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### IN APPRECIATION OF JAMES ALEXANDER ROBERTSON

*The American Historical Review* (in part) :

Dr. James Alexander Robertson. . . [was] a noted specialist in the history of the Philippine Islands and Latin America, . . . .Although he wrote a number of articles and monographs, he excelled as an editor and bibliographer. For a quarter of a century he was outstanding in his field, having published a bibliography of the Philippines and a guide to a section of the Spanish archives, and having edited alone or in collaboration some seventy volumes of documents and original narratives. He was one of the founders of the *Hispanic American Historical Review* and its managing editor from the beginning. He spent years in the libraries and archives of Europe. . . .Always gentle, kind, and easily approached, he was ever ready to aid and encourage younger scholars, by whom his loss will be severely felt.

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*Mississippi Valley Historical Review* (in part) :

. . . .His multifarious activities enriched many fields of history over a period of forty years. . . .As managing editor of *Hispanic American Historical Review* from its founding in 1918 until his death, and through his own publications, he made important contributions to the history of the Mississippi valley. There are many who will remember him not only for his own achievements but also for his unstinted generosity in advising and encouraging younger scholars.

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*Journal of Southern History* (in part) :

. . . .The death of Dr. Robertson closed the career of a scholar who was long identified with Southern

history. . . in the areas of the United States which were once under Spanish domination . . . His last years as archivist of Maryland were spent in laying the foundation of a model state department of archives. He was ever ready to encourage and aid younger students and his council will be greatly missed.

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A more comprehensive and intimate appreciation of Dr. Robertson and his work, from the pen of his friend and coworker, Dr. A. Curtis Wilgus, appeared in the last issue of the *Florida Historical Quarterly*.

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**HENRI MAY EDDY**

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One of the corner-stones of the Society is those in the ranks who are always ready with loyal service. Such a member was Miss Eddy. The exhibit of Floridiana has become the foremost feature of our annual meetings and the most valuable to our work. This was inaugurated in 1936, when the Society met at the University of Florida, by Miss Miltimore and Miss Eddy its librarians; and this year Miss Eddy with the skill and energy which was hers brought together an exhibit for our meeting at Daytona Beach covering the whole span of Florida's history.

Her passing is the loss of a friend to our officers, and the loss of continual and unforgettable service to the work of the Society.

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**THE JOURNAL OF POLITICS**

There is no ditch nor fence between the fields of political and general history, nor could the most

scholarly surveyor run his imaginary line between. But it is becoming less true that today's politics is tomorrow's history, for history is becoming less and less a record of government-notwithstanding government now appears to be on the way towards regulation of breath itself.

Yet the fields are so merged we welcome *The Journal of Politics* almost as an addition to the family; and another family tie is that it is published at the University of Florida, with Dr. Manning J. Dauer, professor of political science, as its managing editor. The *Journal* is issued quarterly by The Southern Political Science Association, and the first number appeared in February last. Both issues published have contained well over one hundred pages of scholarly articles, book reviews, and notes. We congratulate Dr. Dauer and Dr. Tigert on bringing this publication to Florida. Subscription is three dollars which includes membership in the Association. The *Journal* exchanges with our Quarterly, hence it may be seen in our library, where a file will be preserved.

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#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ESSAY CONTEST

The eleventh annual essay contest for a silver cup offered by the Florida State Council, Knights of Columbus, was won by Julian Atwater of St. Joseph's Academy, St. Augustine, who wrote on *The Early History of Catholic Education in the Diocese of St. Augustine*. One hundred twenty essays were submitted, and were judged by Professor A. J. Hanna. Students of the following schools wrote: Immaculate Conception School, Jacksonville; St. Joseph's Academy, St. Augustine; St. Paul's High School, Jacksonville; Our Lady of Perpetual Help High School, Tampa; St. Anastasia School, Fort Pierce; St. Paul's School, St. Peters-

burg ; Gesu High School, Miami ; St. James High School, Orlando.

General A. D. Andrews, a resident of Winter Park and a member of the Florida Historical Society, has written a biography of his West Point classmate General J. J. Pershing which has just appeared.

*The Life and Work of Captain Alfred Thayer Mahan*, U.S.N. has been published by the Yale University Press. The author, a former Floridian and resident of Monticello and for many years a member of the Florida Historical Society, is Captain William Dilworth Puleston, lately Director of the Naval Intelligence Service. An earlier volume from his pen is *High Command in the World War*. His *Mahan*, by which the work is known, has appeared in a London edition also.