

remained in office for 10 years thereafter. Possibly since the Market Street Subway-Elevated opened in 1908, Consul Walther's office was found to be more accessible. Numerous monthly meetings had been held there recently. When he resigned in September 1913, these sessions were to be at the Swiss Maennerchor and Turnverein, which, 'for various reasons,' was not always available, and the Board turned to the German Club.

Ulrich Ammann, Treasurer since 1911, member of the Board since 1895, passed away unexpectedly in November 1913, and Math. Schmid stepped into that office pro tem. He was retained for 1914.

At the General Assembly, January 28, 1914, further contributions from the Federal and Cantonal Governments were dispensed with. In March, Dr. Chas. Vuilleumier was asked by the Legation to become Honorary Consul, but he could not do it 'for the glory,' and asked about an Expense Account, ready to take \$400.00. In May, a committee was instructed to 'ask for a Consul under the old conditions,' and if not agreeable, 'for a Consul for the Port of Philadelphia.' The Swiss Government settled in favor of Dr. Vuilleumier, then Vice President of the sbs. Only 16 members responded to a call for a special meeting in June, on which occasion President Becker is said to have pointed to a 'dispute at the last AGA, over election of directors and officers,' though conducted according to the by-laws. The offered amendments were to be properly worded by a committee consisting of Messrs. Saalenbach, Ammann, Freitag, Knup and Reichling, and submitted to Percy Wilcox, Esq., before presentation at a special meeting to be called in September, when again only 16 were present. Section Two, on the election of new members was re-phrased. The constitution of the Board and Officers was modified as already reported. Several old Sections were eliminated, condensing them into one practical paragraph. Before a final vote on December 3, 1915, the proposals were to be advertised in the Philadelphia Gazette and Public Ledger, and the members to be duly notified in advance.

Dr. Chas. Vuilleumier became President in 1915, and was to be in the chair for almost twenty years, ably assisted by the new Vice President, J. H. Reichling for the same period, and destined to succeed to his colleague, to conduct the Society until 1952. This remarkable team was joined in 1922 by Ernest F. Muller as Recording Secretary until 1944, and Hans C. Saalenbach as Financial

Secretary in 1925, to stay in that office until 1949. Mr. Jacob Knup, Sr., accepted the Treasury 1920/1932, followed by J. Otto Schweizer 1932/1950.

The Meeting proposed for December 3, 1915, failed, as no quorum was present, and it was re-scheduled for December 15, when 13 members appeared, and resolved to accept the by-laws as amended. Space restrictions do not permit to list them here, but they will be in an expanded version. Werner Lindt and J. Fleischmann were elected to the Board at the AGA 1916, for Fred Fiechter and C. A. Baumgartner, who resigned. The current officers were all retained: E. Hediger, Corresponding Secretary; Theo Ammann, Financial Secretary; Andrew Erny, Treasurer. In June 1916, Dr. Rudolph Kindig passed away at the age of only 51. Early records don't mention him, but it was stated that Dr. Kindig assisted applicants from the sbs for 25 years in most generous manner. Dr. J. C. Hungerbuehler, Jr., was asked to take his place as the Society's physician. The July meeting resolved to publish 'a history of the Society and members with larger donations . . . at the next AGA.'

In the 1890's, a Swiss Hall Association was under discussion, but failed to bring results. The matter was revived in June 1918, with the consideration of a common home for all Swiss societies. Messrs. Reichling, Fleischmann, Kaufmann, Schweizer, Ammann were the delegates of the sbs. A proposed constitution was read in August, with an affirmative vote by the Board, if the project should be materialized. The societies were to be assessed 50¢ annually for every member. The Board of the Swiss Hall Association announced agreement in September that all member-associations should meet at the hall of the Swiss Turnverein, and the directors met in the SHA Hall, 10th and Montgomery, for the first time in December.

Fifty-five members were present at the Annual Assembly, January 29, 1919, again at the Hotel Majestic, with dinner at \$2.50, and music for \$10.00. Many members, men and women, were reported to be in the Army or Red Cross. The Assembly 1920 was held at the Manufacturers' Club. The same Board and Officers were retained.

The Annual General Assembly of January 26, 1921, though celebrating sixty years, brought only 18 members together. Changes in the by-laws of the Swiss Hall Association were debated in February: 1. The Turnverein and Maennerchor