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THE FLORIDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

JOINT MEETING AT JACKSONVILLE AND FERNANDINA

The joint meeting of the Jacksonville Historical Society and the Florida Historical Society, announced in the last issue of the *Quarterly*, was notably successful.

On May 2 our officers met at luncheon in Jacksonville with other leading members of the second district to consider Society matters and policy:

It was decided to establish a memorial to Dr. Robertson.

Mr. H. E. Kahler's resignation as recording secretary was accepted, and the appointment of Mr. Albert C. Manucy to that office was approved by the Board.

The resignation of Dr. C. L. Crow, director from the second district, was accepted with regret.

Dr. W. J. Winter, chairman of the Committee on Archeology, submitted a policy and program. (See note on following page.)

The budget of Mr. Marchman, librarian, was approved.

In the afternoon there was a tour of Fort George Island, and Mrs. Millar Wilson told of the establishment of the John F. Rollins Bird and Plant Sanctuary there. Dr. Corse gave a resume of the Island's historic events, and Dr. Winter talked of the region's archeology.

During the afternoon and evening a collection of Floridiana was exhibited in the Florida room of the Jacksonville Public Library under the direction of Mr. Joseph F. Marron and Mrs. Emma Rochelle Porter.

Past President Joshua C. Chase was toastmaster at the dinner at the Roosevelt Hotel attended by several score members of both societies and their guests. Mr. C. E. Bennett spoke on Fort Caroline.

At the evening session Judge J. Ollie Edmunds, vice president of the Jacksonville Historical Society presided. Mr. William Barfield discussed James Ormond; and Dr. Luther J. Evans, National Director of Historical Records Survey, spoke on Inventories of Archives as Tools for the Historian.

The program at Fernandina next day began with an exhibit of Floridiana at the Keystone hotel.

Judge Burton K. Barrs, past president of the Jacksonville Historical Society, presided at the morning session. Mr. William J. Deegan Jr. gave the welcome, and Mr. George E. Wolff spoke on Fernandina history. Mr. Robert Edwards read a paper on Captain J. J. Dickson, Miss Joella Hughes one on Ribaut, Mrs. Linwood Jeffreys discussed Fort Clinch, and a paper was read on Cumberland Island written by Mr. Thomas M. Carnegie Jr.

Later at Fort Clinch, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Galphin presented the flags of Florida to Fort Clinch State Park and Mrs. Jeffreys accepted them.

Mr. George W. Gibbs was toastmaster at luncheon.

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THE ARCHEOLOGY COMMITTEE AND DR. SWANTON

Dr. John R. Swanton, who came to Florida to make an address at the De Soto commemoration, told of below, was invited to address a group of members of the Florida Historical Society also, at Winter Park on May 27, and assist with advice and inspiration in the inauguration of a movement by the Society towards a wider knowledge of and an

effort for the preservation of our State's aboriginal remains. A luncheon was held in his honor at the University Club, where past President Joshua C. Chase spoke on the general aims of the Society, and President Hanna announced the appointment of the Society's archeology committee under the chairmanship and direction of Dr. W. J. Winter of St. Augustine.

Dr. Swanton spoke on the aborigines of Florida with the authority of a scholar who has devoted many years to their study, and whose monograph, *The Early History of the Creek Indian and their Neighbors* brought together and interpreted present knowledge of the principal tribe we know as the Indians of Florida.

Later, at his home, President Holt of Rollins College introduced Dr. Swanton to members of the Society and guests, who heard him describe the work of the De Soto Expedition Commission of which he is chairman, telling of the route followed by the explorer and how it was determined.

Committee on Archeology. Dr. Winter, chairman, a trained and experienced archeologist, has been in St. Augustine for more than two years directing archeological research of the St. Augustine Historical Program of the Carnegie Institution of Washington. He has outlined a program which has been adopted by the Society's board of directors:

- (1) To arouse interest in the preservation of our archeological remains and develop studies of them.
- (2) To encourage the establishment of a department of anthropology in some Florida institution of learning.
- (3) To build an archeological library as a part of the Society's library, and encourage other such libraries and museums.

The importance of this part of the Society's work is because : Florida, which has unsurpassed archeo-

logical treasures, has destroyed a large part-has no State archeologist-nor a department of anthropology in any of its universities or colleges.

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THE SOCIETY'S PLANS

The special work of the officers and directors this summer is in preparing for an expansion of the activities of the Society in the fall. Plainly, they have got to raise the money to carry on highly desirable work. The list of contributors below shows much has been done, but the total listed allows no expansion ; i.e., unless the Society can secure a larger income this year, we can carry out none of the plans. Will you not become a Contributing Member for this year? (There is no implied obligation to continue such membership). Two dollars of the dues of Contributing Members (\$10) goes into the General Fund, for the printing of the Quarterly and other necessary running expenses. The remainder, your contribution of eight dollars, will support the library and other historical work. The immediate needs of the library are: a manuscript cabinet (\$100), binding a great number of periodicals (\$250), and modern equipment for securing copies of Florida historical material in Washington and elsewhere (\$500).

Or, of equal help, will you not bring in one new member (with dues of \$2) and thus assist in broadening the work the Society is doing.

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