

fited. But, since the wartime bonus which had been paid for several years was canceled at the same time the increase was granted, the net gains were minute. No other increases were received by members of the staff until June 1, 1947, when the Commissioner of State Employment authorized several changes in classification, and the Salary Standard Board granted increases in the salaries paid to some classifications already established. That this last increase came too late in the fiscal year to prevent additional resignations does not detract from its value as a reward for the members of the staff who have remained at the Hall of Records. Moreover, if, after the present inflationary period has passed, salaries and prices become stabilized at somewhere near their prewar level, the Hall of Records will be in a much better position to attract desirable workers than it ever was before.

That we have been able to carry out the program which we had set for ourselves at the beginning of the year is due almost altogether to the efforts of those members of the staff whom we have been fortunate enough to keep for many years now. In addition to the Archivist, those members of the staff with long experience who remained in their old positions are the two Assistant Archivists, Messrs. Skordas and Thomas, Mrs. Jane Moss, who is in charge of the repair room, and Mrs. Margaret White, who is in the photographic department.

How exasperating rapid changes in personnel may be is illustrated by the history of the Secretarial position during the year. This is an extremely responsible post because, in addition to typing and dictation, it demands a knowledge of all the procedures necessary to the functioning of any state office, especially those required in our business with the State Employment Commissioner, the Comptroller, the Treasurer, and the Department of Budget and Procurement. It also requires a good knowledge of bookkeeping in order to handle the exacting system prescribed by the State Auditor. All of these accomplishments must be bought for \$1,900 a year. When the year began, this position was held by Mrs. Pledger, who was a veteran of three years' service.