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Society for the History of the Germans in Maryland.

Mr. President and Gentlemen :

There is but little to report concerning the activity of the Society during the year coming to a close tonight.

Whilst the Constitution calls for nine monthly meetings during that period, but seven took place.

The unfavorable condition of the weather on the two evenings omitted was no doubt the cause of an attendance too small on the part of the members, that the transaction of any business was not considered advisable. The business transacted in the above meetings was chiefly of a routine character.

Interesting articles from papers, books and magazines were read and many an interesting subject debated, but no original article was furnished by any of the members.

The Executive Committee held a number of meetings: under its direction one hundred copies of Mr. H. Schuricht's History of the Early Germans in Virginia were neatly bound and each active member presented with one copy, in addition to the two copies previously distributed. The Executive Committee also superintended the publication of five hundred copies of the Fifteenth Annual Reports of Secretary and Treasurer together with original articles by Rev. J. A. Weishaar and Mr. L. P. Hennighausen.

For some unavoidable reasons the completion of this document has been somewhat delayed, but is about being placed in the hands of the members.

Our Library has been considerably enriched both by purchase and by donation of valuable historical books. A supplementary list of the latter will appear in our forthcoming publication.

Those who kindly remembered us with exchanges and donations are:

The Pennsylvania-German Society.
 University of the State of New York.
 The Ohio Archæological and Historical Society.
 The German-American Historical Society of Illinois.
 The Drew Theological Seminary.
 The Franklin and Marshall College.
 The Wisconsin State Historical Society.
 The Transallegheeny Historical Society.
 The American Jewish Historical Society.
 Prof. J. Hanno Deiler.
 Rev. Edward Huber
 Mr. L. P. Hennighausen.
 Mr. A. F. Trappe.
 The Proprietors of the German Correspondent and the Baltimore Journal.
 The Enoch Pratt Free Library.

From other Public Institutions of State and City this Society has received no returns for its publications. Though singular, in view of the fact that this Society has been careful not to overlook any sister-organization in the distribution of its publication, it need not surprise us, for it is an old saying, coming from the highest source: "*A prophet is not without honor, save in his own country and in his own house.*"

The Society laments the death of two of its most worthy members, viz: Rev. B. Sadtler, D.D., our first Honorary President, and second regular President, and Mr. Edward F. Leyh, one of the founders of this Society and its second Vice-President at the time of his death. As their obituary notices will

appear together with our forthcoming Annual Report further reference is not called for.

Besides the members removed from our midst, several withdrew for sufficient reason, leaving on our list of active members the names of forty-seven gentlemen.

It may not be amiss to call special attention to one of our active members who was among the earliest to take an earnest interest in the object of this organization, became its first Treasurer and who, though he has again made the Fatherland his home for many years, nevertheless continues in the same relation. Whilst we regret that he cannot be with us on account of distance on this occasion, might it not be well to send him the Society's kindly greeting?

I refer to Mr. Eberhard Niemann, now of Wiesbaden, Germany.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

F. P. HENNIGHAUSEN, Secretary.

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