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Mr. Alexander Dies

Hon. Charles B. Alexander, who addressed the Society at its fall meeting, died in New York early in February. He was prominent on the directorate of many railways and banks, and possessed large wealth. He gave Alexander Hall to Princeton in 1892. He was a grandson of a former president of Princeton Theological Seminary, and was a prominent member of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York. Following his excellent address, Dr. Anders, our president, asked Mr. Alexander for a copy of his speech that it might be printed. Whereupon he offered to have it printed at his own expense, and later sent the printed pamphlet to Philadelphia for distribution, and it was delivered enclosed in envelopes which were stamped for mailing.

Josephus Roberts

The oldest member of our Society died at his home in Germantown the latter part of February—Josephus Roberts, father of Owen Roberts, former vice-president of the Society, and Miss Margaret Roberts. Mr. Roberts celebrated his ninetieth birthday last fall and was in fair health until three weeks before his death, although his heart had been giving him some trouble for six months. His memory reached far back to the earlier days of Philadelphia. He was an attendant at many recent meetings of the Society. His mother was a sister to Christopher Heebner, a flour miller in Norristown well known fifty years ago.

Still Hunting

Investigations have been started in England and Scotland to discover more details of the St. Andrew which brought our ancestors to Philadelphia. Search is still continued for the exact landing spot of the ship in this port.

Birthday Present

Here's an idea which came to the surface at the recent meeting of the Board of Govern-

ors: Give a membership in the Society to relatives who are eligible. Make it a Birthday or Christmas present. At once Mrs. Maxwell said she would thus enroll her daughter who lives in South America.

Who will be next?

Next at Valley Forge

The spring meeting of the Society will be called for June 4th at Valley Forge, beside the chapel, or in case of rain, in the building. A committee is arranging a good program. Mark the date on your calendar and come. The meeting is brought nearer to Norristown than for some years because of the large number of members in and around that city.

Every member should plan to come. There were 263 at Pennsburg last spring.

Out of Debt

The pageant at Pennsburg last year put the Society in debt. Two members who had offered to bear the expense gave \$100 each, and two others helped out with \$25 each. The Society now has 204 members and \$153 in bank.

Copies Available

The booklet of pictures "From Silesia to Pennsburg" is still available at 50 cents of the secretary.

Society Button

A distinctive button for members of the Society is in progress of production. It will bear the seal of the Society as shown at the bottom of this card, but in colors.

A Suggestion

Dear Editor of the Herald: Would it be undemocratic for the Society to form an inner circle, membership to which shall be limited to those who have visited in Europe the homes of our ancestors there? Perhaps someone will answer this at the meeting.—B. F. M.

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