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In continuation of its series of quarterly program meetings, the Jacksonville Historical Society presented two addresses on February 10 before a large gathering of the history-minded. Mrs. Margaret Fleming Biddle carried her hearers back to early days in picturing "Hibernia, Fleming's Island" - a picture which should be recorded in print so that others now and in after years might see the picture too.

Dr. Rembert W. Patrick of the University of Florida told of "The David Yulee Papers: A New Source of Florida History." These papers, recently given to the University by Senator Yulee's daughter, Mrs. Wallace Neff, are an extensive as well as new source of our State's history for many decades from 1830.

At the Spring meeting on May 12 Mr. James C. Craig gave a talk "The Yellowed Pages Speak." He has been digging into early Jacksonville newspaper files which tell of the town and what happened there and how and much did happen of interest.

At this meeting officers were elected for the following term. William D. Barfield, attorney, is president. Mr. Barfield has long been interested in Florida's early history and his biography of William P. DuVal, Florida's first civil governor, is the most important study of that colorful pioneer. Other officers elected then are: Frank H. Elmore Jr. and H. H. Buckman vicepresidents, Mrs. Oscar Rawls recording secretary, Mrs. John S. Porter corresponding secretary, Miss Dena Snodgrass treasurer, and Mrs. Herbert Lamson historian. Elected to the board of directors are Miss Audrey Broward, Mrs. Frances Ewell, P. H. Gaskins, Mrs. W. E. Mott, Mrs. Linwood Jeffreys, Mrs. W. S. Manning, Mrs. J. L. Medlin, James A. Austin, Joseph E. McCarthy, Mrs. James R. Stockton, Dr. Frank G. Slaughter, and Miss Florence Morrish.

(Only seven of the above nineteen are men, which may partly account for the steady growth and activity of the Society. When the Florida Historical Society was founded in 1856 there was no woman among its 134 members.)