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long needed material is expected to be obtained during the coming year.

The Society will be represented by its president, Judge David R. Dunham, at the coming annual meeting of the Florida Historical Society. He will make an address at the session for local historical societies.

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CONFERENCE OF HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

The Conference of Historical Societies held a joint session with the American Historical Association in Washington on December 28, 1939. * Dr. C. C. Crittenden of The North Carolina Historical Commission presided. Dr. Harlow Lindley of the Ohio State Archeological and Historical Society reviewed the work of the conference since its inception in 1904, and Dr. S. K. Stevens of the Pennsylvania Historical Commission told of the excellent results in Pennsylvania from publishing information about their various historical agencies. A similar plan might be utilized on a national scale.

Dr. James W. Moffitt, of the Oklahoma Historical Society discussed the benefits to be obtained by closer cooperation. It was suggested that the scope of the conference be so enlarged as to bring in all historical agencies and organizations interested in local, state and sectional history, and to extend the membership to all organizations as well as individuals. Consideration was given to the possibility, of issuing an enlarged publication of a quarterly news sheet and a reissuance of the handbook of historical agencies.

*The Florida Historical Society is a member of the Conference, and President Hanna attended this meeting. Mr. Samuel E. Cobb, formerly of Madison and now of the National Archives, Washington, represented the Society and gave us this report.

Dr. Victor Hugo Paltsits, of the New York Public Library and an enthusiastic supporter of the movement, quoted the late J. Franklin Jameson with a statement that is stimulating to the work of every local historical agency, "Local history is national history, locally exemplified."

Dr. Crittenden was reelected for the coming year. A motion was approved to appoint a committee of ten for reorganizing and revitalizing the conference. Dr. Crittenden has appointed Mr. Watt Marchman, our corresponding secretary and librarian, as a member of this committee from the Florida Historical Society.

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SPANISH CLAIMS OF 1765

Dr. C. L. Crow, a former director of the Society, has given our library a copy of a map apparently drawn, by Fernando Menenez and dated 1765. Accompanying the map is an extensive explanatory key which Dr. Crow has translated. According to the key the map is intended to show the extent of territory claimed as Florida by the Spanish government, as well as that "in which the English are with lawful title and the territory which they have unlawfully occupied." Twenty-four locations are designated on the map with descriptions of each in the key. Of these, eleven are within the present limits of Florida.

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