

of the American Historical Association for some years, made some progress in the course of the year: the General Introduction was submitted by Professor Philip A. Crowl and efforts are now being made to find a legal editor.

At its last meeting the Hall of Records Commission suggested that a volume of the early *Chancery Court Proceedings* should be published by the Hall of Records. A start on this project was delayed by the long illness and the death of Arthur Trader, Administrative Assistant in the Land Office, which is custodian of the Maryland Chancery Court records. Since that time a large portion of the seventeenth century text has been transcribed by the staff of the Hall of Records and will be submitted for comment to the members of the Hall of Records Commission at their next meeting.

The Archivist has been preparing for several years a documented history of all the state-owned buildings in Annapolis, past and present. The manuscript should be finished long before the end of the fiscal year, but no decision has been made as to the form of publication. Perhaps the subject makes it unsuitable for inclusion in our series.

REPAIR AND PRESERVATION

We had the good fortune during the past fiscal year to have no changes in the staff of the Repair Department. Nor were there any prolonged illnesses or leaves of absence. As a result we were able to repair and laminate something over two thousand pages more than in the previous year, and that year—fiscal year 1950—exceeded the accomplishment of any earlier year by 7,000 pages. It should be noted, however, that in addition to the two full-time members of the repair room staff, Mrs. Clifton Moss, who retired from the employ of the Hall of Records in December 1949, gave us one day of volunteer work each week during the year.

It is gratifying to report that we were able to devote a bare minimum of time and effort to those records which had been in the possession of the State for the longest time and which had suffered most from use—such records, for example, as those of the Probate Courts. We were free, therefore (as we had begun to be the year before), to give attention to those records of the State government which were in great need of repair but