

sored the meeting, the Archivist described the services which the Hall of Records provides for local records custodians and explained the provisions of Chapter 248, Acts of 1945. Mr. Thomas assisted the Peggy Stewart Chapter of the DAR in celebrating Maryland Day, March 25, by exhibiting some of our historical documents at their special annual meeting.

Among the distinguished visitors this year were several from similar institutions in Latin America who came to examine our plant and to study our procedures. On December 4, we were honored by the visit of Messrs. Juan Eyzaguirre Escobar of the National Archives of Chile and Manuel Carrera Stampa of the National Archives of Mexico. On April 20, Professor J. Joaquim Pardo, Director of the General Archives of Guatemala, spent the day at the Hall of Records, and he was followed on June 8 by Dr. Enrique Ortega Ricaurte, Director of the National Archives of Colombia.

The Head of the Archives division of the University of the State of New York, Mr. Henry Howard Eddy, accompanied by Captain Victor Gondos of the National Archives staff, came with the special purpose of examining our physical plant, as the State of New York is now preparing to build a separate building for its archives. In March, Mr. Randolph W. Church, Librarian, and Dr. William J. Van Schreeven, Head Archivist of the Virginia State Library, visited us. Among the members of the course in Preservation and Administration of Archives were Dr. Sidney J. Goldman, newly-appointed Archivist of New Jersey, and representatives of Colonial Williamsburg, Catholic University, Jane Addams Peace Collection and other institutions with large archival departments.

CIRCULATION

While it is plainly imperfect, circulation is a measure of sorts of the immediate value of the Hall of Records to the general public, as well as to the agencies of government who are concerned with the records deposited with us. Any archivist, therefore, is pleased to note an increasing circulation unless, as it sometimes happens, he should be a misanthropist. Prior to this year, the largest circulation for any twelve-month period was in 1940-1941 when 5,137 items were called for. The year 1941-1942, the first to reflect the impact