A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION

To the Members:

At our recent meeting at Lancaster, the Council of the Pennsylvania Historical Association began investigating the possibilities of publishing a monographic series. If inaugurated, the series would consist of essays in the field of Pennsylvania history, running about 200 pages in length. The subjects for these monographs might be biographical, or they might be concerned with the various phases of the economic, social, cultural and political developments of the Commonwealth. It is my desire to learn your reaction to this proposal. I should also be glad to have some information regarding manuscripts prepared or in process which might be suitable for publication in such a series.

At present we are not financially able to make much of a contribution to publication costs. It is hoped, however, that by securing a number of life memberships at $100.00 each the necessary capital can be obtained to start such a series, and the proceeds from the sales of the monographs may thereafter make it possible to continue publication. I should welcome your suggestions regarding possibilities of financing such a series.

It is my hope that I may receive a number of responses to this request for information, so that I may have the benefit of your advice. Our organization has prospered, but it can enlarge its activities and influence. The Association can do much for the study of Pennsylvania history by providing the means of publication for outstanding work.

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