A MESSAGE

It is with a sense of great appreciation of the honor bestowed upon me that I greet you, fellow members of The Holland Society.

A Society can only be successful when its members maintain their interest in the organization and participate in its activities. The best efforts of your officers will be ineffective if you do not each individually co-operate by doing your share in upholding the prestige and furthering the interests of the Society.

One way to accomplish this is by helping to increase our membership. There are now about one hundred vacancies and it is the aim of the present administration to bring the number of members up to the limit of one thousand as soon as possible.

I feel confident that every one of you is able to propose at least one candidate. May I ask that you give the Membership Committee your support?

The Secretary will supply a blank application upon request and will be pleased to help any candidate who desires his assistance in connection with properly preparing it.

The next meeting of the Trustees for the election of candidates occurs on June 10th, 1926, and applications filed with the Secretary ten days prior to that time will be acted upon at that meeting. It will be a great disappointment if the list is not a large one.

I trust that each member of the Society will make an effort to attend as many of its meetings as possible during the ensuing year.

Sincerely yours,

CHARLES L. SCHENCK,
President.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Forty-first Annual Meeting of The Holland Society of New York was held in the North Ballroom of the Hotel Astor on Tuesday evening, April 6th, 1926, at eight o'clock.

There were about two hundred members and guests present.

President James S. Polhemus made his report for the year and then called for the reports of the Secretary, Treasurer and Nominating Committee. The regular ticket as presented by Mr. De Witt Van Buskirk, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, was duly elected.

The retiring President, Mr. James S. Polhemus, invested the insignia of office upon the chosen President, Mr. Charles L. Schenck.

Mr. Henry L. Bogert offered the following Resolution which was unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

"Whereas, The Holland Society of New York, at this forty-first annual meeting, is called upon to choose a President in the place of one who has served most acceptably throughout the past year,

And whereas, his fellow-members desire to express their appreciation of his unwearied efforts toward the accomplishment of the purposes and designs of the Society, their satisfaction with the progress that has been made, and their recognition of the courteous and cordial good-fellowship that has characterized his administration; Now, therefore,

"BE IT RESOLVED, That the members of The Holland Society of New York hereby place upon their records this testimonial of their high regard and warm affection for JAMES SUYDAM POLHEMUS, and their hearty good wishes that all prosperity and happiness may attend him in the years to come; and that the Secretary be instructed to have a suitably engrossed copy prepared for presentation to the official in whose honor this action is taken. Dated this sixth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-six."

At the conclusion of the business meeting Dr. Frank R. Oastler showed some wonderful pictures entitled "Wild Game of North America," which were enthusiastically received.

The usual collation followed.
At the regular quarterly meeting of the Trustees, held on March 11th, 1926, the following were elected as members of the Society:


January 7, 1926—Herbert Vincent Banta, Bank Clerk, 63 Doremus Avenue, Ridgewood, N. J. By Francis I. Vander Beek and Walter M. Meserole.

January 14, 1926—Van Hornbeck, Insurance, 49 North Street, Monticello, N. Y. By Edward Y. Le Fevre and Henry L. Bogert.

January 16, 1926—Edmund D. Voorhees, (Brother), Merchant, 501 West State St., Trenton, N. J. By John V. Wicoff and Robert A. Messler.


January 22, 1926—Andrew Jacob Snyder, Lime and Cement Mfr, Rosendale, N. Y. By Bruyn Hasbrouck and Abram E. Jansen.

January 22, 1926—Wilfred Blanch Talman, Student, 256 Benefit Street, Providence, R. I. By Herbert S. Ackerman and Frederick H. Bogert.

February 3, 1926—Daniel Merrill Van Cott (Cousin), Stock Broker, 88 Clifford Avenue, Pelham, N. Y. By Pierrepoint Van Cott and Marshall B. Van Cott.

February 17, 1926—Isaac Toll Van Patten, Jr., Banking, Algonquin Park, Norfolk, Virginia. By J. F. Andre Motu and others.

