

Boxes	2,767.00
Exhibition Cases, 2	360.00
Press for Repair Room, Oasis	17.60
Fiscal Year 1938-1939.	
Microfilm Reader	283.00
Photostat Camera, Recorder	1,660.00
Steel Shelves 1,000	1,450.00

No account has been taken of equipment which is usually considered general office equipment, for example, typewriters, filing cabinets for office use, etc.

PUBLIC AND PROFESSIONAL RELATIONS

As was to have been expected, the first year of operation of the Hall of Records and to a lesser extent the following two or three years found many visitors coming to inspect the building. These visitors were for the most part citizens of the State of Maryland who came to see what they had purchased with their tax money. In addition there were archivists, librarians and scholars who came to assess, to compare, and for the most part, to admire. How many there were cannot now be known except approximately. During the first year of operations there were over 4,000 visitors, a larger number than in any subsequent year. These visitors used 4,000 items, a number which on the average would indicate about 1,000 researchers. It may be guessed, therefore, that 3,000 persons came during the first year as tourists, more or less specialized.

These visits were encouraged by Dr. Robertson who had, along with an extraordinary interest in archival work, a great pride in the Hall of Records. He did much to publicize the work of the Hall in the public press and by speaking before any group which might show some interest in the matter. In addition, he prepared descriptions of the Hall of Records and its work for a good many professional and semi-professional journals (*see Bibliography*). During the first year of operations, Dr. Robertson spoke before the Maryland Historical Society, the University Club, the College Women's Club and the Navy Women's Club. The next year found him speaking, among others, to the Coin Club of Baltimore, the Rotary Club of Annapolis and the Eastern Shore Society of Baltimore City. On June 18, 1937