

to the very tangible contributions which these girls have made to the Hall of Records, they have given it an air of youth and freshness unusual in an archival establishment.

Salaries of all these temporary workers are paid by the Federal Government, but the cost of such projects is nevertheless large when considered in terms of the small budget on which the Hall operates. As sponsor of the Historical Records Survey the Hall contributed more than \$300.00 in supplies to the state office at Baltimore. In addition the number of cards, folders, boxes, shelves, typewriters and other supplies consumed at the Hall was far in excess of anything in the past. Nor is the cost to be reckoned only in the money expended. Careful supervision of such a large number of workers, all of whom are entirely inexperienced in our kind of work when they arrive, takes a good deal of the time of the permanent staff. It is our belief, however, that this price is worth paying and that we shall not regret having assumed such large financial and supervisory responsibilities.

LIBRARY

During the past year a good deal of thought was given to the small but growing library of printed materials at the Hall. All the printed books were collected in one place, no matter how they had come into the Hall. Duplicates and works not appropriate to the small reference collection which is our goal were sorted out, and where there was no obligation to keep them, they were given to other public institutions. The rest were all accessioned where this had not already been done and a typewritten card catalogue by author, title and subject was prepared. This catalogue and the library which has been entirely rearranged are now available to researchers who find such reference works necessary aids to their research in the original materials.

Prospective donors of printed materials which are not considered suitable to the Hall of Records have been urged to give their collections to the Maryland Historical Society or to one of the Baltimore Libraries which is better prepared to care for miscellaneous collections. It will, however, be the object of the Hall to increase its collection of reference works: published records, catalogues, inventories, local histories, and the like. With that object in mind the following gifts were accepted and the following purchases made: