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## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

All of the members of the professional staff of the Hall of Records are expected to keep abreast of developments in their respective fields and to contribute as individuals and as members of organizations to work in the fields of archival practice and local history. One of our chief interests is, of course, the Society of American Archivists. At the annual meeting of that group, held in Lexington, Kentucky, October 27, 28, 1952, which was attended by Roger Thomas and John P. Hively; Mr. Thomas was reelected Secretary for a third term, and the Archivist was elected to the Council for a five year term.

Mr. Skordas continued as a member of the Committee for Archival Buildings and Equipment, Miss Gardner was made a member of the Microfilm Committee; and the Archivist served on the State Archives Committee, the Joint Committee on Local Depositories for Federal Archives and the Committee for the Revision of the Constitution. The Archivist was the speaker at the joint luncheon meeting of the American Historical Association and the Society of American Archivists, held in Washington, December 29, 1952. Several members of the staff also attended this meeting, and Miss Gardner, who is a member of the National Microfilm Association, attended the annual meeting of that group which was held in New York City, March 19, 20, 1953.

Since no local historical agency existed in Annapolis at the time that Historic Annapolis, Incorporated was organized, we have been glad to be of use to that organization. The Archivist has served from the start as a member of the Board of Governors and as a member of the Historical Committee; and the Board and several of the committees met regularly in our building. The Archivist was appointed to membership in the State Art Committee by Governor McKeldin, January 27, 1953.

The *Annual Report* of the Archivist is surely not the place to list all our many visitors and to describe the interests which brought them to the Hall of Records; however, a sampling will give some indication of the proportions of these interests. Mr. Thomas J. Gibson, Librarian of the State of Texas, came to observe archival methods. Professor Charles B. Clark, Head of the Department of History and Political Science of Washington College, brought his advanced class in American History. Some sixty members of the Coppage family came to the Hall of Records in the course of their annual