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THE FLORIDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The officers and directors of the Society meet in our library on September 11 while this number of the *Quarterly* is in the press. A report for the members will be included in the next issue.

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EDWARD C. WILLIAMSON

After two years of loyal and very efficient service as Executive Secretary, Treasurer, and Librarian of our Society, Edward C. Williamson has resigned to affiliate again with the defense forces of our country. He goes with the air arm as Director of Research Studies, Historical Section, Air University, Maxwell Field, Alabama, where his historical knowledge and experience is needed.

In the long history of our Society there has never been a period of greater growth and we now have a larger membership than ever before. This was also the period of President Blocker's service, the great success of which we all know well. The Society is appreciative of and grateful for the work of this team.

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SECRETARY AND LIBRARIAN M. G. COX

President Thrift has appointed Mr. Merlin G. Cox as Executive Secretary, Treasurer, and Librarian of the Society until a meeting of the Directors and the Annual Meeting when he will be elected to those offices.

Mr. Cox, a native of Missouri, received his A.B. and M.A. degrees in history at the University of Illinois, where he studied under the noted historian the late James G. Randall. He then taught history at Centenary College, and for the past three years has been Associate Professor of History at State Teachers College, Troy, Alabama. He is now on leave for study at the University of Florida leading to a Ph.D. degree in history. He has served as President of the American Association of Uni-

versity Professors, and has organized regional student conferences for the study of international relations, one of which was attended by representatives from the United States Department of State.

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REMBERT W. PATRICK

With a year's leave from the University of Florida, and on a Ford Foundation Fellowship, Dr. R. W. Patrick is now at Yale University for study and research.

In 1950 the grant to the Florida Historical Society from the State through the State Library Board ceased; and the Society's income, being solely from the dues of members and library subscriptions to the *Quarterly*, was about half of what was needed for the salary of our secretary and librarian, the printing of the *Quarterly*, and the rent of our rooms in St. Augustine. It was then Dr. Patrick who proposed and who secured an offer, which we accepted, from the University of Florida to furnish suitable air-conditioned rooms for our headquarters and library, together with an annual grant of \$2,000. (In lieu of the grant, the University now furnishes our secretary and librarian, also a part-time student assistant, the services of a professional cataloger, and minor expenses.) And it was Dr. Patrick who directed the moving of the library, and has since in large part solved our problems at the University.

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BENEFACTORS OF THE LIBRARY

It was suggested in the last issue of the *Quarterly* that the Society, in recognition of special gifts to our library, enroll the names of those as *Benefactors* who make a contribution for building up our historical and research collections.

Our library has since received from Dr. Lucien Y. Dyrenforth of Jacksonville, through our Recording Secretary and Director Miss Dena Snodgrass, a projector for reading microfilm. Because

films are now becoming the most important source for historical research, and as we had no way to read them, this gift is of especial value. Dr. Dyrenforth has become the first *Benefactor*.

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Now that we have a microfilm reader, the Society's library can be built up readily with films. Any of our members who have Florida historical material which they do not care to part with could have it filmed and deposit the film in our library where it would be available to any writer or researcher, for our library is at the service of everyone who is interested in the history of our State, whether he is a member or not.

Also, there is much in other libraries relating to Florida which we do not have; hence anyone could become a *Benefactor* by presenting to the library a copy on film of some rare or possibly unique document or pamphlet. The Library of Congress has a vast amount of such Florida historical material. Some of this they have already filmed, and positive copies of these films may be purchased from that Library at a very small cost.

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#### NEW MEMBERS (Mar.-Sept.)

	Nominated by:
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