

of the Constitution of 1867 from a photostatic copy of the original furnished by the Hall of Records. Dr. Elwyn A. Mauck and Mrs. Janet Hoffman of the Fiscal Research Bureau were responsible for the excellent new chart of Maryland government which we substituted for the one we had prepared ourselves during the previous year. In earlier editions of the *Manual* the single General Index had contained, in addition to agencies and functions, the names of present State officers. In order to increase the usefulness of the book we retained the General Index, but in addition, we provided a Name Index which contains not only the State but also County, Municipal and Regional officers as well as all the names appearing in the historical sections.

Pictures of members of the General Assembly are always very much in demand and difficult to get. We have for a long time wanted to include photographs of our legislators in the files of the Hall of Records but in the past we have somehow always lacked the means. Last year with the cooperation of an Annapolis photographer who was willing to take the pictures and furnish a print in return for the rights to the negative, we were able to take the pictures while the General Assembly was in session. At very little cost we were able to include these pictures in the *Manual*. We also published a photograph of the members of the Court of Appeals.

Many of the historical lists of officers of Maryland as Province and State had been prepared by the late Dr. Bernard Steiner. In the course of time his lists had become corrupted by repeated printer's errors and omissions and in some few cases there were inaccuracies due to the lack of available records. We had made some corrections in our first edition but so many others were called to our attention that we decided to do the whole section over again. The new lists were compiled from the original records in our possession by Gust Skordas, Assistant Archivist. We also included for the first time a list of current publications of State agencies and the tabulated results of the legislative elections of 1946. We inadvertently omitted in both of our editions the results of the primary elections of 1948. The primary results of 1950 will appear with the tables for the general election in our next edition.

Several proposals are still under consideration. It has been suggested that we attempt to describe briefly the private agencies which receive State aid. Various members of the General Assembly have asked us to compile and publish in the *Manual* short historical sketches of the counties and the City of Baltimore. Finally, we are not sure whether the *Manual* should