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Editorial Notes.

The first number of our "Publications" has received much favorable comment. We trust that this number will prove equally acceptable. We will keep up the good work if our members and well-wishers will sustain us financially.

We urge all members who are in arrears to make prompt remittance to C. S. Adams, Treasurer.

The following have been received since making the list which appears in our last Publication:

Contributed by Capt. W. J. Tucker of Fort Pierce, the following Seminole Indian relics: mortar and pestle for pounding corn, made and used by "Tallahassee," the oldest Indian in Florida; box terrapin shell rattles used in Green Corn dance; Sofkee spoons; baskets made by squaws; racquet used in ball game; bow used by boys; beads worn by squaws, shirts, belts, combs, etc.

By Fred Cubberly of Cedar Keys: report on Indian war claim with roster of certain Florida companies.

By John Y. Detwiler: pamphlets of Florida, photograph of old house on shell mound at New Smyrna; map of the Battle of Gettysburg.

By David H. Bryant: iron strip from paddle wheel of U. S. Gunboat Columbine, captured and burned by Capt. J. J. Dickson in 1864; old rifle.

By F. E. Reeder of Welaka: Fossil bone of mastodon.

By H. H. Bryant of Welaka: Indian arrow heads and broken pottery; old key and other articles found on Mount Tucker, St. Johns River (now Welaka), at site of residence of Lord Tucker, settler during English occupation.

By D. L. Dunham of St. Augustine: Constitution and Ordinance of Florida, 1861; Account of Old Cremona Violin.

All contributions are gratefully received.

George West Wilson.

BY F. P. FLEMING.

George West Wilson, First Vice-President and former Secretary of the Florida Historical Society, died at his residence in the City of Jacksonville, June 2nd, 1908. In his death the State of Florida, this Society and his many friends have sustained a great loss. George W. Wilson was born in Boone County, Kentucky, May 10, 1859. His ancestors on both sides, originally from Virginia, were among the early settlers of Kentucky. His early youth was spent near Hamilton, Ohio, where he attended the public schools, but owing to delicate health his education was completed largely by private tutors. For a number of years his earlier manhood, before the claims of business absorbed his time, he was a great reader and faithful student. Returning to Kentucky he afterwards, in 1874, removed with his mother and stepfather, Col. R. A. Stewart, to Florida, and settled at Orange Lake in Marion County. He soon manifested a great interest in everything that pertained to the material interest of Florida. Starting a local newspaper at his home, he afterwards became more extensively engaged in journalism. in connection with the publication of the Ocala Banner. In 1897 he became editor-in-chief of The Florida Times-Union, then consolidated with the Citizen, in which position he continued up to the time of his death. His talents and able and conservative management of that paper did much to place it in the front rank of the great Southern dailies of the county.

Mr. Wilson was president of the Lake Weir Chatau-