

June 3, 1939.

Statement by Judge Bond, Chairman of the Hall of Records Commission.

The Hall of Records Commission, charged by the law with the duty of selecting and employing an Archivist to succeed the late Dr. James A. Robertson,^{has} after canvassing a large number of possibilities recommended from many parts of the country, finally selected Dr. Morris L. Radoff for the position. Dr. Radoff is a citizen of the State, but he has not been preferred on that ground alone. The commission has concluded that he is the best equipped for the work to be done. He is already known to the court clerks and other custodians of records about the State, and will soon become known to all interested in the State's wealth in this material. The commission feels that his appointment will be a source of satisfaction to them all.

The work of selection, involving, as it has done, much investigation, including interviews with candidates not previously known to the members of the commission, has taken considerable time. A note of appreciation of the part played by the unofficial members may not be out of place. The official members, the Governor, the Comptroller and the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, may perhaps be expected to include such work for the State within their ordinary interests and duties, but the unofficial members, too, gave their time and attention without stint to meetings, interviews and inquiries, and some strong appeals of friendship for other candidates and their sponsors were put aside in a conscientious effort to get the people

of the State the best Archivist obtainable.

Members of the Hall of Records Commission:-

The Governor

The State Comptroller

The Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals

The President of Johns Hopkins University
(Dr. Isaiah Bowman)

The President of the Maryland Historical Society
(Senator George L. Radcliffe)

The President of the Peabody Institute
(Dr. J. Hall Pleasants)

The President of St. Johns College
(Dr. Stringfellow Barr)

M I N U T E S:

Subsequent to the meetings of the Hall of Records' Commission on the 20th day of April, and the 9th day of May, 1939, additional applicants were interviewed, and the members expressed to the chairman that their preference stated at the meetings was unchanged, and that no meeting was necessary to the recording of their votes. In accordance with the wish of the members, therefore, the chairman on the 6th day of June, 1939, announced the appointment as archivist, of Dr. Morris L. Radoff of Baltimore, to take office on the 16th day of June, 1939.

Carroll J. Bond
Chairman

Stringfellow Bass
Secretary