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Florida Under Five Flags. By Rembert W. Patrick, Professor of Social Sciences, University of Florida. University of Florida Press, Gainesville, 1945. (139 p. 110 illus. \$2.50)

As its commemoration of the centennial of Florida's statehood, the University of Florida, through its newly established University of Florida Press, published in December last Professor Rembert W. Patrick's *Florida Under Five Flags*.

This is a narrative of our more than four hundred years told in less than one hundred pages of text, but with the help of one hundred ten pictures and five maps. In so few pages there can be no detail, only the thread of the story and its interpretation; but that is as much as many readers want to know of Florida's history, and is plenty as a first instalment for any one.

Professor Patrick has gone to the original sources for his history, and in doing so has thrown a new light on numerous aspects and events of the State's past. In this he has the assistance of illustrations which he gathered from many sources and which are contemporaneous with their subjects.

The publication of the book and the work itself are planned to help in the awakening of interest in Florida's history noted and commented upon under *Florida's Past in 1946* on a following page. The University has expressed the hope that this brief but interesting and authentic story of Florida will be widely read throughout the State and further that awakening. It is expected that the volume will be but the first of the University's contributions to the writing of our State's history.

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