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## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

from

Daniel Ravenel

It was great to see so many Huguenots at our Fall Service!

After a search of several months, the Board is pleased to announce the coming of William W. Bates, III, as our new Executive Director. Mr. Bates is a retired officer of the United States Army who served during Desert Storm. He has been Headmaster at Archibald Rutledge Academy and has been very active in the St. James Santee Church. He is a graduate of The Citadel and has been employed there for the last five years. Bill has a history degree and is married to a member of our Society. His interest in Huguenot history is a product of his knowledge, his heritage, and the history of McClellanville, South Carolina, and the French Santee area. His experience with running several non-profit organizations was a key factor in his selection. As the first male to hold this position, he will set a new tone. Following Barbara Claypoole and now Renée Marshall will be a challenge, but the Board is confident that with your kindness he will be another great professional Executive Director for our Society.

As a further matter of interest, we are pleased that the Society can report that our finances are strong and, now that we have new leadership, our prospects are great!

The upcoming and long-awaited publishing of the papers from the 1997 conference held in conjunction with the College of Charleston is promised for January or February of 2003.

One last pitch for the Annual Fund: Virtually all our progress over the last three years, indeed throughout our history, is due entirely to your participation and generosity! We are a mighty group charged with the protection of our heritage and will continue to be the leading Huguenot Society in the World with your assistance. We need and appreciate your devotion to the effort!

## AUTUMN SERVICE

October 20, 2002, was the date for this year's Autumn Service. The place and the time were the same: The Huguenot Church at 10:30 a.m. The place and time for the Collation was also the same: Huguenot Heritage Hall, 44 Queen Street, immediately following the Service. In addition to the usual Huguenot Punch, the members of the congregation prepared the best possible in the way of hors d'oeuvres for the Collation.

The Guest Preacher was, however, not the same. For this commemoration of the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes, The Huguenot Church was fortunate that The Right Reverend C. Fitzsimons Allison, Retired Bishop of South Carolina, preached the Sermon. Bishop Allison was born in Columbia, South Carolina, and was graduated from The University of the South at Sewanee, Tennessee. He then was awarded a Master of Divinity degree by the Virginia Theological Seminary, and after that the degree of Doctor of Philosophy was awarded him by Oxford University (Christ Church). Bishop Allison is married to the former Martha Parker. They live in Georgetown, South Carolina. His address was a true inspiration to all!

## THE HUGUENOT SOCIETY OF SOUTH CAROLINA GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

Full details of The Huguenot Society of South Carolina Graduate Scholarship can be found on page 115 of *Transactions No. 106*. As a reminder, the scholarship is awarded to a graduate student in history and is based on an original essay on a Huguenot subject and must follow specific guidelines. The deadline for submission of essays is December 31, 2002. The winner of the scholarship will be announced at the Annual Meeting of the Society in April of 2003, and the winning essay will be published in *Transactions No. 107*. The essay can not have been published previously but can have been submitted to a professor as a requirement for a graduate course in history.

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