

The records of Augustine and Trinity Parishes had been previously microfilmed. Last year we were informed by the Reverend Herbert Leswing, Jr., Rector of both parishes that the vestries had decided to deposit the original volumes listed below.

Our first substantial acquisition of Methodist records occurred last year when, through the cooperation of the Reverend Edwin Schell, President of the Methodist Historical Society of the Baltimore Conference, we were permitted to microfilm the volumes listed below. They date back to 1799 and the Reverend Mr. Schell informs us that he knows of none earlier.

Several interesting manuscript items came to us from private sources. A volume containing the Proceedings of the Town Commissioners of Centreville for the years 1797-1876 was deposited by Mr. John Emory. The acquisition of a microfilm copy of the succeeding volume dating from 1876 to 1914 was reported in our *Twenty-Second Annual Report*.

Dr. Caleb Dorsey's map depicting the boundary lines of the original grants of land on the south side of the Severn River is a fine piece of research. It complements very nicely a similar study of the grants on the northern bank of the Severn prepared by James Moss some years ago.

Through the courtesy of Mr. William Tell Claude, we were permitted to microfilm a small parchment-covered book of accounts kept by James Brice, Treasurer of the Corporation of Annapolis. These accounts cover the period 1784-1802 and among them are a number of entries relating to the construction of a sixty by forty foot market house on the Dock begun in 1785.

A letter written by Governor John Hoskins Stone to President Washington in 1795 was presented to the State by Mr. Eben O. Finney. Governor McKeldin accepted it in behalf of the State and placed it in our custody. Written at a time when Washington was being bitterly criticized, the letter transmitted a timely declaration of "unabated reliance on the integrity, judgment and patriotism of the President of the United States" that had been adopted by the General Assembly of Maryland on November 25, 1795.

With the anniversary of the Civil War approaching, a letter presented by Mrs. E. S. Stock, Jr., assumes unusual interest. It was written by A. F. Haynes, a prisoner in the Federal prison on Johnson's Island in Ohio, to his aunt in 1864.