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As Emily, co-Registrar of The Huguenot Society, sailed toward the port of Heaven, she was sometimes with the wind and sometimes against it. But, she never drifted nor lay at anchor. *Paraphrased from Oliver Wendell Holmes in LEAVES OF GOLD.*

AUTUMN MEETING

On October 11, 1998, The Huguenot Society will hold its Autumn Meeting at the Huguenot Church in Charleston, South Carolina. The guest minister will be Dr. L. Bevel Jones, III, Bishop in Residence at the Candler School of Theology at Emory University as well as Bishop in Residence at the First United Methodist Church in Decatur, Georgia. Following the 10:30 a.m. service, there will be a collation at Huguenot Heritage Hall, 44 Queen Street.

His love of sports led Dr. Jones to become an integral participant in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and along with Dean David Collins, he was a Chaplain of the Atlanta Braves Booster Club. Dr. Jones and his wife "Tuck" are the parents of three and grandparents of five.

JULIEN DE SAUSSURE

Student Intern

This summer of 1998 proved most special and most enlightening! Julien de Saussure chose to spend six weeks in the library translating documents from French and German. One of the most interesting items that he translated is a small volume on the history of the Huguenot Cross. Once the translation is put into proper form, it will be available here in the library.

Working with Julien and getting to know him was a treat for the Staff. He is a wonderful young man who fit right in with The Society and with the family members with whom he stayed while in Charleston. Before he left for home, Julien provided the following about himself:

My name is Julien de Saussure. I turned eighteen years old in May and live in Chartres, which is about fifty miles southwest of Paris. I finished high school one year ago. In France, instead of going to College, it is possible to go to another type of school: "classes preparatoires". The purpose of it is to prepare motivated students for entry to either business schools or engineering schools. As a result, I have studied in Paris for one year (I am boarder) and I have one more year to take before taking my exams next May. I want to go to a business school, and my aim is to go into international trade.

That is the main reason why I wanted to go to the United States. Indeed, it was a great opportunity to meet new people (especially relatives, I guess), to improve my knowledge of American culture and my command of English and, last but not least, to get some professional experience, be it a paid job or not. To this purpose, working for a Society was the easiest (no green card required) and the most rewarding means to do it. Accordingly, for one month and a half, I have been reading and trying to translate some French periodicals and books into English.

As far as I am concerned, I like Greece, my family (my parents, my elder brother, my cat, and more or less closely related cousins), movies, collecting movie posters, chatting on the Internet, visiting cities and, of course, going out with friends. Paris is definitely a great place to live and to go out, especially for students, although I may not have that much time to go out this year. Regarding sports, I like playing and watching tennis, badminton, volley-ball, and of course, soccer!

I would like to thank everybody for having made this trip possible (especially Henry Copeland, Robert Black, and the Huguenot Society): I have enjoyed myself over here!

Julien is truly a remarkable young man especially when one realizes that English is his third language! There is no doubt that he will achieve his goals.

COMMUNICATION BY COMPUTER

As The Society continues to grow and to keep up with modern technology, plans are being made to post *The Huguenot Herald* on the mailing list: Huguenot-L. In addition, the newsletter can be sent to individual e-mail addresses if requested. To make the request, please send your name and e-mail address to archivist@cchat.com. If interested, send the information by the middle of December so that everything will be ready to e-mail the Winter of 1999 newsletter. By using this means of mailing the newsletter, it is hoped that The Society will save a significant amount of money on printing and postage.

And, to make communication with individual Staff members easier and more personal, The Society now has five e-mail addresses. The general address is still the same: huguenot@cchat.com for writers who do not know to whom to write. Otherwise:

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AN EXPLANATION

The next edition of *Transactions* will be No. 102 Supplement. Because some of the information in past journals has been based on the fiscal year and some on the calendar year, there was a certain amount of confusion. Therefore, as a means of avoiding any future confusion, this year's magazine contains business of the last half of 1997 that has not yet been published. *Transactions 103* will be published after the first of the year and will contain business of The Society for 1998 as well as articles and genealogies.

There is, however, a special treat in *Transactions 102 S!* Elizabeth B. Capers and her husband Ellison attended the Eleventh International Reunion of Descendants of Huguenots in October, 1997. Mrs. Capers wrote a wonderful account of their adventures. The article was included in this special edition of *Transactions* because it is so informative and so much fun to read.

