

482 cases assisted in 1909 went to elderly people.

The sbs New York was petitioned in May 1910, to take our destitute who need a home. The reply declared that it would be unconstitutional, but they would try to change it. A later communication said that they are limited to a 30 mile radius, and to acquiesce requests from Philadelphia would create a precedent.

Cloudbursts in Switzerland, 1910, caused disastrous floods. The sum of \$200.00 was allocated at once from the treasury, of which \$50.00 à fond perdu, the balance to be covered, if possible, by a collection, which netted about \$400.00. This was all the more appreciated, since there had been two bad years. The Swiss in all of Pennsylvania contributed \$1000.00.

On the occasion of the 50th Anniversary, Mr. Koradi pointed out that during his tenure as president for 48 years, the Society had disbursed \$25,000 of assistance money, probably with thousands more, given in kind by generous benefactors collaborating with the sbs.

Funeral expenses for the destitute, often provided by the Society, sometimes with refunds from insurances or appreciative relatives, still generally ran only about \$20.00.

Also 1911 was quite uneventful. The Board gave \$30.00 to the Society for Organizing Charity in appreciation of aid received, and \$5.00 were approved for the Chapin Memorial Home for Aged Blind.

Financially, 1912 was the best year for the Society in a long time. There were \$318.00 in dues, and nearly \$700.00 in other donations, while assistance rendered dropped to 273 cases, with \$446.47, and the book balance reached \$9677.90, for a gain of \$523.58.

The Consulate was now authorized to spend \$20.00 to \$25.00 for funerals of worthy, destitute Swiss (1913). On appeal from the Swiss Consul in Cincinnati, \$100.00 was assigned to the flood victims out west. \$25.00 were donated to the German Lutheran Home in Mt. Airy. A Mr. Herzog became Distributor. One charge had assigned her insurance, worth \$85.00 to the sbs. Her funeral was paid from that fund, from which \$25.00 were also used for the burial of another Swiss, who had succumbed after an operation at Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, but who had resided here, and was reported to be destitute. An old lady was helped with \$25.00 to get into the German Lutheran Home, supplementing \$179.00 of her own. But she was reported to be 'a trouble-

some party,' who was clamoring to get out again. She soon did, and refund was made in November.

Also the year 1913 ending favorably, with a gain of \$484.44, and assistance still down to 273 cases, the Society resolved to desist from further assistance from Swiss cantonal governments, as previously reported, except in specific cases. Mr. Herzog was willing to stay on as Distributor, with a remuneration of \$8.00, but Theo Bauer took over, free of charge.

Two Swiss were found in the House of Correction in 1914. Upon their release, the sbs helped them to get to New York, and the Swiss Home reported them as 'bad characters.'

There were 102 members listed for 1914, but only 72 were paid up. Fortunately, interest and gifts brought almost \$500.00. Assistance climbed to 497 cases, with \$635.46, and the books closed with a deficit of \$385.19, as there also was a donation of \$500.00 to the Swiss War Relief, which was followed up with another \$250.00 in 1915, which year terminated satisfactorily for the sbs. The paid-up membership jumped to 105 (\$385), with direct assistance down to 397 cases (\$440.10).

This department remained uneventful for some time. President Vuilleumier reported to the Annual General Assembly, January 29, 1919, 'that assistance provided was almost exclusively to very old, the sick and crippled,' with 211 cases (\$321.50). Membership was on the rise again, with \$409.00 paid in dues, and a gain of \$710.65 recorded for 1918.

The Board Meeting of April, 1919, allocated \$750.00 for Swiss War Sufferers. In August, the 'Verein geschaedigter Auslandschweizer' got \$100.00, and Messrs. Kaufmann and Ammann were designated as a committee to start a collection, which was to net \$220.00. By the year's end, there were 126 members on the books. Aside of \$409.45 (201 cases) paid out in assistance, indicating higher allocations because of rising costs and readier funds, the Society had responded to an appeal from Minister Dr. Hans Sulzer, with above-recorded results. Extraordinary income is not stated, but the books show a gain of \$969.89, balancing at \$12,355.10, according to the Minute Book.

In March 1920, a list was established for contributions to help the Swiss who lost everything in the Russian Revolution. An appeal from a Swiss in Germany in October, produced a food draft for \$15.00, and the Schweizerverein Stuttgart received 2000 Marks. The Swiss in Russia re-