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THE FLORIDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The headquarters and library of the Society have been moved from the Alcazar to 30 Cathedral Place, adjoining the old cathedral and facing the Plaza de la Constitucion. When in October last the city government of St. Augustine was unable to continue its lease on the Alcazar hotel building, it was turned back to the hotel company who could only receive it empty, so we had to move.

A called meeting of the board of directors considered the situation and President McKay appointed a housing committee to secure a new location. These were David R. Dunham, X. L. Pellicer, and Watt Marchman, all St. Augustine members. After an examination of all available buildings there, the committee selected the second floor of what was formerly a bank. Here in a fire proof building we have an office room, a large and very suitable exhibit-reading room with a balcony overlooking the Plaza, a stack and storage room, and a large heavily reinforced vault room about twelve by eighteen feet. For our purposes the new quarters are much superior to the old. The monthly rental is twenty-five dollars, and the St. Augustine Historical Society and Institute of Science, together with other friends of our Society in St. Augustine, have contributed more than a year's rental.

It is the belief of our officers that these rooms will serve as excellent quarters until we can secure a

permanent home of our own, and we all wish to do that at the earliest possible time.

The officers, the directors, and members of the Society are grateful to Mr. Charles E. Young, Jr., manager of the Hotel Monson of St. Augustine, for providing and donating abundant storage space suitable in every way in the Hotel Monson Annex for the Society's library and equipment during the two months the housing committee was searching for the best location in which to reopen the library.

THE ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Florida Historical Society which was to be held early in the year has been postponed. The members will be notified well in advance of the date set.