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Excellent progress was made during the year in the preparation of finding mediums and descriptive materials. Certain projects which we had hoped to finish in the course of the year were neglected in favor of some others which seemed more pressing and for which we were better prepared. In general, this year we favored our publication program over the preparation of house indexes.

The published items completed during the course of the year are the following:

Tenth Annual Report of the Archivist of the Hall of Records, for the Fiscal Year July 1, 1944 through June 30, 1945. These Reports are listed among the finding aids because they contain lists of accessions not otherwise accessible which supplement the printed *Catalogue* of 1942. A limited number of these *Reports* from the fifth through the tenth are available for free distribution to archival and historical institutions. The first four were never printed.

Land Office and Prerogative Court Records of Colonial Maryland. This volume is Publication No. 4 of the Hall of Records Commission series. It contains an historical essay describing the land agencies set up by the Proprietary with emphasis on the record-keeping functions of these agencies. This essay is followed by a volume-by-volume list and analysis of the records in the Land Office for the Colonial period. The Prerogative (Probate) Court records are similarly treated in the second half of this volume. These studies were prepared by Dr. Elisabeth Hartsook, a former member of the staff of the Hall of Records, and Gust Skordas, Assistant Archivist. This cloth-bound volume is for sale by the Hall of Records. Price, two dollars.

Calendar of Maryland State Papers No. 2 The Bank Stock Papers. This volume is Publication No. 5 of the Hall of Records Commission series. These papers, which deal with the recovery by the State of Maryland of the sinking fund which had been invested in Bank of England Stock to redeem the paper currency of the Province, come from the "Blue Books" of the "Rainbow" series at the Hall of Records, from the collection which was found in a safe of the Secretary of State's office several years ago and subsequently transferred to