

during the summer of 1956, Professor John C. Reed who began a revision of the *Maryland Guide* and Miss Martha M. France who acted as Mr. Reed's secretary. Mr. Reed's employment began May 21 and terminated August 31, Miss France's, June 18 to September 4.

While our staff was relatively stable during fiscal year 1956, we saw a warning for the future in the difficulty we encountered in replacing Miss Jensen. Mr. Beach and the Archivist interviewed graduating students at the University of Maryland, the University of Delaware and St. John's College without finding a single applicant for the position of Junior Archivist. It seemed incredible to us at first but we became used to the idea that the salary scale for this classification, \$3,580-\$4,295, no longer tempted even a new graduate in the arts. The Archivist feels, therefore, that we shall have to look forward to more vacancies and fewer and less qualified applicants to fill them in the new fiscal year.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

ARCHIVAL AND HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

The annual meeting of The Society of American Archivists which was held in Nashville, Tennessee, October 9-11, 1955, was attended by the Archivist, who was then serving as president of the Society, Mr. Skordas, Mr. Beach, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Caton, Mr. Wilds and Mr. Hively. The address delivered by the Archivist at this meeting appeared in *The American Archivist* (January 1956 issue), the quarterly journal of The Society of American Archivists. Mr. Beach, who was acting chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the annual report of that committee.

On the completion of his term as president, the Archivist became chairman of the Committee on Professional Standards and Training, whose membership is comprised of past presidents. During his tenure as chairman he wrote and submitted to the Council a proposal for the creation of fellows of the Society.

At the same meeting, the Assistant Archivist was appointed a member of the Program Committee and of the Committee on State Records; while the Assistant Records Administrator was made chairman of the Committee on Records Management, and a member of the Committee on Microphotography.

On July 18, 1955, Mr. Skordas and Mr. Wilds attended the annual convention of the National Association of County Recorders in Richmond, Virginia; and the Archivist and Assistant Archivist attended the annual meeting of the Society for State and Local History at Williamsburg, Virginia, September 26-27, 1955.