

Additional visitors were: John W. McCleary, Professor of History, State Teachers College, Towson; Reverend Eric McDermott, S.J., Georgetown University, Washington, D. C., historian; Delegate Richard D. Mackie, Cecil County; Delegate Daniel M. Murray, Jr., Howard County; John D. R. Platt, historian for the preservation of Independence Hall, Philadelphia; Ernst Posner, Professor of History and Government, American University, Washington; Robert W. Ramsey, Professor of History, Hollins College, Virginia, authority on the Maryland emigrants to North Carolina; Leonard Rapport, National Historical Publications Commission, and student of the ratification of the Constitution; Delegate Orlando Ridout IV, Anne Arundel County; Howard Rovelstad, Director, University of Maryland Libraries, College Park; Reverend Edwin Schell, President, Methodist Historical Society, Baltimore; Joseph H. Smith, Editor, Prince George's County Court Records, 1696-1699, and Professor in the Law School of Columbia University; William T. Stone, President, Historic Annapolis, Incorporated; Neil Swanson, feature writer of the *Baltimore News-Post*, and student of Maryland in the Civil War; Mollie Thomson, Liaison Officer at New York for the National Library of Australia; P. V. H. Weems historian of Annapolis; James H. Whyte, historian of Southern Maryland during the Civil War, Accokeek, Maryland; Mrs. Charles W. Williams, member of the Society for the Preservation of Maryland Antiquities and a Trustee of the Maryland Historical Trust, Baltimore County; Genevieve Zito, student of legal aspects of the life of Samuel Chase, University of Minnesota.

PUBLICATIONS

In my last Annual Report I expressed to you my pride—perhaps a little unbecoming pride—in the number and quality of our publications for fiscal year 1960. I was quick to add (in the same sentence) that we could not hope to duplicate that performance in the next fiscal year and this proved to be the case. The odd years seem always to be years of preparation, the even, bear fruit. What follows then is only a "progress report" but one full of promise.

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ARCHIVIST

After a fairly long testing period, the activities of any governmental agency become fixed, a certain enclave is carved out of the vast area of government where one moves with knowledge and without fear of impinging on the duties and prerogatives of others. Since annual reports