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THE FLORIDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

EDITORSHIP OF THE QUARTERLY

Julien C. Yonge was elected editor of our *Florida Historical Quarterly* at the annual meeting of the Society of 1924 and has edited the *Quarterly* continuously since then. The present issue will be his last one. During these thirty-one years no issue has failed to appear, until our Osceola Number of this year when, because of its size and cost, our January and April issues had to be combined into a double number.

Rembert W. Patrick, Ph.D., Professor of History at the University of Florida, will edit the next and the following issues. He has long been a director and cornerstone of our Society. He is an authority on the history of the Confederacy, the author of *Jefferson Davis and His Cabinet*, *Florida Under Five Flags*, *Florida Fiasco*, and other works.

The Editor bespeaks for him the same generous encouragement and support which he himself has always received from our officers and members.

AN INDEX TO THIRTY-THREE VOLUMES
OF THE QUARTERLY

A single index to all volumes of our *Quarterly* is nearing completion after many months of work. This will probably be not far from one hundred pages, and its publication will cost more than five hundred dollars. The Society has no funds for this, so it can be printed only through the contributions of a large number of our members.

Such an index will be especially useful in public and institutional libraries, many of which have incomplete files of the *Quarterly*. As a public service, the University of Florida Library has microfilmed the first twenty-three volumes, which are the rare and out-of-print ones. Positive films of the volumes needed,

in groups, will be furnished any library at cost. So any library may now have the complete file of our *Quarterly*, and, we hope, a complete printed index to all of the volumes.

Our Florida is on her way to taking her rightful place among those Southern States which care most for their history, but we are still far behind. Yet we have the longest and one of the most interesting histories of any. A complete index to the thirty-three volumes (132 issues) of our *Quarterly* is a forward step towards that rightful place.

It has not been determined how the index will be distributed when published, but each of those who contribute to its printing will receive a copy.

Will you not have a part in this the most important project our Society could undertake at this time.

EXECUTIVE-SECRETARY MERLIN COX

The Society has received with much regret the resignation of Merlin G. Cox, who became our executive secretary in August 1954. He is to teach on the staff of the Department of Social Sciences, University of Florida. Mr. Cox had the well-being of the Society constantly in mind, especially our greatest need - an increase in membership, and to him is due a large part of the success of our present drive for new members. He revived our newsletter, and worked steadily for the Society in other ways also. We are grateful to him.

THE OSCEOLA NUMBER

The demand for the Osceola Number of the *Quarterly* continues, and an additional printing has been made. Copies are sold by the Secretary at two dollars each, which is our regular price for a double number. These are exactly the same throughout as the original printing. Each issue sold means a good profit for the Society.