

The task of arranging the Testamentary Papers, begun several years ago, continued during the year. At the beginning of this period tentative arrangement had been completed for the years 1659 to 1739; this work has now been done through 1760, leaving only seventeen years of the record still untouched. The terms "tentative arrangement" are used advisedly as these materials were at one time in the past arranged partially by years and partially by size so that, as the work proceeds, documents for the earlier period are constantly being discovered. This unhappy state of affairs has prevented the numbering of the documents and, therefore, the preparation of index cards must await the completion of the last box.

The *Baltimore County Testamentary Papers*, transferred during the year, were accompanied by a booklet prepared in the office of John H. Bouse, Register of Wills for Baltimore City: *List of Original Papers, Records and Documents made Prior to April 28, 1788 Which Were Transferred to the Hall of Records Annapolis, Maryland*. Unfortunately this booklet was not indexed. However, since it was unindexed, we decided that the materials should be arranged in chronological order before a card index was prepared at the Hall of Records. During the year, the *Original Wills* and the *Accounts of Sales* were rearranged.

REPAIR AND PRESERVATION

For the period July 1, 1945 to January 1, 1946 the repair room was operated by one full-time worker and a second who assisted for one or two days a week. From January to March there was only one worker, and from March through the end of the fiscal year there were two full-time workers. The amount of work still to be done in our collection of State records is large, and with the addition of the County records, some of which are in deplorable condition, we need at least two full-time workers.

The total amount of work accomplished this year exceeds the total of last year, previously our biggest year, by over 1,400 pages. This amount of work is imposing when it is considered that some individual volumes, for example, the court records of Charles County, were in such bad condition that the pieces of each page were fitted