February 18, 1926—Kingsland Van Winkle (Cousin), Lawyer, 30 Watanga St., Asheville, N. C. By Adrian Augustus Hegeman and James S. Polhemus.

Frederick P. Auten, elected in 1901.

Horace M. Van Slyke was a Life Member of the Society and Vice-President for Mercer County, N. J., from 1922 to 1925.

The Acting Secretary has wisely filled a very evident need and secured a fireproof safe for taking care of the records of members and other valuable documents now owned by the Society.

There is room for more documents and if any of the members has matters of historic interest which he would care to deposit with us we will cheerfully receive the same and give them a safe resting place.

From Bailey, Banks & Biddle Company, "American Orders and Societies and their Decorations." Compiled by Jennings Hood and Charles J. Young.

From Brooks-Bryce Foundation, "The First Brooks-Bryce Essay to be awarded a prize in England."


From Harold Van Buren Voorhis, "Genealogy of Harold Van Buren Voorhis."

From Mrs. Henry P. Loomis, two copies of pamphlet entitled, "Patriotic Societies—Their Uses and Abuses."

From Mrs. Moses Lyman, "A Little Book to Garden Lovers," "Old Fashioned Songs of A House and Garden," both by Florence Van Fleet Lyman.
From The Dutch Settlers Society of Albany, "Year Book 1924-1925."

From J. Wilson Poucher, M. D., Secretary, Dutchess County Historical Society, "Year Book of the Dutchess County Historical Society" for May 1914 to April 1915; October 1915 to October 1916; October 1916 to March 1918; 1918; 1919; 1921; 1922; 1923; and 1924.

By exchange the following have been acquired:


From Saint Andrew's Society of the State of New York, "Biographical Register, Vol. II, 1807-1856."

From The State Historical Society of Iowa, "The Iowa Journal of History and Politics, Vol. XXIV, No. 1, January, 1926."

From Historical and Philosophical Society of Ohio, "Annual Report, 1925, and Notes on Proposed Settlements in the West, 1755-1757."


From Minnesota Historical Society, "Minnesota History, Vol. 6, No. 4, December, 1925."


From New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, "Record," Vol. LVII, Nos. 1 and 2, January and April, 1926.


From The Western Reserve Historical Society, "Publication No. 107—Transactions."

AN APPEAL

Elsewhere in this issue our President has made a strong appeal to the members of The Holland Society to increase the membership and bring it up to the limit. The Membership Committee heartily endorses the appeal and asks the members of the Society to read the following, which is a much appreciated contribution on the part of one of the younger members of the Society who would like to see the Membership Committee send out to each member just some such letter as this. The Committee asks each member to take the appeal to heart:

"Something happened at our Annual Meeting—you know—we gave out membership applications. Our worthy President, Mr. Charles L. Schenck, told you why. We want to get back that waiting list, and only through your endeavor will we be able to reach this goal. Won't you make an effort?

"A guest of one of the members was overheard to remark: 'A splendid gathering of aristocratic looking men, but where are the younger men—the ones whose part it is going to be to carry on?'

"Come on, Member, as the saying is, 'let's go!' Be in earnest—we are!

"Faithfully yours,

"THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE"

"P. S.—Send to the Secretary for application blanks."

STATUE OF WILLIAM THE SILENT

The question of the site for the Statue of William the Silent was considered and much discussed at the March meeting of the Trustees. Offers and proposals and suggestions for various sites were considered and debated. It appeared that a site in the City of New York, or in the City of Albany, or on the Hudson River at or near the Bear Mountain Bridge on the grounds of the Interstate Park Commission, were not available for serious reasons, and the site offered generously by the Hudson River Day Line at Indian Point on the Hudson River was not considered altogether suitable, because of its situation and the fact that it was privately owned grounds of a business corporation.

In view also of the fact that Rutgers University had expressed a desire to have the statue and take care of it on its own grounds, it was unanimously decided by the Trustees that the Statue should be presented to Rutgers University to be erected upon its Campus on grounds of the College, at New Brunswick, New Jersey.

