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HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

THE HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN FLORIDA

A joint meeting of the Historical Association of Southern Florida and the Florida Historical society was held at the University of Miami on December 9, and President Boyd came from Tallahassee to be present.

The meeting was successful in every way. Mr. Walter C. Hartridge of Savannah, Georgia historian, president of Georgia Historical Research Association, and a director of the Georgia Historical Society, was invited to make the principal historical address. He is author and editor of "The Letters of Don Juan McQueen" and it was of that early resident and official of Georgia and Florida and his associations with Southern Florida that Mr. Hartridge spoke.

Coming from Savannah also, where he is director of the Telfair Academy of Arts and Sciences, was Mr. Raiford J. Wood, who spoke and encouraged Miamians in their project for establishing a museum similar to that in Savannah.

The Association's annual publication *Tequesta* for 1946 is coming from the press as this is being written, and its contents will be described in the next issue of this *Quarterly*. It is looked for with much interest by the history-minded of all Florida. This number is edited by Dr. Charlton W. Tebeau, professor of history at the University of Miami, who will edit the issue for 1947 also.

THE JACKSONVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Jacksonville Historical Society's *Papers*, which has been awaited with much interest, appeared in February. A similar publication was issued in 1934 and is described, with the titles of all papers included, in this *Quarterly* (XIII p. 182). That volume was mimeographed, but the present one is a printed book of 128 pages. As did the former one, it contains certain papers read at the program meetings of the Society.

Papers was issued under the direction of a board of

editors: Dr. Webster Merritt, chairman, Mrs. Herbert M. Corse, Mrs. Oscar Rawls, and Miss Dena Snodgrass. Included are: "The Spirit of Jacksonville in the Fire of 1901," by Richard P. Daniel; "Bryant and Emerson in Florida," by Mrs. Henry L. Richmond ; "General James Edward Oglethorpe," by Charles C. Russell ; "Fort Picolata," by Mary B. Graff; "The Forts of Duval County," by Katherine Sproull; "Florida in the Life and Works of Frederick Delius," by Paul Kruse; "Physicians and Medicine in Early Jacksonville," by Webster Merritt; "History of the Jacksonville Historical Society," by Herbert Lamson ; and "The Collection of Historical Material in Florida," by Rembert W. Patrick.

The publication is of far more than local interest. The aggregate of local histories makes a good part of the State's history; but, in addition, the events and characters and narratives of every kind often have a definite relationship to that broader history, and hence they are of statewide importance. So all those who are interested in Florida's history will hope that "Papers" will grow into a series.

The second program meeting of the Society for this season was held on February 12, and the principal addresses were by Mr. Herbert Lamson on "Hernando DeSoto ;" and "A Summary of Archaeology in Florida," by Mr. John W. Griffin, Florida State Archaeologist.