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## PROSPECTUS.

The Florida Historical Society was organized November 26, 1902. It was chartered as a corporation May 15, 1905. The objects of the Society, as set forth in its charter, are as follows:

“The collection, arrangement and preservation of all material pertaining to the history of, or in any manner illustrative of Florida, including books, pamphlets, documents, archives, manuscripts, newspapers, diaries, notes, letters, speeches, maps, plats, surveys, portraits, photographs or other likenesses of men and women prominent in Florida history, pictorial illustrations of Florida scenery, relics and products. Also relics of every kind, whether historical or prehistorical, fossils, geological specimens, and everything in any manner illustrative of Florida. To prepare, edit and publish articles, sketches, biographies, pamphlets, books and documents, descriptive or illustrative of Florida.”

In the early part of 1905, through the courtesy of the Trustees of the Jacksonville Public Library, the Society was established in a commodious room in the fireproof Public Library building, where a valuable collection of literature, relics, etc., a list of which appears elsewhere in this number, are kept.

It is with much gratification that those in charge of the work are issuing this initial number of the “Publications of the Florida Historical Society” which will be continued each quarter if our members and friends will sustain us with such financial aid as may be necessary.,

These publications will contain articles, sketches, historic incidents and other matter relating to Florida, which it is hoped will prove of interest and add much to the value of Florida literature. It will keep the Society in more direct touch with its members, who, receiving this periodical from headquarters, will have something substantial for the payment of their dues, besides the consciousness of aid in a collection of literature and relics of great value and interest.

Contributions to these publications, whether original or otherwise, are requested, and will be gratefully

received. It must be understood, however, that the editorial management will exercise its discretion as to what may be published.

Our readers will appreciate by a report of the President to the last annual meeting, published in this number, how much we are in need of financial aid. This may be given by gratuitous donation, or by an increase of membership. Any persons sufficiently interested in Florida to be willing to contribute five dollars per annum toward the work in which the Society is engaged, are requested to send their application for membership, with one year's dues, to C. S. Adams, Treasurer, at Jacksonville. In this connection members are requested to respond promptly to the notification sent them of their annual dues. Don't make it necessary for those who are devoting their time and labor in the interest of the Society, without financial compensation, to have to send a second notification to delinquent members.

Contributions of Florida literature or relics will be received with grateful appreciation and kept safe for all time. We earnestly invoke the aid of all friends of Florida and its historical society.

CHAS. S. ADAMS,  
Secretary.

F. P. FLEMING,  
President.