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AMERICAN JEWISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

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as Past President of the Society.



OBJECTS.

The object of this Society is to collect and publish material bearing upon the history of America. 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.



THE TWELFTH ANNUAL MEETING.

The twelfth annual meeting of the Society took place in New York City, March 20-21, 1904. The first session was held Sunday evening, the 20th, in the Vestry Room of the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue. President Dr. Cyrus Adler was in the chair and delivered the presidential address opening the meeting.

The Treasurer, Richard J. H. Gottheil, presented the following report:

Richard J. H. Gottheil, in account with the American Jewish Historical Society, October 1, 1903.

Dr.

Balance, October 1, 1902.....	\$1120.36	
Dues and back dues of members.....	820.00	
G. E. Stechert, sales of Publications.....	1.35	
Sales, Amer. Jew. Pub. Soc.....	12.50	
Interest, Dec. 31, 1902.....	6.24	
Interest, June 26, 1903.....	7.52	
Total Receipts.....		\$1968.07
Total Expenditures.....		841.57
Balance		\$1126.50

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Check returned, drawer deceased.....	\$ 5.00	
G. E. Stechert, repaid bill paid for N. Y. State Library	1.35	
Expenses of Annual Meeting, 1903.....	117.00	
Expenses of Treasurer's Office.....	31.00	
Expenses of Secretary's Office.....	30.85	
Printing and Expressage, Publications No. 10..	596.96	
Index, Publications Number 10.....	25.00	
Stationery	3.50	
Leon Hühner, Curator.....	18.81	
Lemcke & Buechner.....	11.40	
Exchange, K. T. Co.....	.70	
Total		\$841.57

STATEMENT OF THE ASSETS OF THE SOCIETY.

Balance K. T. Co.....	\$1063.48	
Cash in hands of Treasurer.....	63.02	
	\$1126.50	
Balance in Nat. Saving Bank of Albany, Octo- ber 1, 1902.....	\$2322.86	
Balance in Nat. Savings Bank of Albany, Octo- ber 1, 1903.....	2404.86	
	\$3531.36	

The Treasurer further reported that the Society collected \$1500 insurance money, because of the destruction by fire of its "Publications" in Baltimore.

Corresponding Secretary, Mr. Max J. Kohler, reported that the Society had on its rolls 237 members, 7 honorary, 26 corresponding, 3 life and 201 regular members. It lost 11 members during the year by death, resignation and non-payment of dues. There were elected during the same period, 7 regular members and 1 corresponding member.

Professor J. H. Hollander, Chairman of the Publication Committee, reported that No. 11 of the "Publications" had just been issued and distributed; its appearance having been delayed by the fire aforementioned.

Mr. Leon Hühner, Curator, reported that arrangements had been completed with the Jewish Theological Seminary of America for storing the Society's "Collections" in the fire-proof building of the institution, a separate room having been set aside for the use of the Society. A resolution was adopted directing the issuance of a circular to members and other friends of the Society, calling their attention to the fact that the Society was able to house properly such books, manuscripts, prints, medals and other objects of historic interest, as persons interested might desire to entrust to it. The circular was also to call attention to the Society's desire to secure back volumes of its "Publications," by gift or otherwise, to replace the stock lost by fire.