

those of the Diocese of Easton, which is composed of the Eastern Shore counties of Maryland. One of the most complete sets of parish records we have yet received from this Diocese came to us from St. Paul's Parish in Kent County. The Vestry Minutes date from the establishment of the parish in 1693; the Parish Register was probably begun about the same year but contains entries dated as early as 1679. The only serious gap is from 1817 to 1841 although the Register appears to be incomplete in a few other years. Stepney Parish, one of the original parishes of Somerset County, has been less fortunate in preserving its early records. We were permitted to make microfilm copies of the surviving records of this parish along with those of two offshoot parishes: Spring Hill and Salisbury. All three are now in Wicomico County. We also acquired records from the three Caroline County parishes: Holy Trinity, St. John's and St. Mary's Whitechapel, and from two Worcester County parishes: All Hallows and Worcester. We hope to have all the extant records of the Diocese by the end of the new fiscal year.

A sizable collection of original records of ten Maryland parishes that had been on deposit at the Cathedral Library of the Diocese of Washington was transferred to our custody. St. Mary's, Charles, Prince George's and Montgomery are the Maryland counties included in this Diocese. With one exception we had acquired microfilm copies of all of these originals the year before and they are listed in our *Twenty-First Annual Report*. The exception is a volume of Vestry Minutes, 1909-1934, for St. John's Parish in Prince George's and Charles Counties which is listed below.

We also listed in our *Twenty-First Annual Report* a group of records belonging to the Third Haven Meeting of the Society of Friends in Talbot County which we had been permitted to microfilm. Last year the Meeting agreed to deposit the original records in our custody and to accept microfilm copies in exchange. The single volume of the Minutes of the Ministers and Elders of the Southern Quarterly Meeting for the years 1834-1875 listed below represents the only real addition to our holdings.

Finally, we wish to express our appreciation to the many persons who contributed or deposited items to our collection of historical manuscripts. An interesting collection of papers presented by Mrs. Mary Owings Buck to the State of Maryland through the Office of Governor McKeldin has been placed in our care. It contains a letter from Frederick in 1813 by Thomas Johnson, the first state Governor of Maryland, to his granddaughter, Anne Murray Johnson. The letter refers to the War of 1812, but deals mainly with family matters.