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It will be noted that sales of publications are credited to both the General and the Library Funds. The Board of Directors, at its meeting in December, 1937, authorized receipts from this source to be credited to the Library Fund. This action was rescinded by the Board at its meeting in December, 1938, and such receipts were ordered to be credited to the General Fund, from which are paid expenses incidental to the publication of the *Florida Historical Quarterly*.

The transfer of \$59.60 from the Library Fund to the General Fund was made in compliance with a decision of the Board of Directors to credit \$2.00 of each \$10.00 contributing membership dues to the General Fund. Previously, all contributing membership dues had been paid into the Library Fund.

As shown in the consolidated statement, the Society's expenditures for the year exceeded its receipts by \$10.93. While the deficit is small, it indicates the need of prompt payment of dues by members and the securing of additional members. Of the 649 members by whom annual dues are paid, 74 are one month or more in arrears. The excellent work of the Membership Committee resulted in the addition of 165 members during the year, but the loss of 152 members, for various causes, reduced the net gain to only 13.

A comparative report on membership for 1938 and 1939 is attached.

Respectfully submitted,
Dorothy Dodd, Treasurer.

Report on Members

	1938	1939
Total membership	640	653
Life	3	3
Honorary	1	1
Contributing	29	25
Annual	559	569
Institutional	48	55
Exchanges	33	38
New Members	156	165
Members Lost	96	152
Nonpayment of dues	70	113
Resigned	14	30
Deceased	12	9

Mr. Watt Marchman presented his report orally, as corresponding secretary and librarian. In the course of his report he referred to a letter he had received from Mrs. T. C. Maguire, reading as follows:

To members of the Florida Historical Society, I send you greetings.

It is with regret I am unable to be present at your meeting, other duties calling me out of the state at this time.

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It is with great pleasure that I report on the historical marker commemorating the site of the Battle of Lake Okeechobee, and the heroes who lost their lives in that battle.

The Daughters of the American Revolution of the State of Florida hope to have this historical marker erected and unveiled sometime during the early autumn, and will at this time expect the Florida Historical Society to be well represented.

The Daughters consider it an honor to cooperate in all historical work with the Florida Historical Society, and if at any time we can be of service, please call on us.

Sincerely yours,

MRS. MAGUIRE.

Miss Katherine B. Mazyck of Charleston, South Carolina, presented to The Florida Historical Society a section of cedar from the stockade of Charlesfort built by Jean Ribault in Port Royal Harbor in 1562, from the Huguenot Society of South Carolina, which was accepted by Mr. Chase with an expression of the Society's thanks and appreciation to the Huguenot Society.

Presentation Speech of Miss Katherine B. Mazyck, Representative of the Huguenot Society of South Carolina, Charleston:

President Chase, Members of the Florida Historical Society:

I do not feel that I am a stranger among you as your president, Professor Hanna, is a member of the Huguenot Society of South Carolina, and General C. P. Summerall, who is claimed both by Florida and South Carolina, is a member of your Society and an officer of ours. May I say that the General sent his good wishes to all of you here today, and his regrets at not being able to be with you. He begged me to congratulate you on the January issue of the *Quarterly*, especially the excellent review by Mr. Davis of Professor Hanna's able book, "Flight into Oblivion."

I bring to you a gift from the Huguenot Society of South Carolina that will link the three places associated with Jean Ribault: Dieppe, his birth-place; Florida, where he erected a stone marker at the mouth of the St. Johns River, claiming the land for France; and Carolina, where he built Charles-fort in Port Royal harbor.

Shortly after the World War when Major George H. Osterhout, then serving under Gen. Eli K. Cole at the Marine Post on Parris Island, explored the site of Ribault's fort a number of the cedar butts of the old stockade were taken up, and sawed into sections, two or three of which were given to the Huguenot Society of South Carolina.

When, in 1935, a monument to Jean Ribault was unveiled in Dieppe, our representative at the ceremonies presented one of these sections with a brass plate bearing the inscription: "A

Section of Cedar from the Stockade of Charlesfort, built by Jean Ribault in Port Royal Harbor in 1562." One, of course, we have in the library of our Society, and this I have brought to you, and I wish to say that we are assured that it is from the site of Charlesfort and not from the Spanish fort, San Marco, despite the claims of other historians. We believe that San Marco and San Filipe were on the site now occupied by the town of Port Royal.

But as there is not time to enter into that discussion now, I have brought to you two numbers of the Transactions of the Huguenot Society of South Carolina-No. 31, published in 1926, with an account of the unveiling of the monument on Parris Island and General Cole's address, and No. 41, 1936, with Major Osterhout's reply to the criticisms of the location of the fort.

This little badge is one of those used by the Huguenot Society of South Carolina at the 400th anniversary celebration of the birth of Admiral Coligny, 1519-1919. It is appropriate here because the expeditions to Florida and Carolina were sent out by Coligny, not solely as a refuge for Huguenots, but as a part of his colonial policy as an Admiral of France.

This card pictures the very beautiful monument erected on the site of Charlesfort by the government of the United States.

We have many members of the Huguenot Society of South Carolina in Florida, and I trust they will feel that they have a part in this gift to the Florida Historical Society.

Mr. Herbert E. Kahler, Jr., of St. Augustine moved the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the Florida Historical Society has as one of its objectives the collection of sources of Florida History and,

Whereas, the use of filmcopy has been found to be an expensive but effective means of reproducing manuscripts:

Therefore, be it resolved: That the budget committee be authorized to set aside not less than \$50.00 of the library fund to purchase negative films, and that the library be the depository for the distribution of the film in the state.

Mr. Kahler's motion being duly seconded was unanimously carried and the resolution unanimously adopted.

Mr. W. K. Mitchell made an interesting address on the subject "Proposed Cooperation of The Florida Historical Society with the Short Course Section of The Extension Division of the University of Florida."