IN THE PAST

Dr. Bertrand van Ruymbeke, professor at the College of Charleston, was instrumental in producing the international conference on Huguenot history in May of 1997. He has furnished this summary:

In the wake of last May's international conference on Huguenot history, the Program in the Carolina Lowcountry and Atlantic World organized a series of three Huguenot lectures in the Fall of 1997. On September 19 & 30 Dr. Charles H. Lesser, of the South Carolina Department of Archives and History, and Professor Darlene Daehler-Wilking, of the College of Charleston, respectively spoke on the Carolina proprietorship and Huguenot Ethnicity. On October 11, our third lecturer, Dr. Mary C. Anderson, emeritus professor of English at the University of South Carolina, read a paper on the Huguenots in the South Carolina novel. (Editor's Note: This paper will be published in *Transactions 103*.)

In April of 1998, to celebrate the four hundredth anniversary of the promulgation of the Edict of Nantes, thanks to a generous donation from the Florence J. Gould foundation, the program organized a discussion panel. Dr. Orest Ranum of the Johns Hopkins University, Dr. Barbara Diefendorf of Boston University, and Dr. Bertrand van Ruymbeke of the College of Charleston spoke about the historical context surrounding the promulgation of the Edict and its significance in French and Huguenot history.

IN THE FUTURE

Island Tour

The Edisto Island Historic and Preservation Society will hold The Island Tour of Historic Plantations and Churches on Saturday, October 10, 1998, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Included on the tour are Brick House Ruins, Middleton Plantation, Presbyterian Manse, Presbyterian Church of Edisto Island, Old First Baptist Church, Trinity Episcopal Church, Governor's Bluff, and Seaside Plantation. For information and reservations telephone EIHPs at (843) 869-1954.

Spreading the Huguenot Word

Twice this fall The Society will be represented and its mission explained at gatherings out of town. On October 24 Lucia Heins and Susan Hemminger will man a booth at the state-wide festival of ethnic and religious groups in South Carolina. The festival will be held at the State Museum in Columbia. Then, on November 19 Barbara Claypoole will speak at the Shepherd Center, an interfaith ministry in Sumter. The speech is part of the series entitled "The Many Faces of South Carolina" and will be held at Trinity United Methodist Church. There is no charge for the program.

A History of the Huguenots in France and in South Carolina (1550-1770)

Dr. Bertrand van Ruymbeke is again offering his course on Huguenot history. It will describe the emergence of French Protestantism in the 1550s, its existence in France through the 1680s when it was abolished, and the migration and settlement of several hundred Huguenots in colonial South Carolina. The emphasis will be both social and religious. Particular attention will be given to Calvin's influence on French Protestantism, the Wars of Religion, the Edict of Nantes, French absolutism, Louis XIV's religious policies, and Huguenot communities in London and in the Lowcountry. Important questions such as Anglican conformity, naturalization, and economic adaption to the colonial South Carolina environment will also be examined.

The class will be taught at the College of Charleston from Thursday, January 14, 1998, through Tuesday, April 27, 1998. The class will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4:00-5:15. For more information, telephone the History Department at the College of Charleston at (843) 953-5711.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The South Carolina Historical Society has announced the winners of the James and Charlotte Gignilliat Scholarship for 1998. They are: Mr. George Wright Meyer of Chapel Hill, North Carolina; Miss Barbara Pringle Claypoole of Charleston, South Carolina; Miss Kelly Elizabeth Burke of Greenville, North Carolina; and Miss Alicia J. Shelley of Walterboro, South Carolina. Congratulations and wishes for a truly successful year in college!

For information about the scholarships, contact The South Carolina Historical Society, 100 Meeting Street, Charleston, South Carolina, 29401. The deadline for next year's applications is February 15, 1999.

SOME FINAL THOUGHTS

Dues

At the direction of the Board, a second billing has been mailed to those who for one reason or another have not paid the 1998 dues. Please respond so that The Huguenot Society can continue its top-notch operation. And, please accept apologies if you have already paid dues and were billed again. Gremlins in the computers cause all sorts of problems!

Membership

The membership of The Huguenot Society is its mainstay. Without the support of the members, The Society would soon collapse. One way members can offer support is to encourage eligible individuals to apply for membership. Quite often one only has to look in the direction of children and grandchildren to find qualified applicants. Perhaps some encouraging words to descendants who have not yet applied might prod them to do so. To be eligible for membership, an applicant has to prove descent from a qualified ancestor but does not have to be from Charleston or South Carolina.

Corrections

The Summer issue of *The Huguenot Herald* contained a few errors! Please make these changes: Adelaide H. Waller is Vice President for St. John's Berkeley, Virginia C. Good is Vice President for Orange Quarter, and E. Patrick Corrigan, III, is Vice President for St. James Santee. In the title of the International Conference in England, *colonies* should be capitalized.

Huguenot Tour 1998: "Route of the Refugees"

Final plans are being made for the Huguenot tour to France, Holland, and England in October. The whole trip sounds just wonderful! So, thoughts and wishes for a safe and happy time!

