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A NEW EDITION

Recommended Readings for the Florida Centennial by Dr. A. J. Hanna of Rollins College was published in 1945, and a full description appeared in this *Quarterly* in the October number of that year. A new edition has now come from the press, *Recommended Readings on Florida*. This is issued by the "Union Catalog of Floridiana" of Rollins College at one dollar and twenty-five cents. There has been added a map of Florida by counties, an index, and a number of new titles, while some titles have been omitted.

THE SUWANWEE RIVER

After long continued research in all available historical material—printed books, manuscripts, personal interviews, and recorded and unrecorded tradition, Mr. H. Maddox of Archer has drawn a large scale map (3/8" to 1 mile) on a township map, of the entire course of the Suwannee river in Florida. Every locality, every hamlet, known or remembered within several miles of the river is located as accurately as can be determined now. This is especially true of the river from its junction with the Withlacoochee to the Gulf, along which more than seventy sites are indicated with notes on occurrences at these locations.

SARASOTA

Another local history worthy of note has come from the press. This is *The Story of Sarasota* by Karl H. Grismer (M. E. Russell, Sarasota, publisher, 1946. \$3.50). Mr. Grismer, as a veteran newspaperman, has gone out after the facts of the county's and the city's history, and from the detail of his story, apparently he found most if not all of those facts. There are 260 quarto pages of narrative, a chapter on the various organizations of the place and their activities, portraits and sketches of the sixty-seven men and one woman who

made the supreme sacrifice in the late war, the usual biographies of prominent residents, and a great number of illustrations.

Mr. Edwin B. Browning, to whom Madison county history owes much, has written and published in mimeograph "The Early History of Concord Missionary Baptist Church, 1841-1868." (31 p.) This church, Mr. Browning tells us, is one of the pioneer churches of Florida. It has had a continuous existence for one hundred six years, and the extant records of the church cover the entire period.

"On Florida's Coconut Coasts" is a collection of every-day reminiscences of men and simple happenings of Southwest Florida. These are told by George W. Gatewood, who for nearly fifty years had the status of a local Methodist minister, but at times was also a merchant, real estate agent, postmaster, newspaper reporter, farmer, and commercial fisherman. A volume of 144 pages, it was published by the Punta Gorda Herald at two dollars. A slighter volume by the same author is "Ox-Cart Days to Airplane Era in Southwest Florida."