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THE Pennsylvania Historical Association is designed to serve as a coordinating body to aid, supplement, and make more effective the efforts of the local historical societies and their federation and to stimulate the interest of teachers and other individuals who are concerned with the history of the Commonwealth. Its general aims are to promote scholarly activity in the history of Pennsylvania and the teaching of state history in the schools and colleges of the state. It is planned to accomplish these objectives through annual meetings held successively in different parts of the state and through the publication of articles, books, and source material pertaining to Pennsylvania history.

The Pennsylvania Historical Association publishes PENNSYLVANIA HISTORY, its Quarterly Journal, to make available articles embodying current historical research on Pennsylvania, news of historical activities, and reviews of books which will be of interest to historically-minded Pennsylvanians. The News and Comment section of the magazine serves the Pennsylvania Federation of Historical Societies, the county and local historical societies, and the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, as a clearing-house for news of their activities. The annual subscription rate is \$4.00.

A cordial invitation is extended to all to join this organization. Application for membership may be made to the Secretary, Dr. Philip S. Klein, Pennsylvania State College, State College, Pa. Membership dues are as follows: active (annual), \$4.00; sustaining (annual), \$10.00; life, \$50.00; patron, \$1,000.00. All members receive the magazine free.

## PRESIDENT'S PAGE

**W**E EXTEND a welcome to all the new members who have joined the Association during the last several months.

Inasmuch as many of these will probably be making their first contact with the Association through this, the July number of the magazine, I am using the space this time for the purpose of (1) welcoming them into the lodge, and (2) telling them something of the work of the Pennsylvania Historical Association. Many of the new subscribers are schools, which, in particular, should know what services the Association provides.

First and foremost is the publication of this journal, which has been greatly improved within the last year in order to appeal to a larger clientele. We feel sure that the articles, news, and book reviews can be of real value to historically-minded people in general and to teachers of the social studies in particular. Through it the Association has been attempting to bring Pennsylvania material to those high school instructors who need it to enrich their teaching. Everyone knows there is still a lack, although it is not as serious as it was ten years ago.

Still another activity is the publication of pamphlets which offer interesting and reliable information on certain fields of Pennsylvania history. The first trio of booklets—on the Pennsylvania-Germans (Gilbert), on the Scotch-Irish (Klett), and on the Quakers (Comfort)—were very successful. School librarians and high school teachers will wish to know that the Klett and Comfort ones are still available through Dr. Robert Fortenbaugh of Gettysburg College. A second series is now in process of being written, covering three phases of the industrial growth of the state. These are oil (Ernest Miller), iron-steel (A. C. Bining), and coal (R. D. Billinger). It is expected that they will begin to appear shortly. Teachers, librarians, and all others who are interested should watch for announcements in *PENNSYLVANIA HISTORY*.

Not the least in importance is the holding of annual conventions. Those who have been connected with the organization for even a short time will agree this is one of the most valuable—as well as one of the most pleasant—contributions of the Association. We forgather in different cities and at different colleges each year—thus, in a peripatetic sort of way, imbibing the local and regional history of the places visited, and at the same time carrying the gospel of Pennsylvania history to these counties and regions. The next meeting will be held at Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, October 23-24, 1953. New members are especially invited to attend.

There are many other things we do, but I have no more space on this page to discuss them. In summary, I would say that, because of the evidences of growth and improvement, the Association faces the future with confidence. For that reason I offer again a sincere welcome to those who have recently joined.

WILLIAM A. RUSS, JR.