A special committee was then appointed with power to confer with a committee from Rutgers University concerning the placing of the statue and the erection of its foundation. At the April meeting of the Trustees of Rutgers University the announcement of the gift by The Holland Society of the Statue was made.
and it was voted that the gift be accepted with the sincere thanks of the Board, and a committee was appointed concerning the arrangement of the site and erection of the statue in a conference with the Committee of The Holland Society. Thus, the Statue of William the Silent is likely to be erected on the grounds of the educational institution founded by the descendants of New Netherlanders and thus be cared for by its friends and admirers in that area of New Netherland which consisted of what are now the States of New York, New Jersey, and parts of Delaware, Pennsylvania and Connecticut.

The Committee appointed with power by The Holland Society consisted of Tunis G. Bergen, Chairman, and Messrs. William Brinkerhoff and Henry L. Bogert.

SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

On February 7th, 1926, Her Majesty Queen Wilhelmina of The Netherlands and His Highness the Prince Consort celebrated their Twenty-fifth Wedding Anniversary.

At the Annual Banquet of this Society, held on January 21st, 1926, Mr. William L. Brower moved that the President and Secretary be directed to convey in the form which best commended itself to them the congratulations of The Holland Society of New York to Queen Wilhelmina and her Consort on the completion of their twenty-five years of conjugal felicity.

The Committee on Memorials, therefore, had the following Address engrossed and sent to the American Minister at The Hague for transmission to the Queen:

"To Her Majesty Wilhelmina, the Queen of The Netherlands:

"The Holland Society of New York, its membership limited to descendants in the direct male line of men who emigrated from Holland to America prior to 1675, presents its most respectful salutations to the Queen of the Netherlands and to the Royal Consort upon the completion of their twenty-five years of conjugal felicity.

"For the gracious lady who, as an exemplar of womanly virtue and of lofty-minded and conscientious sovereignty, not only has won the hearts of her subjects, but as well has acquired and retained the admiration, respect and unreserved confidence of the world at large, we cherish an especial pride by right of our Holland-Dutch inheritance. We rejoice that all the fine traditions of the Homeland have been so jealously guarded, and its enviable repute as an unwavering lover and defender of liberty has been so devotedly and persistently maintained throughout Her Majesty's glorious reign.

"And from none of her own loving and loyal subjects may be expected a more earnest and sincere felicitation upon this joyful anniversary than from the descendants of those Holland emigrants, become American, who never have forgotten or lost their pride in the memorable achievements of 'Brave Little Holland' in the cause of civil and religious liberty.

"Unanimously adopted at the Forty-first Annual Banquet Meeting of The Holland Society of New York on the 21st day of January, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-six.

"JAMES S. POLHEMUS, President,

"WALTER M. MESEROLE, Secretary."

In reply to the foregoing the Society received on May 8th a letter transmitted through Mr. Tobin, the American Minister at The Hague, expressing Queen Wilhelmina's appreciation of the good wishes extended her by the Society.

The following is a translation of the letter:

The Hague, April 27, 1926.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
Department of the Protocol, No. 10644

To the Minister:

I have not delayed complying with the directions of Her Majesty the Queen in connection with the communication which Your Excellency has seen fit to make in your letter of April 3rd last which had the subject of the desire expressed by the Holland Society of New York to be authorized to present to Her Majesty a letter of felicitations on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of her marriage. I have the honor to communicate to Your Excellency that Her Majesty has accepted with the greatest pleasure the letter of felicitation which the Holland Society has seen fit to address to her, and that the particular secretary of Her Majesty is charged by order of The Queen to present to the Holland Society the thanks of Her Majesty and of His Royal Highness, the Prince of the Netherlands, for the good wishes that the Holland Society has seen fit to offer to Her Majesty and His Royal Highness.

Receive therefore, Mr. Minister, the renewed assurance of my high consideration.

To His Excellency

Mr. Richard M. Tobin
Envoy Extraordinary and Minister
Plenipotentiary of the United States of America.