

THE REPORT

True to its original purpose "of gathering, publishing, and preserving material for the history of the Germans in Maryland," our Society has published during more than six decades of its existence quite a number of volumes, called REPORTS.* These Reports have always presented a resume of the routine activity of the Society together with articles dealing with the history of the German element in the Middle Atlantic States, especially in the State of Maryland. Scholars as well as interested laymen have contributed to our Reports, dealing with special problems of immigration history, with the development of old German settlements, churches, societies, institutions in Maryland, or treating the lives of famous Marylanders of German descent.

This year the Society may be congratulated upon having achieved one of its main objectives: the publication of a definitive volume in its proper field, *The Maryland Germans*, by Dr. Dieter Cunz (Princeton University Press, 1948). No other state has such a complete and comprehensive history of its German element.

The annual meeting and banquet took place regularly in the month of February with the following speakers:

- 1946, Professor Albert B. Faust (Cornell University): "German-American Historical Societies—Their Achievements and Limitations";
- 1947, Professor Eitel W. Dobert (University of Maryland): "The United Nations Program of the Forty-eighters in America";
- 1948, Professor A. E. Zucker (University of Maryland): "The Spirit of the Forty-eighters";
- 1949, The Honorable George L. Radcliffe (former U. S. Senator): "The German Element in Maryland History";

*Initially these Reports were issued annually, with the first number in 1887. The last of these "Annual Reports," the 15th, appeared in 1901. From that date on they appeared at irregular intervals. The 16th Report was issued in 1907, but it contains also brief statements regarding the Society's annual business comprising Reports 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22; thus instead of being numbered merely 16, this volume ought to be entitled: Reports 16-22. From 1907 to 1929 no Report was issued. Number 28 appeared in 1929, No. 24 in 1939, No. 25 in 1942, and No. 26 in 1945.

1950, Dr. Henry J. Kellermann (U. S. State Department): "The Political and Cultural Status of Germany Today."

The By-Laws, unchanged since 1893 and thus somewhat out of date, were revised. The new version is published in this Report.

Our Society is the only German-American historical society in existence and has, therefore, more than regional significance. In view of this fact, the Executive Committee decided to elect as corresponding members from other states the following scholars. The field in which they have published is indicated in parentheses.

- Professor Robert T. Clark (The Louisiana Germans)
- Professor Erwin G. Gudde (The German element in California)
- Professor Erich Hofacker (The German newspapers in St. Louis)
- Professor Harold S. Jantz (Intercultural relations between Germany and colonial America)
- Professor August C. Mahr (The Moravian Missions in Ohio)
- Professor William G. Polack (The history of the Missouri Synod)
- Dr. Felix Reichmann (The history of German printing in Maryland)
- Dean Carl Wittke (American immigration history)
- Professor Ralph C. Wood (The Pennsylvania Germans)

Grateful acknowledgement should be made of the following gifts to our library:

- From the Princeton University Press: *The Pennsylvania Germans*, edited by Ralph C. Wood, (Princeton, 1942);
- from the S. S. Peter and Paul Congregation in Cumberland: *Fifty Years of SS Peter and Paul's Church at Cumberland, Maryland, 1848-1898*, (Cumberland, 1898);

from the Swiss-American Historical Society: *The Swiss Record, Yearbook of the Swiss-American Historical Society*, (Madison, Wisconsin, 1949);
from the author: May A. Seitz, *The History of the Hoffman Paper Mills in Maryland*, (Towson, Maryland, 1946);
from Mr. Carl L. Nitze: *Calvert and Hillyer 1897-1947*, by Archibald Hart, (Baltimore, 1947);
from Schneidereith & Sons: *One Hundred Years of the Printing Firm of Schneidereith and Sons in the City of Baltimore*, (1949);
from Mrs. Frieda McCullough: various booklets and pamphlets from the library of her father, the late Mr. August F. Trappe.

The Society also wishes to express its thanks to Dr. Emerson Greenaway and Miss Elizabeth C. Litsinger of the Enoch Pratt Library for their care in housing our book collection.

Through a generous grant the Carl Schurz Memorial Foundation has helped in making possible the publication of this Report. The Foundation wishes to express thereby not only its interest in the work of the Society, but also to join in honoring a distinguished Baltimorean, the veteran historian in our field, author of *The German Element in the United States*, Professor Albert B. Faust of Cornell University, to whom this Report is dedicated on the occasion of his eightieth birthday. We join with the Carl Schurz Memorial Foundation and thousands of others in extending to our fellow-member, Dr. Faust, very best wishes!

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