Dr. Kathryn T. Abbey moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED: 1, That Section 3 of Article VI of the Constitution of The Florida Historical Society be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to read as follows:-

Section 3. Such officers and directors are to be elected at the annual meeting of the corporation which shall be held on the fourth Tuesday in January of each year, or on such other date between the first day of January and the thirty-first day of March of each year, as may be designated by joint action of the officers and directors, such designation to be made not later than November first preceding each annual meeting. The place of such annual meeting shall be designated by joint action of the officers and directors at the time of the designation of the date of the annual meeting, and in any event at least thirty days in advance of the annual meeting.

2. That Mr. Herbert Lamson and the officers and directors of this corporation be, and they are hereby, authorized and requested to take the necessary legal action to complete the accomplishment of this amendment.

Dr. Abbey's motion was duly seconded and unani-
mously carried.

Mr. Watt Marchman suggested the advisability of continuing the committee heretofore appointed for the purpose of seeking appropriation of the Legislature for money to be used in publication from time to time of official and semi-official original state records, saying that the committee has been active but further work remains to be done. On motion of Mr. Marchman, duly seconded and carried it was unanimously,

RESOLVED, That the committee heretofore appointed for the purpose of seeking appropriation of the Legislature for money to be used in publication from time to time of official and semi-official original state records, be continued, and that the president be authorized and requested to appoint the present members of the committee to continue to serve until the next annual meeting, such members being Mr. C. H. Curry, Senator Spessard L. Holland and Mr. Watt Marchman.

President Chase thereupon appointed, as members of the foregoing committee, the gentlemen named in the foregoing resolution.

Dr. Abbey called attention to the resolutions adopted at the annual meeting held at Palm Beach, Florida, on January 26th, 1937, which resolutions appear on pages 268 and 269 of the *Florida Historical Quarterly* of April, 1937, and said that she felt

that the need set forth in the resolutions was even more urgent at this time and that the Society should go on record in favor of the spirit of the resolutions which she thereupon read.

Some doubt arising as to whether the resolutions continued to be in effect, Mr. Lamson stated that in order to resolve such doubt he moved that the resolutions be adopted by this meeting. This motion was duly seconded and unanimously carried and the resolutions reading as follows, were unanimously adopted:-

Whereas, It is well known to many members of the Florida Historical Society that W. T. Cash, State Librarian, has succeeded in collecting many valuable maps, manuscripts, letters and documents of interest to those who are studying the history of Florida, in addition to building up a collection of rare books relating to such history, and

Whereas, It is believed a much larger collection of material, now likely to be destroyed or disposed of outside of the State, could be secured if Florida had a State Library building of sufficient size, equipment and accommodations; and,

Whereas, It is of particular interest to the members of our Society that all historical materials pertaining to Florida possible to obtain be secured, properly classified and catalogued; therefore

Be it Resolved first-That this Society go on record as approving an appropriation for a substantial State Library building, large enough to house - in addition to its regular line of books and other printed or written material - all classes of publications, documents, letters, maps, manuscripts, etc., relating to the history of our State, with sufficient fireproof vault space to make the preservation of irreplaceable materials absolutely sure.

Be it Resolved second-That the secretary of this Society be instructed to furnish copies of this resolution to a sufficient number of newspapers to get it well circulated, and also to mail copies to each member of the next session of the Legislature.

Be it Resolved, further-That we agree personally to write our congressman and United States Senators in order to secure their cooperation in getting a PWA grant, if possible to secure one, to add to such an appropriation as can be secured from our State Legislature."

Mr. John G. McKay made the following report on behalf of the Nominations Committee:

To the members of the Florida Historical Society, in annual meeting, January 24, 1939 :-

Your Nominations Committee, elected at the last annual meeting, in complying with the By-Laws, nominates the following

members for election to serve their respective terms beginning today:

for President, Professor Alfred J. Hanna, of Winter Park
for 1st. Vice-President, Mr. C. Horace Curry, of Quincy
for 2nd. Vice-President, Mrs. Henry Kohl, of Palm Beach
for Recording Secretary, Mr. Herbert E. Kahler, St. Augustine
for Corresponding Secretary and Librarian, Mr. Watt March-
man, of Winter Park

for Treasurer, Dr. Dorothy Dodd, of Jacksonville
for Directors:

2nd. Congressional District, Dr. C. L. Crow, of Gainesville
4th. Congressional District, Mr. Edward C. Romfh, of Miami
At Large, Dr. Kathryn T. Abbey, of Tallahassee
At Large, Hon. Spessard L. Holland, of Bartow

for the Nominations Committee:

Dr. Kathryn T. Abbey, of Tallahassee, Chairman
Mr. Thomas P. Caldwell, of Miami
Mrs. Roy V. Ott, of Ocala
Mr. Herbert Lamson, of Jacksonville
Mr. T. T. Wentworth, of Pensacola

Respectfully submitted,

Julien C. Yonge, Chairman,
John G. McKay,
Rodman Lehman,
Albert H. Roberts.

On motion of Mr. McKay, duly seconded and carried it was, thereupon, resolved that,

The report of the Nominations Committee be adopted and that the secretary cast a ballot for each and all of the nominees therein mentioned, including those recommended for the Nominations Committee for the election in 1940.

The secretary thereupon cast the ballot for the several nominees, including those recommended for the Nominations Committee for the election in 1940, who were declared duly elected.

Mr. Wentworth extended to the meeting greetings from Mr. Julien C. Yonge of Pensacola; and President Chase expressed the regret of the meeting that Mr. Yonge was unable to be present; and the society's appreciation of Mr. Yonge's splendid work on behalf of the Society.

Mr. Marchman moved the adoption of the following resolution :-