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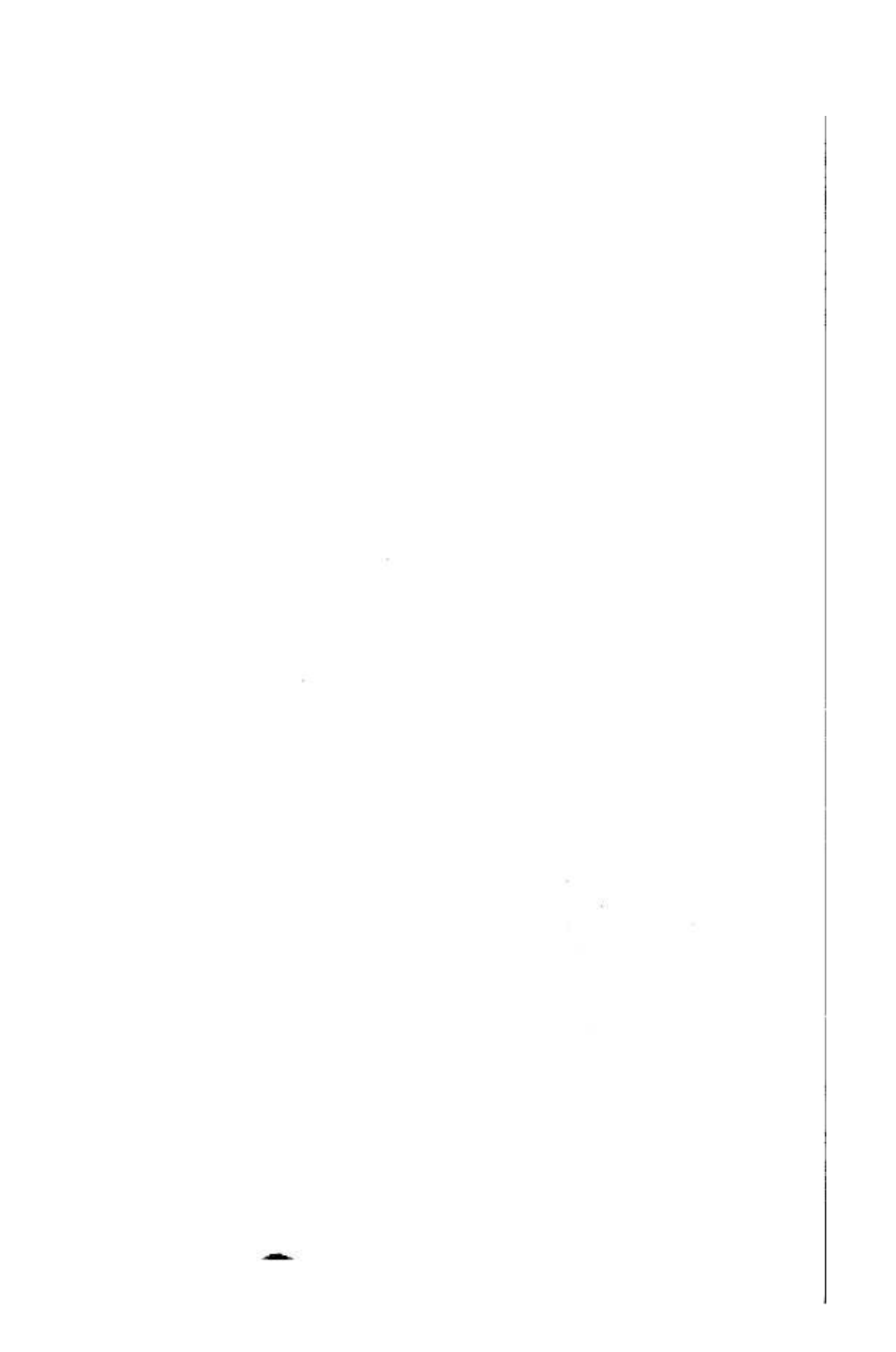
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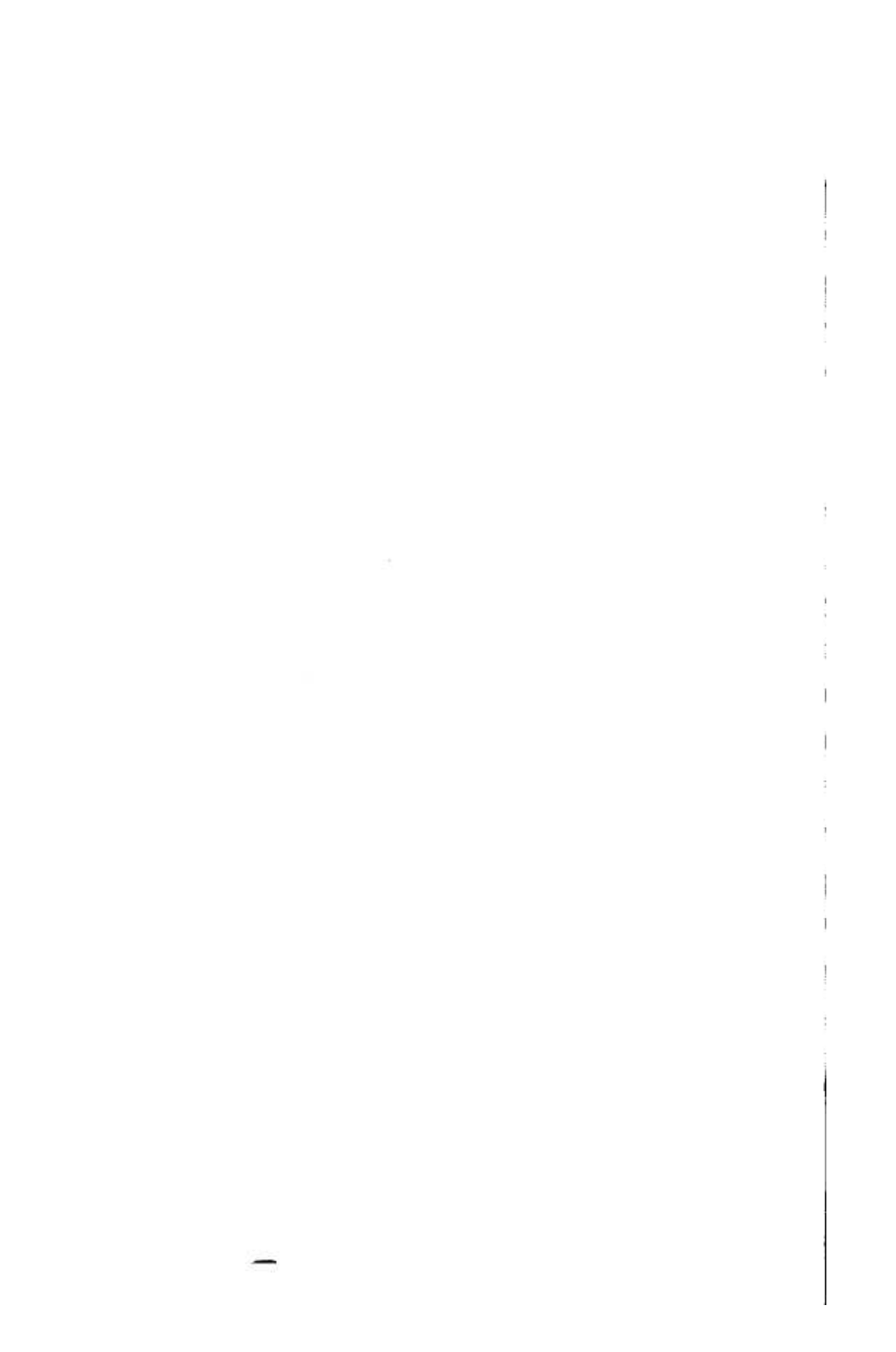




