

the signature of one G. A. Glaus, Philadelphia, there appeared in the 'Amerikanische Schweizerzeitung' for September 26, 1885, an article on 'The Swiss in Philadelphia,' complaining of their mode of business, and disapproving in 'a rather damaging manner to the sbs.' The Board Meeting of September 23, 1885, found the accusations to be unwarranted and without foundation, and so advised the 'Amerikanische Schweizerzeitung.'

August H. Wirz passed away August 3, 1886. He was one of the founders, served as Secretary until 1875, when he became Vice President, which office he held until his death.

General regret over the departure of Minister Frey was expressed in June 1888. A 'nicely bound address, signed by about 180 members of all Swiss societies, was presented to him on the 21st, at 717 Spring Garden Street.' His successor, Minister de Claparède, arrived November 12 from New York, and was 'suitably welcomed.'

The General Assembly of January 29, 1889, held at Rud. Grossmann's, 463 North 3rd Street, was advertised in the Public Ledger and the Philadelphia Record. Minister Alfred de Claparède came to Philadelphia March 25, strictly on business, but he was to be 'properly' received in June, if possible, when he would be passing through on his way to Switzerland. There is no follow-up on this report. After the meeting of November 26, the directors repaired to Caspar Büchi's Hotel, 229 North 2nd Street, to take farewell of John F. Volet, who was leaving town to open a business in New York. Since he joined the sbs in 1866, he had rendered the Society outstanding services. He was on the Board since 1870. He re-appears on the Board 1891/1904, officiating for many years as collector.

The October Meeting (1889) had taken official notice of the death of J. F. Hartranft, Governor of Pennsylvania, occurred on the 18th, and resolved:

*That while in the death of this noble man the whole community mourns the loss of a Citizen of the highest type and most sterling character, whose services in Peace & War will never be forgotten, the Members of the Swiss Benevolent Society deplore his demise, the loss of a friend and fellow-member, whose noble and effective efforts for the relief of an unfortunate Country man will forever form one of the most conspicuous features in the records of our Society. That we therefore shall always preserve for him a thankful and sacred remembrance and that we wish to express to the members of the family of*

*our deceased friend our sincere sympathy with their heavy and deplorable loss, together with our earnest wishes for their continuous welfare.*

Mr. Koradi had declared the Governor to have been 'greatly instrumental' in obtaining the release from prison of a Swiss after establishing his innocence (1882).

At the AGA of January 26, 1891, the Swiss Maennerchor presented Mr. Koradi with a 'beautifully engrossed and colorate Certificate as Honorary President.'

J. J. Yauchler resigned in April 1892, because of ill health and old age. The treasury had been in his capable hands for 19 years. He was succeeded by J. C. Hungerbuehler. G. E. Oberer had become secretary in 1877, taking over from A. Schlaginhausen. He too resigned, and the two gentlemen were celebrated with 'suitably engrossed resolutions' and gold rings. Ulrich Ammann was secretary for the next two terms.

In April 1894, a communication from the 'Patriotenbund der Schweizer in Amerika' proposed to organize all Swiss societies in the States to be at the disposition of the Swiss Government in case of war. The matter was tabled, pending reaction elsewhere, and does not re-appear.

The General Assembly, January 31, 1895, was told that Minister Chas. L. Javel was to leave Washington for Berlin on the day following, and Dr. J. B. Pioda was expected to replace him soon. The latter was to visit Philadelphia July 29/30, with a reception at Lier's Washington Place.

Treasurer J. C. Hungerbuehler resigned in September 1897, due to failing health. John H. Ragatz completed the term, and served five additional years. At the Annual Meeting of January 27, 1898, there were congratulations from Federal Councillor Emil Frey and M. de Claparède, celebrating what the secretary called '1897, one of his considerablest years as Consul—his 40th as such,' for Mr. Koradi.

A special Directors' Meeting was called for September 15, 1898, to eulogize John C. Hungerbuehler, who had passed away on the 13th. He had been a director since 1877, succeeding A. H. Wirz as Vice President in 1886 until his death, and at the same time served as Treasurer 1893/97. Mr. Itschner's resignation as Vice-Consul was approved by Washington in October.

The Directors resolved in December 1902, to defray the expenses for the General Assembly of January 27, 1903, out of their own pockets. Emphasis was on the 'continued prosperity.' Dur-