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## EXHIBITS, REPORTS AND REVIEWS

As its part in the ceremonies attending the inauguration of Dr. Weigle as President of St. John's College the Hall of Records prepared a special exhibit illustrating the history of the College. This exhibit, which was arranged by Miss Gardner, attracted a large number of visitors and was highly praised. It was followed by an interesting display of letterheads of the nineteenth century in the possession of the Hall of Records. Finally, on the occasion of the inauguration of Governor McKeldin we devoted part of our exhibit space to mementos of earlier inaugural ceremonies.

Mr. Thomas spoke to the National Genealogical Society at Washington April 21, 1951. His talk was in the nature of a report of the genealogical materials available at the Hall of Records and our work in preparing finding aids for the use of searchers. The Archivist described to the Trial Table of Baltimore City and County some of the most pressing county records problems. He also prepared an account of the records of the Eastern Shore, which was read for him at the Annual Meeting of the American Association for State and Local History, held June 15, 1951, at Newark, Delaware.

The Archivist reviewed *Eleanor Calvert and Her Circle* by Alice Coyle Torbert for the *William and Mary Quarterly* (April, 1951) and *Preliminary Inventory of the Records of the United States Senate* by Harold E. Hufford and Watson G. Caudill for the *American Archivist* (October, 1950). Mr. Thomas reviewed *Doctoral Dissertations in the United States* (No. 17) by Arnold H. Trotier and Marian Harman in *United States Quarterly Book List* (Vol. 7, p. 211).

## PUBLIC DOCUMENTS PROJECT

Annual and biennial reports of state agencies to the General Assembly, to the Governor or to a governing board or commission are usually printed in extremely limited editions (the annual reports of the Archivist of the Hall of Records are limited to three hundred copies plus overrun), and having served their immediate purpose are discarded. Within a few years they become extremely rare and to build up a complete set, as we are attempting to do, is a long and tedious task. We have found, however, that even our incomplete collection is most useful to us, to other agencies of the state government who have failed to preserve a full set of their own reports, to the committees of the General Assembly and to students of government and institutional history.