

which ran from the end of June through the middle of July 1954. On September 10, this volume was given a favorable two-column review in the *Baltimore Evening Sun*. It was written by James H. Bready, whose interest in Maryland History made it possible for him to recognize whatever new this study had contributed. Another valued review appeared in the *Maryland Historical Magazine* for September 1954. Since it was written by one of the leading authorities on Annapolis History, Professor Walter B. Norris, its general approval was especially appreciated.

*Calendar of Maryland State Papers Number 4, Part Three, The Red Books*, Publication No. 10 of the Hall of Records Commission. This volume which completed the *Red Book* series was announced in my last *Annual Report*. At that time the manuscript had been sent to the printer and it was confidently expected that the finished volume would appear within fiscal year 1955. Unfortunately, the finished book was not delivered until after the close of the fiscal year. It is listed here, though, because all the work of seeing it through the press was completed during the period covered by this report.

The *Maryland Manual* for 1955-56 was undertaken this fiscal year, but much of it could not be attempted until after the adjournment of the long session of the General Assembly of 1955. Work on the manuscript was almost completed, however, before the end of the fiscal year, and at this writing, it is in page proof and will appear certainly before the end of the calendar year 1955. It has been thoroughly checked and revised where necessary, and several new features have been added, including maps of the congressional and legislative districts of Baltimore City.

*The Courthouses and the Historical Records of Maryland Counties*, Publication No. 11 of the Hall of Records Commission, is now in preparation and the manuscript will be finished, or nearly so, by the end of the fiscal year 1956. It will be illustrated and it will serve as a practical guide to the use of early Maryland records.

*The Court Records of Prince George's County Liber A, 1696-1699*. The publication of this volume of court records was undertaken about ten years ago as a joint effort of the Hall of Records Commission and the Littleton-Griswold Committee of the American Historical Association. A transcript of the text was prepared by the Hall of Records and the historical introduction was written by Dr. Philip A. Crowl. The lack of a legal editor has delayed the appearance of the book until now. The legal editorship was assumed by Joseph H. Smith, Esq. of New York in June 1955. Mr. Smith is a practicing lawyer and a teacher of law; he is also author of *Appeals To The Privy Council From The American Plantations* (Columbia University Press, 1950). We have every reason to anticipate an excellent book. It should appear at the end of fiscal year 1956 or at the beginning of 1957.