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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE from Daniel Ravenel

I am pleased to report that your Huguenot Society is doing well! Our first Annual Fund drive in November and December of 1999 was supported overwhelmingly by the membership. Your generosity resulted in approximately \$33,000 for the operating budget. The Board used the money wisely. A \$10,000 principal payment was made on the \$51,000 note, and the final payment was made on The Society's share of the cost of publishing the best papers from the Huguenot Conference that was held jointly with the College of Charleston in 1997.

Between now and the Annual Meeting (details follow) the Membership Committee and the Board will be discussing the procedures that we follow on the admission of new members. For some years it has been apparent to many that each year The Society is suffering a net loss of membership. Since 1993 we have lost about 100 members a year and, sadly, most of the losses were due to the deaths of our older members. This loyal World War II generation has been replaced by about fifty to sixty new members each year. Chaired by Rick Corrigan, a Baby Boomer, the committee has been asked to look into solutions to this trend.

Our next staff move is to hire an archivist/librarian. This position will require special skills as well as a work week of thirty hours. We anticipate that the position will be filled in the very near future.

I hope you will enjoy *Transactions* No. 104 which should be mailed in April. A lot of good people have made this wonderful magazine what it has become.

Again, we all look forward to the Annual Meeting and reunion. There will be some surprises and a very good speaker on the Charlesfort Huguenot settlement in Beaufort County. See you there!

ANNUAL MEETING

Once again the Annual Meeting will be held at The Charleston Museum. The date is April 29, 2000, and the time is 4:00 p.m. As usual, a collation will follow the meeting in the courtyard. Now is the time to make reservations for the weekend because spring is a busy, busy time in Charleston.

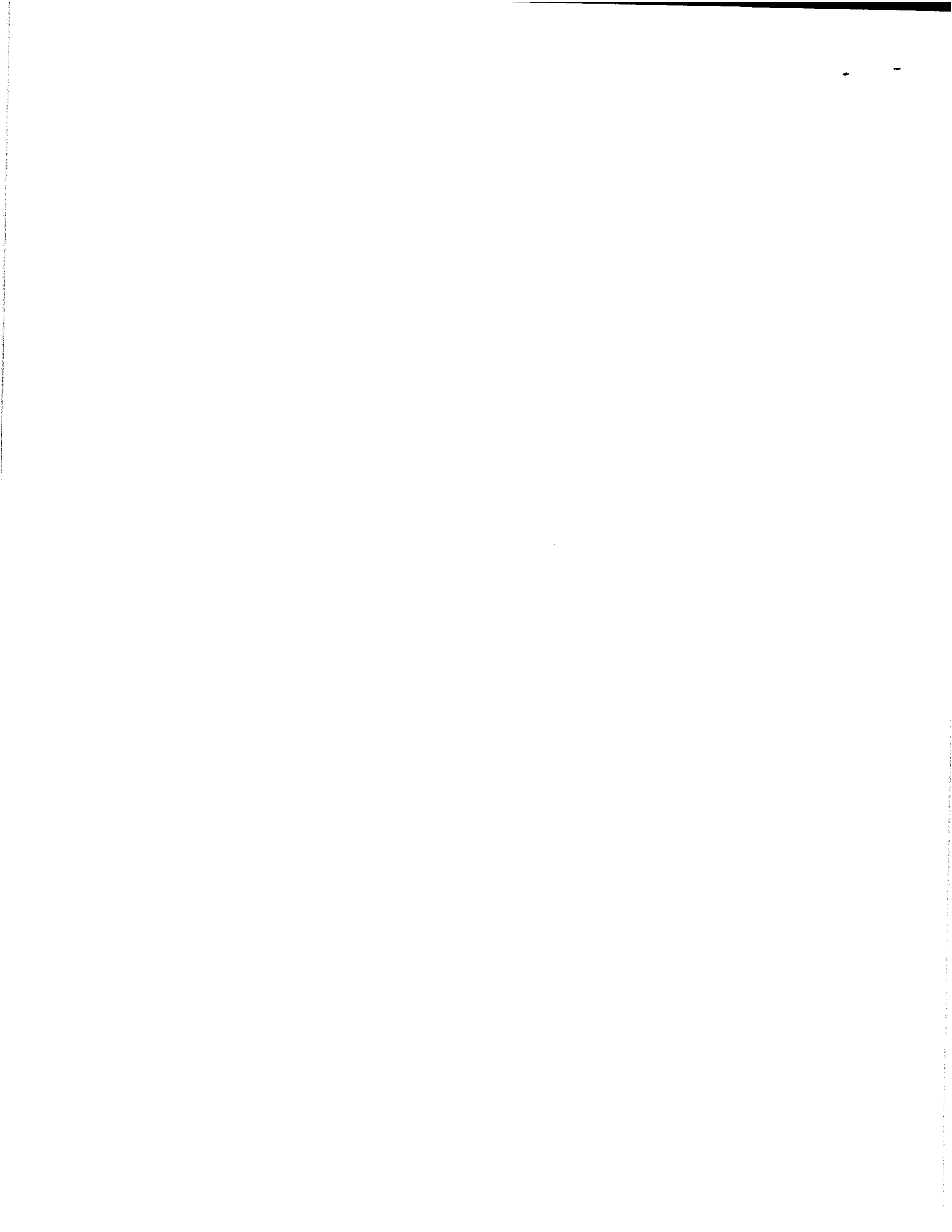
The Society is fortunate to have William H. Whitten as the speaker. His talk, "Major Osterhout was Right: Locating the Site of Charlesfort," will be of interest to all. Mr. Whitten was the Georgia-Carolina editor of the *Savannah Morning News* for twelve years during which time he covered a great variety of stories. In 1993-4 he wrote "Charlesfort", an early work on the subject of his speech. Mr. Whitten currently resides in Port Royal, South Carolina.

