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SOCIETY AFFAIRS

Upon an increase in the membership of the Society depends its growth in every direction ; but more than that: such an increase is vital to the body now - its continued existence depends upon it. It need be said only that, even with our growth in membership, the annual dues of two dollars do not yet cover the cost of printing our journal. Should you be willing to shoulder more than your share and wish to subscribe a Contributing Membership at ten dollars a year, the Society would be grateful to you ; but it were better for the eventual good of the organization that you secure one new member, for an enduring society will come only with a large, an interested and a permanent membership throughout the State.

The president is now sending out letters to many prospective members. Doubtless you know or know of some one who would be interested in the work which the Society is undertaking, or at least in the Quarterly. The assistant secretary, Miss Williams, will be glad to send additional copies of the journal to you for such prospective members, or copies will be mailed direct to those whose names are sent to her, and President Williams will write to them. But it has been found that a personal appeal is much more effective than a letter. Will you not give what assistance you are able to, in one way or the other.

Our membership in St. Petersburg deserves mention, and more. No other place in the State, except Tallahassee, claims so large a number in proportion to its population. This is the result of the unremitting efforts of Dr. A. H. Phinney, whose pen is, as our readers know, an asset of the Quarterly. Jack-

sonville, too, has a goodly and an increasing number to its credit. The lead of Tallahassee is due largely to the work of Guyte P. McCord and Dr. J. O. Knauss.

Since the April number of the journal appeared the following have become members of the Society:

Browne, Jefferson B.	Tallahassee
Beall, Philip D.	Pensacola
Brown, Mrs. S. C.	Pensacola
Boggs, Lucien H.	Jacksonville
Chillingworth, C. E.	West Palm Beach
Dodd, W. G.	Tallahassee
Davis, Robert W.	Gainesville
Edwards, John S.	Lakeland
Gaskins, Perse L.	Jacksonville
Horne, M. F.	Jasper
Jackson, William K.	Chestnut Hill, Mass.
Kay, W. E.	Jacksonville
Myers, Fred T.	Tallahassee
Moore, Louis S.	Thomasville, Ga.
Palmer, Mrs. Sarah R. W.	Buena Vista
Parks, L. L.	Tampa
Strum, Louie W.	Tallahassee
Sherrill, J. H.	Pensacola
Salley, Nathaniel M.	Tallahassee
Smith, Mrs. Eugene H.	Thomasville, Ga.
Terrell, Glenn	Tallahassee
Taylor, A. M.	St. Augustine
West, Thomas F.	Tallahassee
Wilkinson, E. G.	Naples
Eppes, Mrs. N. W.	Tallahassee

And Mrs. Raymond Robins, of Brooksville, is a contributing member for this year.

Fifty-eight members joined the Society last year, twenty-nine more new members were listed in the

April number of the Quarterly, which, with the twenty-five named above, brings the membership to two hundred and thirty-six !

The historical collection of the Society has been enriched recently by the following contributions :-

From George M. West, St. Andrews:

Old St. Joe

St. Andrews, Florida

The Old Spanish Trail

Flag Day Address

(The contributor, who is a member of the Society, is the author of all of these.)

From Rev. Father Benedict, O.S.B., St. Leo:

File of publications of St. Leo Academy.

The Late Bishop Verot, by Rev. Father Clavreul.

Brief History of the Churches of the Diocese of St. Augustine. Parts I.-VI.

(Father Benedict, another of our members, is the editor of this *Brief History*, and, it is suspected, is author of much of it. He is its printer as well-these pamphlets coming from the Abbey [St. Leo] Press.)

From Major Edward N. McClellan, author:

History of the United States Marine Corps.

From Miss Lucy Abbott, St. Augustine:

Copies of *The Confederate Veteran*.

From Dr. A. H. Phinney, St. Petersburg:

Copy of Delahaye's map of Florida, 1740.

From Mrs. Hazel F. Barsa, Daytona, through courtesy of the Fernandina Chamber of Commerce:

A letter of G. I. F. Clarke's, dated Fernandina, 19th March, 1812.

(This unusually interesting letter describes the attack on that place by the Patriots ; Clarke being one of the actors in that drama. It will appear in an early issue of the Quarterly.)

An unpublished early manuscript map of Fernandina and other manuscript letters of Clarke's recently discovered and secured by President Williams. These, too, will be seen in our journal following an article on Fernandina in the next number from the pen of its assistant editor.

From Mrs. Sarah R. W. Palmer, Buena Vista, Miami :

Unpublished journal of Hester Perrine Walker.

(Mrs. Walker, mother of Mrs. Palmer, was a daughter of Dr. Henry Perrine, and as a young girl was one of the few survivors of the Indian Key massacre, a narrative of which is given in detail in the journal. This and other portions of the journal will be published in the Quarterly.