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Report of the President and Treasurer

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REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

The president is glad to report that, after a little over one year of war, the Society appears to be holding its own. The *QUARTERLY* has been published as usual, under the able direction of the editor, Mr. Julien C. Yonge. The library has been kept open for use by interested people.

The directors have held four meetings since the last annual meeting. The first directors' meeting was held at the home of the president, 3022 Riverside avenue, Jacksonville, at which several matters referred to the Board by the annual meeting were taken up and discussed and plans made to carry them into effect. The second board meeting was held on May 9th, 1942, at the Lodge in the bird sanctuary at Fort George island, as the guests of Mrs. Millar Wilson. An interesting feature of this meeting was a visit to the historic tabby house on Fort George island. Both of these meetings were attended by a quorum of the board and were enjoyed by all in attendance.

The Society, through a committee appointed by the president, assisted materially in plans for several historical floats that appeared in the Navy relief day parade held in Jacksonville of April 30th, 1942.

On December 8th, 1942, four members of the Board of Directors met at the Castle Warden hotel, in St. Augustine, to consider the situation brought about by the imminence of induction of our valued corresponding secretary and librarian, Mr. Watt Marchman, into the United States Army. Owing to transportation difficulties a quorum was not present, so no official action could be taken. Since it was imperative that something be done toward obtaining a successor to Mr. Marchman, so that the library could remain open and the business attendant upon the offices of corresponding secre-

tary and librarian could be transacted, the directors present unanimously agreed that the president should be authorized to request Mr. Marchman to obtain the services of Mrs. Alberta Johnson, of St. Augustine, to take over the duties of corresponding secretary and librarian upon Mr. Marchman's induction in the Army. Upon authority of the president, Mr. Marchman invited Mrs. Johnson to take over his duties, which she did at the time he went into the Army a short time thereafter. Mrs. Johnson has filled this post admirably.

The last meeting of this present Board was held this morning at the Seminole Hotel, here in Jacksonville. At this meeting the action of the unofficial meeting of December 8th, held at St. Augustine in appointing Mrs. Johnson to be acting corresponding secretary and librarian in the place of Mr. Watt Marchman was ratified and approved, and the Board recommended to this present meeting that Mrs. Johnson be continued in those offices for the ensuing year.

Details of the various matters that have come before the Board of Directors are set forth in the minutes of the several meetings held.

It is felt that the Society has been of great benefit throughout the past year in placing its facilities at the disposal of those seeking knowledge of Florida history for various purposes of interest to them, and it is felt further that such knowledge cannot fail to be of benefit to all who seek it. An acquaintance with the characters who have passed across the stage of Florida history is an inspiration to all who learn of their doings. In times like these this inspiration is needed and is of inestimable value.

One cannot fail to be inspired with faith in the past and hope for the future when seeking to uphold the ends for which this Society was organized, as those ends were expressed by one of the great men

of Florida, George R. Fairbanks, and which appear on the inside cover sheet of each copy of the QUARTERLY, and are as follows:

“ . . . To explore the field of Florida history, to seek and gather up the ancient chronicles in which its annals are contained, to retain the legendary lore which may yet throw light upon the past, to trace its monuments and remains, to elucidate what has been written, to disprove the false and support the true, to do justice to the men who have figured in the olden time, to keep and preserve all that is known in trust for those who are to come after us, to increase and extend the knowledge of our history, and to teach our children that first essential knowledge, the history of our State, are objects well worthy of our best efforts. To accomplish these ends we have organized the Historical Society of Florida.”

Respectfully submitted,
HERBERT LAMSON
President

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

To the president and members of the Florida Historical Society:

The following statements comprise the treasurer's report on the financial condition of the Society as of March 1, 1943. Due to an increasing deficit in the librarian's salary fund, this fund has been consolidated with the general fund.

General fund		
balance, March 6, 1942		\$1,084.92
less deficit in librarian's salary fund as of March 5, 1942		-100.00
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corrected balance, March 5, 1942		984.92
receipts		
dues	\$2,059.86	
gifts	19.00	
sale of publications	16.05	
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		2,094.91
		\$3,079.83

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expenditures			
Florida Historical Quarterly			
(four numbers)			
salaries	1,065.65		
	<u>1,660.00</u>		
balance, March 1, 1943		2,725.65	
		<u>354.18</u>	3,079.83
State of Florida fund			
new account, May 10, 1942			
receipts		1,650.00	1,650.00
expenditures			
rent	325.00		
other	<u>961.39</u>	1,286.39	
balance, March 1, 1943		<u>363.61</u>	1,650.00
Building fund			
new account, March 6, 1942			
receipts		25.00	25.00
expenditures	none		
balance, March 1, 1943		25.00	25.00
Archeology fund			
balance, March 5, 1942		\$33.50	
receipts		<u>56.00</u>	\$89.50
expenditures	none		
balance, March 1, 1943			89.50
Robertson memorial fund			
balance, March 5, 1942		4.00	4.00
receipts	none		
expenditures	none		
balance, March 1, 1943			4.00
Life membership fund			
balance, March 5, 1942		200.00	200.00
receipts	none		
expenditures	none		
balance, March 1, 1943			200.00
Consolidated statement			
balance, March 5, 1942		\$1,222.42	
receipts		<u>3,825.91</u>	\$5,048.33
expenditures		4,012.04	
balance, March 1, 1943		<u>1,036.29</u>	5,048.33

Respectfully submitted,
 ALBERT C. MANUCY
 Treasurer