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## NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

In accordance with the revised charter adopted in annual meeting on November 17, the next annual meeting of the Florida Historical Society, for the election of officers and the transaction of other business, will be held on January 26, 1937.

As no annual meeting has hitherto been held in South Florida it has been determined to accept the invitation of The Right Reverend Nathaniel S. Thomas, director of the Society for that district, and of the members in that part of the State extended at the regional meeting at Miami, and hold this first annual meeting under the new charter at Palm Beach. There will be two sessions, at eleven o'clock in the morning and at two o'clock in the afternoon, both in the parish house of Bethesda-by-the-Sea on Barton Avenue and County Road; with an interval for luncheon and for the viewing of the notable collection of Floridiana of Bishop Thomas, augmented by a loan exhibit from numerous public libraries and private collections in the State.

An interesting and unusual program is being planned, and it is hoped that all members of the Society in South Florida, as well as many from other parts of the State, will attend.

JOSHUA C. CHASE,  
*President*

## NOTES

Another of the regional meetings which have broadened interest in the Society and its work throughout the State was held at the University of Miami on October 31, on invitation of Dr. Harold E. Briggs, Professor of History. John P. Stokes, a member of our board of directors for that district,

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V. Ott, Ocala ; W. R. O'Neal, Orlando ; Albert H. Roberts, Tallahassee; R. N. Severance, DeLand; Carlton Smith, Madison; Rhea M. Smith, Winter Park; Mrs. N. E. Smith, Ocala; Mrs. S. J. Sistrunk, Ocala ; Mrs. Iva T. Sprinkle, Ocala ; Mrs. Murray L. Stanley, Daytona Beach; Mrs. A. W. Underwood, St. Augustine; G. G. Ware, Leesburg; Mrs. G. G. Ware, Leesburg; Mrs. C. D. Walker, Eustis; Alma Williams, Jacksonville ; T. T. Wentworth, Jr., Pensacola; Mrs. Garnett Lee West, Jacksonville; H. S. Winters, DeLand.

A business session was held in the morning; a luncheon with vice president Spessard L. Holland, toastmaster, was attended by about seventy; and there was a historical program in the afternoon. The Society and guests were greeted by Dr. Townes R. Leigh in the absence of Dr. Tigert, and the response was from President Chase. Dr. Dorothy Dodd, of Tallahassee, read an essay on the Establishment of the Public School System in Florida, 1866-1871. Dr. Philip M. Hamer, of the National Archives, Washington, spoke on The National Archives and State Archives; and Dr. James M. Leake, of the University of Florida, spoke on The Relation of the University of Florida to the History of Florida.

Between sessions and afterwards visits were paid to the Florida State Museum and the Doe Ornithological Collection on the campus, and to a loan exhibit of Floridiana brought together for this occasion by the University Library. In addition to items of historical interest from the Library, there were specimens from the papers of Governor Call recently secured complete by the Society; more than thirty items from the Florida State Library brought by Mr. W. T. Cash, librarian ; a journal of Governor Call brought by Mr. D. B. McKay, of Tampa ; half-

a-dozen items from the Ocala Public Library, by Miss Gamsby; fourteen items from the Rollins College Library by Mr. Marchman; ten pieces from the St. Augustine Historical Society by Mrs. Underwood; fourteen documents by Mr. Carlton Smith of Madison; twelve books and documents by Mr. T. T. Wentworth, Jr., of Pensacola; a Civil War item by Mrs. G. L. West of Jacksonville; and a score of miscellaneous items from the collection of Julien C. Yonge of Pensacola.

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The members will regret to learn that ill health has made it necessary for Mrs. Jennings to retire from our Board of Directors. Upon her election last year she entered at once into the work of the Society. She went to Winter Park for the December meeting of the Board, and was appointed chairman of a committee which she selected to revise our charter and by-laws. She had gathered the necessary data and with the committee had begun the rewriting when her health failed. A long rest in the North Carolina mountains has been beneficial and we hope that before long she can join again in the work which interests her so much. Mr. Carl Bohnenberger and Mr. Herbert Lamson, who were assisting Mrs. Jennings, carried the revision on to completion. The charter was adopted by the members on November 17, and the by-laws will be presented to the meeting at Palm Beach on January 26.

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At the annual meeting of the Society in November two directors were added to the Board—Dr. James M. Leake and Mrs. T. M. McDuffee. Dr. Leake has served in other years and we know the

value of his counsel and help. Some of our new members may not know that he is Head of the Department of History in the University of Florida, but they will recall that the work of several of his graduate students has appeared in the Quarterly and more will be seen there. He was a speaker on the program of the late meeting at the University and, without design, his notable address was such that it might well become the key-note of the Society's aspirations and plans. Mrs. McDuffee has been serving on the Membership Committee and a good part of its unusual success is due to her efforts. She is the author of a recent work relating to Florida, *The Lures of Manatee*.