

the Society of American Archivists was organized and Dr. Robertson was made a member of the Program Committee and chairman of the Archival Cooperation Committee.

In the course of the fiscal year 1937-1938, Dr. Robertson visited several of the leading archival establishments of Canada as well as some others in New England where he studied procedures and examined equipment. In addition, he continued the close contacts he had previously formed with the great federal institutions of related interests, especially the National Archives and the Library of Congress. Dr. Robertson also attended the second annual meeting of the Society of American Archivists which was held at Springfield, Illinois and he addressed the Allegany County Historical Association at Cumberland and the Baltimore Bar Association Luncheon Club (*Daily Record*, April 2, 1938). With the cooperation of the Repair staff he presented an exhibition of repair work at the Enoch Pratt Free Library in Baltimore.

For the fiscal year 1938-1939 there is no record of Dr. Robertson's public activities in behalf of the Hall of Records. During the year he had been made Vice President of the Society of American Archivists and was busily engaged in preparing for the meeting of that society which was scheduled to be held in Annapolis in October 1939. Dr. Robertson's death in March of that year prevented his attendance. The meeting was held, however, as scheduled.

CIRCULATION

The materials at the Hall of Records were so limited during the early years that one might have expected a small circulation. On the contrary, circulation was quite high, higher as a matter of fact than during the later years. Several explanations can be offered: these years were all years of peace as well as of depression, there was plenty of time, limitless transportation, a superabundance of graduate students in our Universities. In addition, there were in progress several major abstracting and calendaring projects carried forward by private individuals who employed small staffs to work regularly at the Hall of Records. There were also a number of such projects sponsored by the Federal Government. Some additional circulation should be attributed to the lack of finding mediums.