PROFESSOR ALCÉE FORTIER.



LOUISIANA CENTENNIAL MEDAL.



CELEBRATION OF THE LOUISIANA CENTENNIAL.

INTRODUCTION.

The Louisiana Historical Society, desiring to preserve in fitting form a memorial of the history of the State and to foster among the people a pride in that history, has promoted and successfully conducted appropriate public celebrations of several important events. We desire to present herewith a record of the celebration of the centennial of Louisiana's admission as a State of the Union.

At a meeting of the Society, Dec. 21, 1909, Mr. W. O. Hart moved that the President appoint a committee of five to provide ways and means and present a plan for the celebration of the hundredth anniversary of Louisiana's admission to the Union. The motion prevailed, and the following were appointed members of this committee: Messrs. H. Garland Dupré, Chairman; W. O. Hart, T. P. Thompson, Charles T. Soniat, Prof. A. T. Prescott, John Dymond, Sr., and Martin Behrman. As a result of their efforts, the General Assembly of the State passed the following Act:

ACT. NO. 107.
HOUSE BILL NO. 56.
AN ACT.

To provide for the proper celebration, on April 30th, 1912, of the Centennial Anniversary of the Admission of Louisiana as a State, and making appropriation therefor.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, that the Louisiana Historical Society be authorized to adopt a program of ceremonies, fitting the dignity of the State and the importance of the event for a proper celebration on April 30th, 1912, the One Hundredth Anniversary of the Admission of Louisiana as a State of this Union; that the program prepared by the said Society be submitted to the Governor in due course for his approval, and that the arrangements for and charge of the celebration be confided to said Society.



SECTION 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That the Senators and Representatives in Congress from this State be requested to take the proper steps to secure the co-operation of the United States Government in said celebration, so that by national participation in and commemoration thereof by the National Government, said celebration shall be made worthy of the occasion; that the Governor of this State be requested to invite the Governors of all the States and Territories of the United States to attend said celebration and to send other representatives to participate therein, and that invitations through their Ambassadors and Ministers in Washington be extended to the Governments of Great Britain, France and Spain, as well as to the twenty other Republics of America.

SECTION 3. Be it further enacted, etc., That said celebration shall take place in the City of New Orleans, which was the capital of the State when it was admitted to the Union in 1812, and that said Society extend invitations to the proper officials in each Parish, and incorporated city and town of the State to be present and participate in the exercises.

SECTION 4. Be it further enacted, etc., That in connection with said celebration, said Society be authorized to publish a history thereof, and that a copy of same, through the Superintendent of Public Education, be sent to every public school in the State.

SECTION 5. Be it further enacted, etc., That to assist in defraying the expenses of said celebration, that the sum of \$500.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any funds of the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated, same to be paid to the Louisiana Historical Society upon the warrant of its President, approved by the Governor.

H. G. DUPRE,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

P. M. LAMBREMONT,

Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.

Approved: July 1, 1910.

J. Y. SANDERS,

Governor of the State of Louisiana.

A true copy:

JOHN T. MICHEL,

Secretary of State.