

EXTRACT OF
THIRD ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE
SECRETARY
OF THE

Society for the History of Germans in Maryland,

AND

LIST OF MEMBERS.

THE Society for the History of the Germans in Maryland closes its third year of existence with the names of 77 active and 6 corresponding members on its list. There were added during the present year eleven active members. During the same time the names of four members were, for sufficient reasons, dropped from the list; two moved beyond the boundaries of the State, five resigned and two others, viz.: Dr. E. Bessels and the lamented Wm. Knabe were removed by death.

Mr. Thos. Keerl, the only corresponding member elected during the year, died soon after his election.

The collection of valuable historical papers and books was increased by the following donations:

1. A copy of the "Federal Gazette", issued at Frederick, Md., on February 5th, 1800, by Prof. Chas. F. Raddatz.
 2. "A Historical Sketch of the Pennsylvania Germans", by H. L. Fischer.
 3. "The Beginning of German Emigration to America", by Dr. P. D. Fischer, of Berlin.
 4. "Europäer in America vor Columbus."
- All of the above from Rev. Dr. J. G. Morris.
5. "Text-book of the Sängerkunst held in Baltimore in 1859."
 6. "Programm of the Steuben Fair."

7. A volume of poems by Staudenmiller.

All of these from Mr. L. P. Hennighausen.

8. "Die Vereinigten Staaten von Nord-Amerika, by Prof. Fr. von Raumer", donated by Rev. H. Scheib.

The Society purchased:

1. "History of Baltimore."

2. "Life of J. Conrad Weiser."

THERE WERE PUBLISHED

during the year and distributed among the members and sister-societies :

1. *A Memorial of the late Christian Ax, Sr.*, in a neat book form of twenty-eight pages.

2. *Annual Report*, articles on *Jonathan Hagar*, by Mr. Basil Sollers; *The Redemptioners and the German Society*, by Mr. L. P. Hennighausen; *The Zion Church of the City of Baltimore*, by Rev. H. Scheib, covering seventy-five pages of printed matter.

Both documents met with much favor not only on the part of the members, but were sought after by special requests from some of the foremost Historical Societies in our Country.

The Society held during the year

NINE REGULAR MEEETINGS,

mindful of its motto: "Ohne Hast, ohne Rast."

ARTICLES READ.

In the March meeting *Col. von Stamp* honored the Society with the reading of an original article, concerning "The Sieben-Täger Colony in Franklin Co., Pa." This paper, by the courtesy of its author, has become the property of the Society and will no doubt be considered of sufficient import by the Executive Committee to entitle it for publication.

Prof. O. Seidensticker of the University of Pennsylvania, the author of a number of volumes treating of the history of the Germans in America, attended, upon special invitation on the

part of the Society, our June meeting and delivered a most interesting and instructive address. (For synopsis of above address see pages 9—17.)

Mr. Louis P. Hennighausen furnished two valuable articles, one entitled: "The Revolt of the Germans against the Government of Maryland in the Colonial Period of 1730-38"; the other: "Johann Lederer's Book of Travels in Virginia, North and South Carolinas and Georgia in 1669-1670." Both these papers have by request been placed among our archives.

DR. JULIUS GOEBEL

read in the May meeting "A Memorial to the Hon. Congress of the United States," dated April 29th, 1780, written by some unknown German of apparent ability and found among F. Lieber's library, which has of late become the property of the "Johns Hopkins University."

The Chairman

REV. J. G. MORRIS, D.D.,

entertained the Society at different meetings by the reading of diverse articles, but chiefly by securing for the inspection of this Society the collection of the so-called "Calvert Papers," lately secured from Col. F. H. Harford of England by the Historical Society of Maryland. These papers refer largely to the colonization and history of Maryland in its earliest years. The most interesting papers among this large collection and brought specially to the notice of this Society are two letters from Lord Baltimore. The first of these intimates that a number of emigrants from the Palatinate intended to settle in Maryland as early as 1694.

The other letter, addressed to his representative in the Colony, contains a warm recommendation of Bartholomew Mayer, a German, who with a number of emigrants from the Palatinate went to America on the ship "Patience," Capt. Steele, with the purpose of settling on the banks of the Monocacy, in Frederick Co., Md., thus indicating that above settlement was not planted by Germans coming over from Pennsylvania as generally believed, but by those coming direct from the Fatherland. A third letter by the same author and written in 1732, speaks of a number of Salzburgers, who intended to emigrate to Maryland.

MR. ED. F. LEYH,

as in the former, so during the last year, contributed no small share to the information as well as entertainment of the members by a number of impromptu, but nevertheless most interesting addresses, chief among them his review of the German daily and weekly newspapers that have appeared, disappeared, and still appear in Baltimore City. In the January meeting Mr. Leyh read an original and very elaborate article concerning "The character and procedure of the Old Germanic Public Assemblies." A proper report of this article can be given only by having it printed in full.

An article on

"THE LABADIST SETTLEMENT IN MARYLAND"

by Mrs. Leakin-Susa, was read in the December meeting. This sect, founded by Jean Labadie of Bordeaux in the 17th century and favoring in their tenets somewhat the Communists, emigrated after a series of successes and reverses in different parts of Europe and South America to North America.

Ephraim, the oldest son of Augustine Hermann of "Bohemia Manor," Cecil Co., Md., becoming one of their converts, they were through his instrumentality, but also soon to Mr. Hermann's regret, invited to settle down at Bohemia Manor, which was accomplished in 1675. Whilst they flourished for a while, in 1727 the entire Colony had ceased to exist.

The Society during the past year participated through its regularly appointed representatives in the Memorial Services of the late German Emperor, William I., held in the Academy of Music on March 25th, 1888, and also in the 15th National Sanger-Fest, held in Baltimore from July 1st to 4th, 1888.

The Society owes thanks to the daily Press of Baltimore City for the notice taken of its meetings as well as its efforts, and in addition to the owners of the "German Correspondent" and the "Baltimore Journal" for gratuitous furnishing of their respective papers.

Respectfully submitted,

F. PH. HENNIGHAUSEN, Sec'y.