

salary scale, to the Employment Commissioner and members of the Salary Standard Board, who passed it, and finally, to the Governor, who gave his approval.

In the course of the year, microfilm copies of the records at the Hall of Records, which had been prepared with the assistance of the Library of Congress, were presented to the Huntington Library in San Marino, California, and to the British Museum through the British Embassy. (The gift was made to the British Museum instead of to the Public Record Office, as had been planned, on the advice of the Foreign Office.) Another microfilm project was begun during the year in collaboration with the Genealogical Society of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. When this project is finished it will include all the Land and Probate Records at the Hall of Records and in the Land Office as well as the Land and Probate Records of all the counties of Maryland through the year 1850. Work at the Land Office and at the Hall of Records has been completed; it is expected that the county work will begin shortly. In return for our permission to film the records and for the use of some of our equipment, the Hall of Records will be given a positive copy of the film for our use. It would, of course, be an excellent idea to film all the Land and Will records up to the present because they exist now in the county seats in unique copies. However, the Genealogical Society is not interested in the period after 1850, and the Hall of Records does not at the present time have the resources to undertake, by itself, such a large task.

I should like to call your attention to the progress which has been made in the county record program. In addition to the photostating which you will find listed in this report and the accessions already made, it is gratifying to report that negotiations for all the other county records within the period in which we are presently interested have been completed.

Respectfully submitted,

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