

## PLANS AND POLICIES

There must be financial help, encouragement and cooperation given to many of these students of old history before we can hope for finished results. Moreover, novelists and historians such as have clothed California, Santa Fe and New Orleans with extensive and glamorous literature, will come to San Antonio and create a glamorous literature around this section when access to source material and basic facts is made inexpensive and easy.

The present work, therefore, should be to continue building up the collection of maps, photos, photostats, and books, and by seeking material now in possession of old families....and by indexes and files establishing the location and character of material at libraries and institutions.....and by encouraging anyone who will to specialize on some phase of history, thus preparing for the time when by organized cooperation we can help one another.

These depressed business conditions prevent normal organized work now, but we can keep planning ahead.

Exploring trips around Spanish South Texas and North Mexico have been planned to gather outlying field material and to promote geographical understandings and to bring men and women into the work from outlying historical localities. Local cooperation is available to make these exploring trips very interesting. These trips will also vitalize public interest in the work.

The map collections that are being built up are basically essential to correct understanding. The present-day topographical maps (item 20, Studies in Progress) permit detailed study of trails, explorations and colonizing works--this collection is complete for South Texas and fairly good for North Mexico. These maps are an acid test against research and study. Mr. A.R. Alling is accumulating photostatic and photographic copies of pioneer period maps. That folio is becoming valuable. Pioneer maps were necessarily made from poor geographical understandings but they are invaluable as indexes to conditions and for study in connection with later and more correct topographical maps. The large wall maps now a part of the equipment are to be extended, in keeping with Mr. Schwegmann's wise suggestion, to include all the Southern Borderlands from Florida to California.

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& novelists) want  
material about  
San Antonio. I  
have contacted  
with this section  
many times*

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