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The number of inquiries declined slightly during the year, and this trend has been noticeable during the past three years. The reason for it is plain: the Department of Information with the cooperation of the Hall of Records has published a group of folders and brochures which supply much of the usual information asked for by school children and teachers in the elementary and secondary schools. Such inquiries now find their way, directly or indirectly, to the Department of Information and are answered simply by mailing the relevant publication. Examples of this printed material are the so-called *Flag and Flower* folder, *Maryland's Historic State House*, which also contains a picture and sketch of the Old Treasury Building, *Visit Maryland*, and so forth. What inquiries we do answer involve, therefore, more or less specialized historical and archival research and knowledge on our part. The number of responses to such inquiries during the last three years is tabulated here below:

Fiscal Year 1949.....	1,150
Fiscal Year 1950.....	1,113
Fiscal Year 1951.....	1,026

Letters came from forty-one states, the District of Columbia and four foreign countries, namely, Great Britain, Canada, Argentina and India.

ACCESSIONS

Although the vaults of the Hall of Records are now open for the storage of all manner of non-current records, we always take special pleasure in receiving "historical records," recalling as we do so that it was for this purpose more than any other that the Halls of Records was established. Records in this category came from the Register of Wills of St.