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THE CATHEDRAL AT ST. AUGUSTINE, —IN THE SPANISH STYLE TO WHICH FLAGLER'S HOTELS CONFORM.

Atlantic Beach, Florida, a two-hundred-room summer hotel, opened in May, 1901.

In May, 1886, Mr. Flagler acquired the Jacksonville, St. Augustine & Halifax River Railroad, and in 1888 the St. Augustine & Palatka Railroad, with a branch of twelve miles to Tocoli. The same year he acquired the St. John's & Halifax, from East Palatka to Daytona, also a narrow-gauge road, standardized in 1889. In 1888 a bridge was built across the river at Palatka. In 1889 and 1890 a steel bridge was constructed across the St. John's River at Jacksonville.

Up to 1892 he merely bought old properties, which he improved and strengthened, but in 1892 he began the construction of the line south from Daytona. In 1894 the road was completed to Palm Beach, and in 1896

to Miami. In 1905 began the construction of the Key West Extension.

In 1897 the railroad moved 76,000 crates of vegetables; in 1909, about 1,500,000 crates of tomatoes alone; 150,000 barrels of Irish potatoes from one station alone; 700,000 crates of pineapples, besides other fruits and vegetables. The road earned, gross, \$819,000 in 1907 and over \$3,000,000 in 1908. Over 1,000,000 passengers were carried in 1908.

Steamship service was first inaugurated to Nassau in 1895 by the Florida East Coast Steamship Company, owned by Flagler. In 1896 the Key West line was opened, and, in the winter of that year, the operation was extended to the Havana line. There is now a daily service. In 1902 the Florida East