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On the ninth of July many grateful Floridians assembled in the Senate chamber in Tallahassee to commemorate the centennial of the birthday of William Dunnington Bloxham, twice governor of Florida, and to recall his extraordinary services to his native State—thus recording the appreciation and gratitude of this generation.

The Tallahassee Historical Society had brought about the gathering at the suggestion of Albert H. Roberts—to whom, as he is to so many who knew him and his works best, Governor Bloxham is not unnaturally something like a demigod. Another of that category presided, Chief Justice James B. Whitfield. To Judge Edward C. Love was given the honor of the eulogy. Few who heard or who read that record of Governor Bloxham's services to Florida will doubt that they are unequalled in degree, and none that they are unique in extent.

The proceedings of the memorial services have been published as an appendix to the Senate journal and this is available for distribution. Its fifty pages include the oration, and numerous tributes from outstanding Floridians who came or wrote from all parts of the State, together with a biographical sketch of Governor Bloxham lately read before the Tallahassee Historical Society by Judge Whitfield. In this latter is a more comprehensive directory of the territorial and state governments of Florida than can be found elsewhere in print. The Tallahassee Historical Society will be glad to mail a copy to any one sending five cents postage.