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## THE FLORIDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

A district meeting of the Florida Historical Society was held jointly with the Tallahassee Historical Society there on May 21, the occasion being the celebration of the centennial of the establishment of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Florida which occurred in Tallahassee in 1838. Numerous members of both societies and others heard a historical program of carefully prepared papers and addresses. Hugh M. Taylor, of Quincy, chose for his subject *Economic Conditions in Florida, 1840-1860*; Watt Marchman told of the *History, Plans and Purposes of the Florida Historical Society*; Herbert Lamson read a paper on *History of the Episcopal Church in Florida*; and Mrs. Sue A. Mahorner, State director of the Survey, spoke on *A Church Inventory Under the Supervision of the Historical Records Survey*.

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A meeting of the Board of Directors was held at Winter Park with President Chase on March 4. Present were, Mr. Chase, Mr. Herbert Lamson, Dr. Dorothy Dodd, Mr. Spessard L. Holland, Mrs. C. W. Ten Eick, Mrs. F. B. Crowinshield, Mr. Watt Marchman; together with Mrs. Roy V. Ott and Professor A. J. Hanna, former directors. A number of matters were discussed and decisions made, but none are ready for announcement in this issue of the *Quarterly*.

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The Library Committee of the Society met with Dr. and Mrs. Albert Shaw in Winter Park on April 9. Members of the committee present, several of whom came from a distance, were: President Chase, Mr. Carl Alvord, Miss Olive Brumbaugh, Mr. John C. Howard, Mr. Alfred E. Newman, Miss Winifred

A. Herron, and Mr. Watt Marchman, Librarian of the Society. Invited to meet with the committee were Professor A. J. Hanna and Miss Della Frances Northey who is library assistant on the Union Catalog of Floridiana. Other members of the committee are Dr. Samuel G. Coe, Southern College; Mr. Gaines R. Wilson, Miami ; Dr. Dorothy Dodd ; Mrs. R. V. Ott, Ocala; Dr. Kathryn T. Abbey; Miss Henri May Eddy, University of Florida; Miss Louise Richardson, Florida State College for Women.

Dr. Shaw spoke of the value of the work being done by the Society in preserving historical material. Mr. Marchman told of the present status of the Society's library, and suggested a plan for the appointment of sub-committees for the collection of historical material of various kinds. And Professor Hanna and Miss Northey described the Union Catalog of Floridiana.

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Mr. Marchman,, upon invitation of the Florida Library Association spoke at their late meeting in St. Petersburg on the reciprocal value of closer relations between the two organizations. He told of the Society's work and offered our cooperation in the building-up of small or larger collections of Floridiana in local libraries, with a word on inter-library loans of Florida historical material. Also, he explained the Society's offer of the donation of a file of the *Quarterly* (about ten years is available) to any public library in Florida which subscribes to future issues.

Professor Hanna read a full and carefully prepared paper on the plans, organization, and progress of the Union Catalog of Floridiana, with which our readers are familiar.

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This is the centennial year of the meeting of Florida's first constitutional convention, held in the infant town of St. Joseph. In commemoration, the October issue of the Quarterly will be a St. Joseph Convention Number. Hence the fourth of the series of articles on that subject is postponed until then.

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*Donations to the library.*

Diary of John W. Phelps, May-August, 1838, July-August, 1842. Presented by the late F. L. Duley through his son L. S. Duley.

*Full Justice*, by W. R. Gentry, Jr. (see description above) Inscribed and presented by the author.

*The Monitor and Albert C. Stimers*. Inscribed and presented by Mrs. Julia Stimers Durbrow.

*Inventory of the County Archives of Florida-Duval County* (see April Quarterly p. 290).

*Authentic Memoirs of William Augustus Bowles*. (London, 1791) Typed copy. Presented by Mr. Kenneth Bolles.

Photostats of Pensacola. Presented by Mr. Kenneth Bolles.