ANNUAL FRENCH SERVICE

Following established tradition, the Annual French Service will take place on April 30, 2000, at the Huguenot Church. The collation that follows this service will be held in the yard of Huguenot Heritage Hall at 44 Queen Street.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Since the deadlines for the scholarships is just about past, full information will not be published in this newsletter. Look for the details of the scholarships, The James and Charlotte Gignilliat Scholarship, The



Marie L. Rose Scholarship, and The Huguenot Society of the Founders of Manakin in the Colony of Virginia Scholarship in the summer edition. Any questions that arise in the meantime can be answered by calling the Society office.

A TOUR, A CONFERENCE, AND A MEETING

A Huguenot Tour

**Weg der Huguenotten nach Deutschland and Danmark
(The Way of the Huguenots to Germany and Denmark)
OCTOBER 22-NOVEMBER 2, 2000**

Fly to Germany and stay in the Kassell area for 3 nights—in the heart of the “Huguenot Trail” visiting Bad Karlshafen and other Huguenot areas with Mr. Jochen Desel, Vice President of the Deutsche Huguenotten Gesellschaft!

A visit to Pottsdam before arrival into Berlin for 3 nights. Sightseeing in Berlin as well as attending service and activities with the Huguenot Society of Berlin!

Copenhagen for 3 nights—visiting Huguenot Treasures, attending service in the Reformed Church and a visit to the Peschier Palace. Meeting and having dinner with members of the Danish Huguenot Society! A reception is planned with Prince Henrik.

Dr. and Mrs. Hugh Boudin plan to be traveling with the group. He is a Huguenot expert!
Escorted from Charleston by Eleanor Simons.

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An International Conference

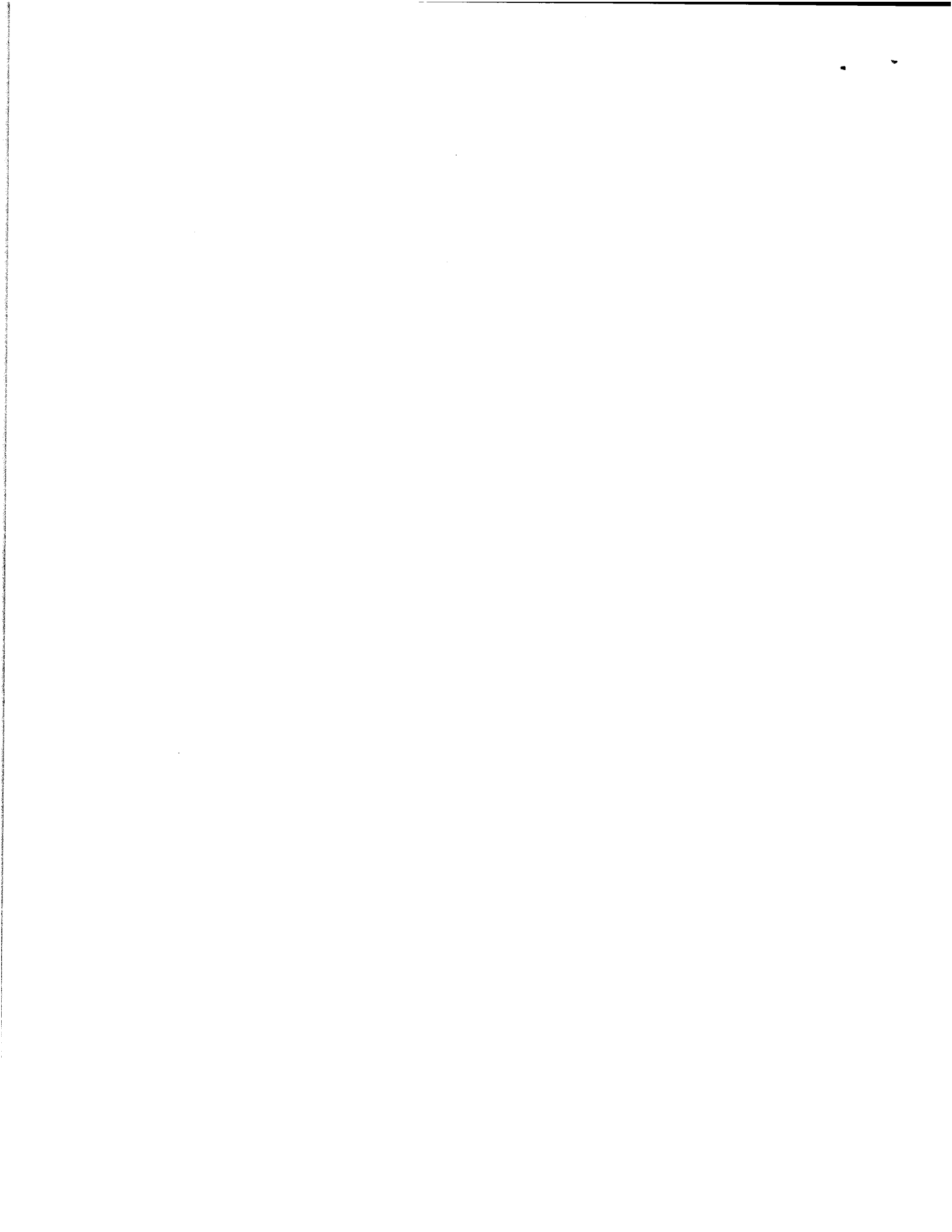
From Strangers to Citizens: Integration of Immigrant Communities in Great Britain, Ireland, and the Colonies, 1550-1770 will be presented by the Huguenot Society of Great Britain and Ireland in April of this year. For last minute information, please contact the Society. It promises to be a most interesting event about which we hope to have an in-depth report for publication in the next newsletter.

