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**T**HE celebration of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the settlement of Baltimore, was first suggested at a meeting of the Maryland Historical Society, held on November 10th, 1879. The suggestion was made by Mr. D. C. Gilman, President of the Johns Hopkins University, in a letter addressed to the Society, and a committee was at once appointed to take the matter into consideration. This committee reported in favor of the proposal, and upon their recommendation, a second and larger committee was appointed, in April, 1880, to prepare a definite order of procedure for the celebration. The

second committee was composed of the following gentlemen :

HON. JOHN H. B. LATROBE, *Chairman.*

HON. GEORGE WILLIAM BROWN,	MR. DANIEL C. GILMAN,
HON. JOHN LEE CARROLL,	MR. ENOCH PRATT,
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MR. JAMES H. BOND,	MR. JAMES A. GARY,
MR. ROBERT GARRETT.	MR. JOHN W. M. LEE.

This committee prepared and reported a plan, recommending that a week in October should be devoted to the celebration, and suggesting the following as its principal features :

- I. A Civic Procession, illustrating the present condition of the Arts, Industries and Commerce of Baltimore; the decoration of the streets, &c.
- II. A commemoration of the Local Charities.
- III. A Musical Festival.
- IV. A celebration by the Historical Society, consisting of an Oration, a Poem, and other appropriate exercises at the Academy of Music; and a Banquet.

These suggestions, modified in some respects, and completed and elaborated in all, formed the basis of the plan of the celebration which was finally so successfully accomplished.

As it was evident that so comprehensive a programme could only be carried out with the

coöperation of the entire community, it was also recommended by the committee that the officers of the Society should address a letter to His Honor, Ferdinand C. Latrobe, Mayor of the City, enclosing an outline of the plan suggested, and asking him, if it met with his approval, to commend it to the support of the community; and also requesting him to appoint a citizens' committee to act independently of the Historical Society in furtherance of the project.

This request was cordially responded to by the Mayor, who appointed a committee of citizens, including in their number, either in the executive or financial departments, the gentlemen who had already been asked by the Historical Society to serve as their finance committee, namely, Messrs. William H. Graham, Henry C. Smith, John E. Hurst, John Gill and Henry A. Parr. The movement which had been inaugurated by the Historical Society thus assumed a public character, and was carried forward to completion under the direction of the Municipal Executive Committee.

The proposed celebration received the very earnest support of the German citizens of Baltimore, and to the impulse given to it by their active and well-directed energy, is due, in large measure, the brilliant success with which the enterprise was attended.