town of Brunswick in 1725, was placed in St. Philip's Church. This was the gift of two of Colonel Moore's descendants—Ida N. Moore and Selina M. Harvey. The Dames of the Cape Fear have devoted themselves in particular to the care and preservation of the ruins of this old church at Brunswick, the site and grounds of which were conveyed to the diocese of North Carolina by the owners of Orton, Col. K. M. Murchison and Capt. D. R. Murchison, and for some time Mrs. Sprunt assumed personal supervision of them. For many years it has been the custom of the Dames to make an annual pilgrimage to this hallowed spot, and there by addresses and religious services they have awakened, perchance, a deeper patriotism and a holier reverence for the past of which this church represents so large a part.

Perhaps the most important work undertaken at any time by the society was the movement to promote original research. At the biennial council in Washington in 1906, Mrs. Sprunt was appointed by the national president a member of the committee on this subject, and with ardent zeal entered upon the important task of promoting interest in the wealth of historical material for which the colonial period of North Carolina is especially noted, but much of which has not been compiled. To further this effort the society offers prizes for competitive essay work, exclusively from original sources and pertaining only to the colonial period of North Carolina, to the upper classmen of the State University at Chapel Hill. The results have been encouraging and the amounts of the prizes have been increased. Mrs. Sprunt's report on this subject is illuminating and valuable, and with her interesting report on old silver and her report on necrology, valued for its depth of spiritual perception and delicate beauty of thought, has, by order of the Board of Managers, been published by the society as literature.

The report on old silver, comprising a description of ecclesiastical silver in North Carolina prior to 1825, was considered of such value that Mrs. Sprunt was requested by the national chairman to read it at the biennial council in Washington. To her assistance in valuing these rare old specimens, Mrs. Sprunt brought the professional knowledge of an English expert, Mr. Jones, who came to North Carolina and examined the pieces in the different places in the State to which they belonged.

Space fails in enumerating the full activities of the Colonial Dames of North Carolina. What has been said pertains chiefly to the Cape Fear, but a brief word here and there has, I trust,

indicated in a small way, at least, the work of the society in the State at large, and the assistance it renders, from time to time, to the society in other States, and to the national society.

The expense of these undertakings, especially of the Harnett Memorial, has been large, and to lighten the burden of it, Mrs. Sprunt, during her six years as president, entertained the Cape Fear Dames in their monthly meetings in her beautiful homes in Wilmington and at Orton, saving the rental of a hall for meetings. Her home in Wilmington, built for the first governor elected by the people and sheltering since so many distinguished guests, including President Taft, and, before his election, President Wilson, Secretary Bryan, and Cardinal Gibbons, and beautiful Orton, one of the finest provincial homes in America, in historic association as well as in beauty of adornment, were an inspiration to the work, while her gracious and lavish hospitality and the ardor of her enthusiasm made every effort more delightful. In reference to her resignation, the historian of the society, Elizabeth Stone Strange, widow of Bishop Strange, said:

"We are called upon to bear a heavy loss in the resignation of our beloved president. By her ability, her breadth of view, her untiring devotion to the cause, her gracious personality, and her generous hospitality, she has carried us onward and upward as a society and linked us to herself by the strongest ties of love and loyalty. While we deplore Mrs. Sprunt's resignation as our president, we can but show our appreciation of her by keeping ever before us her high standard of duty, fidelity, and patriotism."

This feeling was shared by all, and, as the recent letter of Mrs. Kidder, already quoted, indicates, the feeling of loss of her exceptional service in the office she filled so admirably constantly increases. Truly was it said of her, "Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all."

Places of Historic Interest in North Carolina Relating to the Colonial Period Which Are Still Unmarked.

In accordance with the resolution of the Council of 1906, in which each State society was asked to present, through the chairman of its delegation, a brief and concise statement of any localities still unmarked in the State which are of sufficient historic importance to come within the description of the objects of the society in Article 2 of the constitu-