Twelfth International Meeting of Huguenot Descendants

There is still time to make arrangements to attend this Reunion in France this coming September 15-21. The Comité des Amitiés Françaises à l'Étranger has been planning this year's meeting for quite some time and it promises to be just as grand an event as the previous Reunions.

The meeting, whose focus is Protestant Brittany, will begin in La Baule where such protestant shrines as Nantes, Blain, La Roche-Bernard, and the Guérande Peninsula (Gérande, Careil, Le Croisic) will be visited. The meeting then travels to Saint-Malo by way of Josselin Castle and Pontivy. There will be visits to Combourg, Mont-Saint-Michel, Ducey, and Vitré, as well as a day trip to Jersey.

For direct information contact The Comité at 47, rue de Clichy, 75311 Paris Cedex 09, France. To get in touch with them by telephone or FAX, dial 011 33 1 48 74 25 72. Or, contact Mme. Simone Saxer, Gartenstadtstrasse 45, CH-3097 Liebefeld, Switzerland. Mme. Saxer can be reached by telephone at 031 972 36 46 or by FAX at 031 972 23 04



A LITERARY ACCOMPLISHMENT

Seeing Beyond the Word
Visual Arts and the Calvinist Tradition
edited by
Paul Corby Finney

To quote the flyer that advertises this most wonderful publication, "See the impact of Calvinism and its Huguenot followers on architecture, sculpture, painting, enamels, and silver in England, Hungary, Switzerland, France, Germany, The Netherlands, and America. Gathering expert historical studies by distinguished international writers, together with more than 200 color and black-and-white illustrations, *Seeing Beyond the Word* highlights the influential cultural contributions made by Huguenots and other Calvinist[s] in the 16th, 17th, and 18th centuries."

Another description by John Strang, President of Huguenot Heritage and a member of this Society states, "This is an outstanding assembly of essays that shines bright light on many important but neglected—or even forgotten—Calvinist contributions to the visual arts. *Seeing Beyond the Word* is a milestone that will serve for years to document the thread of skillful achievement found in the cultural history of the Huguenots."

For more information on this volume please contact The Society. Published by Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., Grand Rapids/Cambridge, the cost of the book is \$65.00. But, for a 30% discount (\$45.50), telephone or write the Society for the order form for members of Huguenot and related organizations. Shipping is \$7.00 each.

A REQUEST FOR HELP

Dr. Dixon Barr, President of the National Huguenot Society, has chosen for his President General's Project the development of a source for identifying and publishing a preliminary list of Huguenot historic sites, markers, and burial places. It is his hope that this will be an ongoing project so that names and sites can be added in future years. Dr. Barr has developed a form for the purpose of recording this information. Due to a limited amount of space, the form could not be included in this newsletter. For a copy please contact The Huguenot Society office.

COMMUNICATIONS

Internet Access

Finally, after much detailed work, The Society's web page is up and running! As promised, www.huguenotsociety.org will produce the web page that contains information about The Huguenot Society of South Carolina and links to other societies and sites around the world. Try it! It is fascinating!

The Society e-mail address and the individual staff e-mail addresses are still in effect and are a grand, time-saving way to get in touch with anyone here!

Transactions 104

The preparation of *Transactions 104* has gone a lot more smoothly than the making of No. 103. The finishing touches are now being applied and the printer should have the final draft soon. Look for delivery in the near future.

Huguenot Herald Special Number

The Editor wishes to thank all those who wrote the articles, typed the final copy, and prepared for mailing the Special Number of the Huguenot Herald in December. These folks were kind enough to take charge of the whole thing so that the Editor could continue to work without interruption on *Transactions 104*.

