

for professional and clerical help. This increased demand has in turn raised wage scales which the Hall of Records has not been able to meet. We have, therefore, lost as many of our employees as we did in the first year of the war.

Miss Ruth Vermillion, who had been employed on January 1, 1945, resigned on December 15, of the same year, to accept a position in Washington. Miss Agnes Howard, who had come to the Hall of Records in June 1943, left in March 1946 to accept a position with the Maryland Court of Appeals. Mrs. Elisabeth Hartsook, who had come in April 1943, accepted a position offered by the War Department in June 1946. In July of the new fiscal year Mrs. Louise H. Pledger who had been secretary at the Hall of Records since 1943, resigned following her marriage. Miss Lulu V. Ebaugh, whose employment dates from August 1944, has indicated her intention to resign as of September 1, 1946.

The Archivist reports these resignations with the deepest concern. They cannot but affect our work seriously. Should the wage scale remain as it is, we cannot hope to retain much longer our few remaining experienced employees.

To replace Miss Vermillion we employed, in March 1946, Mrs. Lenvilla Rawlings, who has been made an assistant in the Repair Department, and during the same month Miss Martha Suit was employed in the place of Miss Agnes Howard. Two other positions are now vacant.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

With the permission of the Board of Public Works, we are carrying over into the fiscal year 1947 the sum of \$2,500.00 appropriated in the 1945 Budget Item No. 208-A. The book for which this money was reserved is now in the hands of the printer. The unexpended balance of \$45.00 reserved to meet obligations actually incurred in the fiscal year 1945, was reverted to the General Treasury on May 28, 1946 as the material for which this fund was reserved was not delivered.

General appropriations for the fiscal year 1946 totalled \$37,413.00. In addition, \$61.50 was added to Budget Item No. 3 repre-