Regular monthly meetings were held throughout the year, excepting the months July, August and September, and were fairly well attended.

THE PAPERS READ

at some of these meetings comprised:

1. "A Biographical Sketch of Henry L. Yesler, the founder of Seattle, Washington," by *Rev. A. E. Schade*.
2. "Biographical Sketch of Louis Ferdinand Fix," by *Mr. I. Löwenthal*.
3. "Reminiscences of the Political Life of the German-Americans in Baltimore, Md., during 1850—1860," by *L. P. Hennighausen, Esq.*
4. "Designs and Results of the Principal Historical Societies in the United States," by *Rev. J. G. Morris, D. D.*
5. "German Studies in America, previous to the year 1800," by *Prof. M. D. Learned, Ph. D.*

The first three papers have already appeared in print in our

SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT,

a stately document of eighty-three pages, published under the able editorship of Prof. Ch. F. Raddatz. The Society, to my mind, has reason to look with great satisfaction upon the publications issued by them during the comparative brief period of its existence.

History is not to be made, but simply to be recorded. It is a matter of impossibility to publish a history of new facts every year, but surely a matter of great importance to preserve a correct account of historical events of the present, and a labor of still greater, difficulty, requiring no small amount of patient and painstaking research to discover and resuscitate many of the events of the past. And this applies with special force to the endeavor of rescuing from oblivion the history of our German forefathers in this our adopted country. Even as our worthy President in his excellent paper on "The Designs and Results of the Principal Historical Societies in the United States" defined the duties of a historical society to be among others "to verify doubtful facts, develop and record unwritten events, correct popular errors, authenticate disputed dates, to delineate the character and deeds of illustrious men," thus even this Society by the research of its members into historical facts concerning the early German settlers of this country, and by collecting into its library all documents relating to this subject, within its reach, has been earnestly and reasonably successfully at work "in collecting the timber and stones but of which the historic edifice is to be built by the master workman.

During the year the following

DOCUMENTS OF A HISTORIC VALUE

have been added to our library:

1. „Der christliche Elias." Philadelphia, Pa., 1730.
3. „Historische und geographische Beschreibung von Louisiana." 1720.
3. "17th Annual Report of the President of the Johns Hopkins University."

- 4 "History of early Maryland, Civil, Social and Ecclesiastical," by *Th. C. Cambrall, D. D.*
- 5 "Annual Report of the *New England Historic Genealogical Society.*"
- 6 "Historical and Statistical Record of the University of the State of *New York.*"
- 7 "41st Annual Report of the Trustees of the Public Library of Boston, Mass."
- 8 "The Chronicles of Baltimore, Md.," by *Col. Th. Scharf.*
- 9 "Maryland, its Resources, Industries and Institutions." World's Fair Edition.
- 10 "Maryland, its Resources, Industries and Agricultural Conditions," by *A. S. Abell.*
- 11 "Third Annual Report of the German Historical Society of Pennsylvania.
- 12 "Report of Commissioner of Education for the year 1889—1890." 2 volumes.
- 13 "Benjamin Franklin and the University of Pennsylvania."
- 14 „Jahrbücher der Deutsch-Amerik. Turnerei." Volumes 1 and 2.
- 15 "Finding List of Enoch Pratt Library."
- 16 "Annual Report of the Ohio State Archaeological and Historical Society." 1892.
- 17 Bibliographical Contributions from the "Harvard University."
- 18 "Peter Stuyresant," by *Bayard Tuckerman.*
- 19 „Leben und Wirken des Herzoglich - Braunschweigischen General-Lieutenants Friedrich Adolph Riedesel," by *Max von Eelking.* 4 volumes.
- 20 „Briefe und Berichte des Generals und der Generalin von Riedesel." 1 volume.
- 21 „Wanderungen zwischen Hudson und Mississippi," von *Moritz Busch,* 1851—1852. 2 vols.
- 22 "No. 1 of the Publications of the American Jewish Historical Society."
- 23 74th and 75th Reports of the New York State Library."

24. "The Documentary History of the State of New York," by *E. B. O'Callaghan*, 4 vols.
25. The first Century of German Printing in America, 1728—1830," by the late *Prof. O. Seidensticker*, dec'd.
26. „Eine Reise vom Mittelrhein nach New Orleans," by *Dr. F. J. Ennemoser*, 1800.
27. „C. A. Roemeling's Nachricht seiner von Gott geschehenen, völligen Vorauführung aus Babel." Ephrata, Pa., 1792.
28. „Drei Jahre in New York," von Geo. Lechla.
29. „Ueber die Zukunft unseres Volkes in Amerika," von Julius Goebel.
30. „Der Baltimore Correspondent." 1893.
31. „Das Baltimore Journal." 1893.

Some of the above documents were secured by purchase, others received as

DONATIONS AND EXCHANGES

from Rev. Ed. Huber.—Mr. L. Gundina (who also donated a Swiss Medal of 1844).—Mr. J. G. Rosengarten.—Prof. O. Seidensticker.—Prof. C. F. Raddatz.—Mr. Frank N. Hoen.—Mr. A. S. Abell. — Mr. L. P. Hennighausen. — Mr. Henry Metzner.—Proprietors of "Baltimore Correspondent" and "Journal."—Johns Hopkins University.—Harvard University.—Cornell University.—Enoch Pratt Library.—Public Library of Boston, Mass.—Bureau of Education, Washington, D. C.—German Historical Society of Pennsylvania.—American Jewish Historical Society.—New New York State Library.

The publications of the Society were represented in proper form at

THE COLUMBIAN FAIR

in Chicago, Ills. A Committee of Representation on the part of this Society to the Historical Congress in session at Chicago during the month of September, had, upon request been appointed, but circumstances beyond their control had prevented all of the members from being present on that occasion.

CONSTITUTION REVISED.

The Society found it desirable to submit the Constitution of this body to a revision and for this purpose appointed a

committee during the year, who made their final report in the April meeting. The report, after careful consideration of the different items, was adopted and the revised Constitution thus became law.

MEMBERSHIP.

The Society deplores by death the loss of three active members, viz: COL. *F. RAINE*, who died February 26th, 1893; MR. *ERNEST HOEN*, who died June 16th, 1893, and COL. *JOHN L THOMAS*, who died October 15th, 1893.

The Society also regrets the death of one of its corresponding members, who was well-known far and wide, not only for the excellency of his character, but also and especially for his efforts and success in his historical researches on the field of German-American History, and who ever manifested an earnest and practical interest in the efforts of this Society, the late PROF. *OSWALD SEIDENSTICKER* of Philadelphia, Pa., who departed this life on the 10th of January 1894.

The Society entered upon the closing year with 75 active members on its list. Three were added to these during the year, making a total of 79 active members.

During the year the Society lost of active members: by death 3, by resignation 1, by removal from the city 2, by declining to pay fee 3; making a total loss of nine, und leaving at the close of the present year on our list of active membership the names of seventy gentlemen.

The name of MR *J. G. ROSENGARTEN* of Philadelphia, Pa., the author of "The German Soldier in the Wars of the U. S.," etc., was added to the list of our corresponding members.

RESPECTFULLY,

F. PH. HENNIGHAUSEN, Sec'y.

Baltimore, Md., February 22, 1894.