

Verein Deutsch-Amerikanischer Journalisten und Schriftsteller  
 von Milwaukee

Milwaukee, October 18 1884

Dear Sir,

Some five years ago an Association of German-American Journalists and Authors was organized in Milwaukee with the following aims in view:

a) The protection of the interests of the profession

b) The aid of needy members, as well as their widows and orphans, as far as existing means will permit

c) The establishment of a bureau of recruitment for members of the Association.

Through the endeavors of the local Association in most of the larger cities of the United States similar societies have been established which have been united to form a "National Union" for the accomplishment of the same purposes as the local Association.

The existence of the need of such associations can best be realized by the fact that since their organization the power of assistance of both the separate associations and the Union has been taxed to the utmost.

In order to be better prepared to meet the many demands made upon us, we have inaugurated an annual Winter Festival, the proceeds of which are devoted to the relief fund. Preparations are therefore now being made for this year's festival which will be held in the middle of November.

To increase the revenue of this entertainment we, the undersigned Committee of Arrangements, have a project in view by which this end may be accomplished, providing, you, dear Sir, in consideration of the aims and efforts of this association, will assist us in its furtherance. We intend to have a raffle connected with the festival and the main prizes among others will be the photos or works of our prominent citizens. We therefore beg you to favor us

with one or more of your pictures or a volume of one of your works with an autograph. By the fulfillment of this request you will certainly make it possible for us to offer assistance during the coming year to those who have met with misfortune, but you will also be the means of affording great joy to the recipients of this generosity and thus provide for yourself an invaluable remembrance.

Hoping that your favorable answer will be assured as speedily as possible by the Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements.

Mr. Leo Stern, 731 Cass Street, Milwaukee, Wis.  
we remain with the sincerest respect

Yours

very truly

The Committee of Arrangements

Leo Stern, Chairman

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Anton Thornackler