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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

BY A wise practice of the Association which limits the tenure of the president to one elected term of three years, this will be the last communication which I shall make to the membership through the "President's Page." It was a distinct, and truly an unexpected, honor to me to have been elected to the office in October, 1945. The Association had up to that time been well-served by its officers and councillors, but it had been particularly fortunate in its presidents. Beginning with the late A. Boyd Hamilton, and continuing with Professors Nichols, Gipson, and Bining, its presidents had been men of distinction in the study, writing, or popularization of Pennsylvania history. They were also all devoted to the interests of the Association, and all had qualities which made for successful leadership. As a result the Association, even in a short twelve years, had become firmly established and had attained a position of prestige. Notwithstanding the dislocations incident to nearly four years of "total" war it had not lost ground by 1945, but was ready in the glow of those hopeful post-war days to "go on from there."

Whether or not it has indeed "gone on from there," the formal reports of the officers should show. My hope is that they show the basis for an affirmative answer. In any event, I have no apologies or excuses since I have striven to serve to the best of my ability, and have enjoyed the best of advice and the most loyal assistance from the officers, members of committees, and from many of the general membership. So, it has been a pleasure to serve.

It is gratifying to announce that the third of the *Pennsylvania History Studies* is at the printers and will be ready for distribution at the Annual Meeting in Erie, October 22 and 23. It will be entitled, *The Scotch-Irish in Pennsylvania*, and has been written by Guy S. Klett of Philadelphia. This will complete the series of three *Studies* projected for this presidential term by Chairman Homer T. Rosenberger and his very co-operative Committee on Publications.