

Thomas completed his term as Secretary in October 1953, and Miss Gardner was a member of the Committee on Microphotography. The Annual Meeting of the Society of American Archivists held at Dearborn, Michigan, September 13-15, 1953, was attended by Mr. Thomas and John P. Hively, Junior Archivist. Miss Gardner attended the National Microfilm Association meeting held in Cleveland, April 1 and 2, 1954.

We were asked several times during the year to check references for articles published in the *Maryland Historical Magazine* and for books and articles which have appeared elsewhere. The Archivist published a review of *Le Probleme des Termites et Autres Agents Destructeurs Aux Archives de la Reunion*, by Yves Perotin in *The American Archivist*, January 1954. And Mr. Thomas published four reviews in *The United States Quarterly Book Review*, including one on Roger P. Bristol's *Maryland Imprints, 1801-1810*. The second volume of the *Calendar of the Red Books*, which appeared in fiscal year 1953, was reviewed this year by John Melville Jennings in *The American Archivist* and by Keach Johnson in *The Journal of Southern History*. The Archivist is gratified to report that both reviews were commendatory.

On the local scene, the Archivist continued as a member of the Board of Historic Annapolis, Incorporated, and also as a member of its Historical Committee. He attended a pre-organization meeting of the Calvert County Historical Society at Solomons, in company with Mr. Skordas. Subsequently we were able to help that group and Senator Goldstein in their preparations for the tercentenary celebration of that County which was held after the end of the fiscal year. The Archivist spoke before the St. Mary's County Historical Society at their January meeting, 1954, and he also attended their commemorative meeting held on Maryland Day at the old State House in St. Mary's City. He also attended the one-hundredth anniversary reception of the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association of the Union at Mount Vernon, October 24, 1953, and the Homecoming of St. Luke's Church at the Pratt Mansion, Queen Anne's County, October 24, 1953. The Governor's State Art Committee, of which the Archivist is a member, enjoyed a dinner meeting at the Executive Mansion, July 21, 1953. Mr. Skordas and Mr. Thomas attended the annual meeting of the Kent County Historical Society April 29, 1954, and Mr. Thomas spoke at the Jubilee Dinner of the National Genealogical Society in Washington and at the memorial meeting in honor of Augustine Herman, sponsored by the Augustine Herman Bohemian Historical Society at Bohemia Manor, May 23, 1954.