

## REPAIR AND PRESERVATION

In my report to you last year I gave it as my opinion that we had reached the maximum of accomplishment in the Repair Room. This has now proved to be inaccurate. The number of pages treated during the fiscal year 1950 exceeded that of the previous year by 7,000. This excellent record may be attributed to several special circumstances. We began the year with two experienced technicians, Mrs. Moss, who retired after working half the year, and Mrs. Lincoln, who continued until June 1. On Mrs. Moss' retirement we employed Mrs. Hall who soon proved her skill in this work. Finally, Mrs. Moss has continued to give us a day every week on a voluntary basis.

A cursory examination of the list of materials repaired during the year will show that we are no longer forced to concentrate our efforts on the materials in daily use: Inventories, Accounts, Testamentary Proceedings, Wills and so forth; and that we are now able to work on the unindexed materials: Judgments, Proceedings, etc., which have needed attention for a long time. As a matter of fact, we have so far outstripped the wear and tear of use that we have prepared during this new fiscal year to begin binding many of our own materials in the Repair Room. It is hoped that by next year we shall be able to give you a good report of this new undertaking.

The following is a list in detail of the materials repaired and laminated:

Accounts	
Liber No. 26, 1748-1749.....	148 pages
Baltimore County Deeds	
R. M. No. H. S. 1659-1752, 3 vols.....	714 pages
Cecil County Inventories and Accounts	
Vol. 7, 1777-1782 .....	374 pages
Cecil County Land Records	
J. D. No. 3, 1716-1722/3.....	556 pages
Liber W. K. No. 2 Vol. 5, 1733/4-1740.....	552 pages
Vol. 7, 1748-1753 .....	560 pages
Cecil County Wills	
Liber C. C. D. D. Nos. 3 and 4, 1777-1783.....	374 pages
Charles County Wills	
Liber A. H. No. 9, 1785-1788.....	556 pages
Commission Book	
1777-1800 .....	360 pages