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OBJECTS.

The object of this Society is to collect and publish material bearing upon the history of America, and to promote the study of Jewish history in general, preferably so far as the same is related to American Jewish history or connected with the causes of emigration from various parts of the world to this continent. It is known that Jews in Spain and Portugal lent no inconsiderable aid to the voyages that led to the discovery of America, that a few accompanied the earliest discoverers and that Jews were among the first settlers on this continent, and in its adjacent islands. Considerable numbers saw service in the Colonial and Revolutionary wars, some of them with great distinction. Others contributed liberally to the Continental treasury, at critical periods, to aid in the establishment of Independence. Since the foundation of our government, Jews have played an active part in the political affairs of the country, and have been called upon to hold important public positions. The records of the achievements of these men will, when gathered together, prove of value and interest to the historian, and perchance cast light upon some obscure parts of the history of our country.



PREFACE.

The committee on publication, charged with the editing and issuance of the material comprising the present volume, consisted of Albert M. Friedenberg, Esq., chairman; Prof. Alexander Marx and Dr. Joseph Jacobs. Dr. Cyrus Adler, President of the Society, was a member of the committee *ex officio*.

This *Publication* is made up of papers presented at different annual meetings of the Society in the last few years. The report on foreign archives, the items of Jewish interest from the Crittenden correspondence, and the papers by Messrs. Byars, Hartogensis and Heineman, and by Rabbis Price and Zielonka, date from the annual meeting of 1915. The paper on the Jews of Jamaica and Barbados, and the sketch of David Lindo were presented at the one held in 1914. Both the papers by Mr. Lee M. Friedman were laid before the Society at its Boston sessions in 1912; while Mr. Leon Hühner's two papers were read by him at the annual meeting of 1908 in New York. Prof. Gotthard Deutsch's biography of Dr. Bettmann was intended to be submitted at the annual meeting of 1915, and was duly entered on the program. It was, however, received only immediately after the meeting had concluded owing to an unfortunate delay in the mails.

The notes embrace, in part, the brief communications of their respective authors to the annual meetings of 1913, 1914 and 1915, as well as some additional material of interest to the student of American Jewish history.

