

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SECRETARY

OF THE

"Society for the History Germans in Maryland."

Mr. President:

The Annual Report of your Secretary, it being the fourteenth of the existence of the Society, will of a necessity be conspicuous by its brevity.

The past year has been one of comparative great quietness in the history of this Society. But one original article was read at our monthly meetings, and even that only by the courtesy of a gentleman not a member of this body, and as the article referred to was prepared for a different object, it did not become the property of this organization.

Portions of the second volume of Mr. H. Schuricht's manuscript, "History of the Early Germans in Virginia," were read at some of the meetings and the whole ordered to be printed by the Executive Committee. It still remains, together with other documents, in the hands of the printer.

It has become quite evident by the wide and general interest, which the first volume of this work evoked, that this Society, by enabling the lamented author in the publication of this history and thus bringing it upon the market, has thereby accomplished a very important part toward the object of its original organization, viz: to bring to general notice the merits of

our forefathers in the development of this country and its Institutions.

I spoke of Mr. Schuricht as the lamented author, because, as you are aware, it pleased God to take him hence on May 27, 1899. Besides the one just mentioned, the Society deplors the loss of two of its active members by death and one by resignation.

The obituary notices of the departed will appear with our last year's Annual Report.

Seven active members were added to our list during the same time, making a total number of 53 active members at the close of the year.

Those who have again kindly remembered us by donations to our Library are:

The Enoch Pratt Free Library; the Ohio Archaeological and Historical Society; the Leland Stanford, Jr., University; the Pennsylvania-German Society; the American-Jewish Historical Society; the New York State Library; the Franklin and Marshall College; Historische Gesellschaft des Bremer Künstler-Vereins; Mr. H. Schuricht; Rev. Ed. Huber; Mr. Brisco Goodhart; Mr. Jos. G. Rosengarten; F. Ph. Hennighausen; the Proprietors of the "German Correspondent" and the "Baltimore Journal."

Last, but not least, the Society is again obligated to the Germania Club for the generous, gratuitous use of the place for our monthly meetings.

Respectfully,

F. PH. HENNIGHAUSEN, Secretary.

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