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PREFATORY NOTE.

In order to set forth with definiteness and fullness the work and aspirations of the Alabama Anthropological Society, and to afford a preliminary working guide to collectors, collections and prehistoric works in Alabama, this HANDBOOK is issued. It makes no pretensions, and yet it will doubtless be found of practical service by those interested in the researches, investigations and studies engaging the members of the Society.

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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.—*Name.*

1. The name of this organization shall be the "Alabama Anthropological Society."

ARTICLE II.—*Objects.*

2. Its objects shall be the promotion of anthropological study and research.

ARTICLE III.—*Members.*

3. Membership in the Society shall be (1) active; (2) associate; and (3) honorary.

4. Active members shall be limited to twelve in number, who shall be residents of the city of Montgomery, and in them shall be vested the sole control of the affairs of the Society.

5. Associate members shall include such persons as may be elected to this class, but they shall not participate in the government or control of the Society; and upon payment of prescribed dues they shall be entitled to all publications which may be issued.

6. Honorary members shall embrace persons distinguished in historical, literary or scientific attainments.

7. Members may be elected at any meeting of the Society, and the unanimous vote of the entire active membership shall be necessary to a choice.

ARTICLE IV.—*Officers and Committees.*

8. (1) The officers shall be a president, a vice-president, a secretary and a treasurer.

(2) They shall be elected at the annual meeting, and shall serve for one year, or until their successors are elected.

(3) Their duties shall be such as usually pertain to these positions, except as may be specially hereafter provided.

9. (1) There shall be an executive committee, to consist of the four above named officers; and also the following standing committees each to be appointed annually by the president, viz: Field exploration, Collections and relics, Publicity, and Promotion of Anthropological study in Alabama schools and colleges.

(2) Each committee shall consist of four members, of which an officer of the Society shall be one. In addition the president shall be ex-officio a member of all committees.

(3) The executive committee shall have general control and supervision of the work of the Society not specially provided for, it shall arrange and submit at each annual meeting a course of

study for the next ensuing year, and shall prepare and issue its publications.

(4) All other committees shall perform such duties as are implied in their titles.

(5) All committees shall report annually in writing, or oftener as may be required.

ARTICLE V.—*Meetings.*

10. An annual meeting of the Society shall be held in the city of Montgomery, Alabama, in December of each year, at which time officers shall be elected, a course of study and work for the ensuing year adopted, and annual reports shall be made by the president, the secretary, the treasurer, and all committees.

11. There shall be held, in addition, one regular meeting each month, at such time and place as may be previously agreed upon, and at such monthly meeting papers may be presented and discussions had on subjects or topics of interest to the Society, and at such time any necessary business may be transacted.

12. At the annual meeting, seven members shall constitute a quorum; and at monthly meetings five members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VI.—*Dues.*

13. The annual dues of active members shall be six dollars, payable monthly.

14. Associate members shall pay two dollars annually, prior to Dec. 1st each year.

ARTICLE VII.—*Amendments.*

15. This constitution may be amended at any annual meeting by a 3-4 vote of the total active members, or at any monthly meeting by a unanimous vote of the entire active membership.

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES, 1910.

OFFICERS.

(The officers elected on organization in 1909, were re-elected for 1910. The curator is not provided by the Constitution. This officer was elected at the annual meeting, Dec. 21, 1909, under the general powers inhering in the organization.)

President

Thomas McAdory Owen, LL. D., Montgomery, Alabama.

Vice-President

Herbert Bemerton Battle, Ph. D., Montgomery.

Secretary

Peter Alexander Brannon, Montgomery.

Treasurer

Buckner Beasley, Montgomery.

Curator of Collections

Henry Sale Halbert, Montgomery.

COMMITTEES.

(The president is *ex-officio* a member of all committees.)

Field exploration,—Buckner Beasley, *Chairman*, J. Y. Brame, Jr., Samuel M. Englehardt.

Collections and relics,—E. C. Horton, *Chairman*, H. S. Halbert, Peter A. Brannon, J. Y. Brame, Jr.

Promotion of Anthropological study in Alabama schools and colleges,—J. T. Letcher, *Chairman*, Dr. H. B. Battle, John E. Scott, P. A. Brannon.

Publicity,—D. M. Andrews, *Chairman*, Dr. H. B. Battle, J. T. Letcher, John E. Scott.

I. ALABAMA ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

(1) ORGANIZATION.

The organization of the Alabama Anthropological Society grew out of several conferences in the spring of 1909 between Dr. Thomas M. Owen, Director of the Alabama State Department of Archives and History, Mr. Peter A. Brannon, long an interested student and collector, and Prof. Henry S. Halbert, an authority on the Aboriginal history of the lower South. The need of some agency, broadly projected, through which students might be brought together for study and research, in an orderly and systematic way, seemed so urgent, that a plan of organization was outlined. Later conferences were held with others interested, notably those subsequently enrolled.

A preliminary meeting for organization was held at the residence of Dr. Owen, No. 1, North Jackson street, Montgomery, May 13, 1909. There were present Dr. Herbert B. Battle, Prof. Henry S. Halbert, Peter A. Brannon, Buckner Beasley, Edgar C. Horton and Dr. Owen. Although not present, four others, J. T. Letcher, Will T. Sheehan, J. H. Paterson and Sidney Shulein, having signified their desire for participation, were enrolled. Dr. Owen presided, and Mr. Brannon acted as secretary.

After a full discussion, the formation of a society was formally agreed upon; and officers were elected: *President*, Dr. Thomas M. Owen; *Vice-president*, Dr. Herbert B. Battle, *Secretary*, Peter A. Brannon; and *Treasurer*, Buckner Beasley. The officers were named as a committee to submit a constitution and plan of work.

At a subsequent meeting, May 27, held with Dr. Owen, at which the original members, and also J. T. Letcher, were present, a constitution was adopted. (See hereinbefore for copy) The name "Alabama Anthropological Society" was agreed upon unanimously. The selection of this name, rather than one restricting work to narrower limits, indicates the feeling and aspiration of the members.

The plan of organization involves monthly and annual meetings. The monthly meetings are for the presentation of pa-