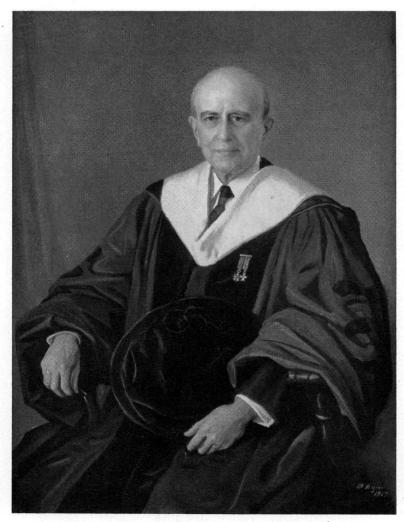


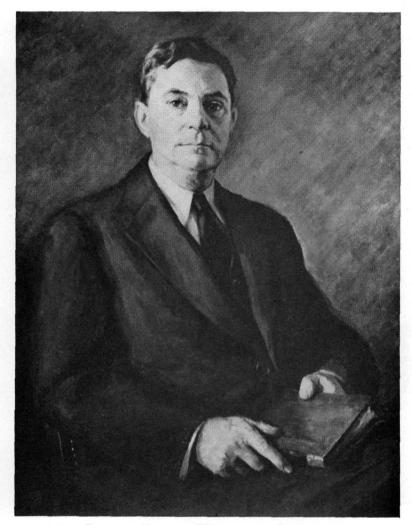
ALBERT RAY NEWSOME First President, December 29, 1936-October 13, 1939

History instructor in Georgia and Michigan, 1919-23; secretary, North Carolina Historical Commission, and editor, North Carolina Historical Review, 1926-35; professor of history and head of history department, University of North Carolina, 1935-50; also lecturer at North Carolina College for Negroes, 1940-46. Died 1951.



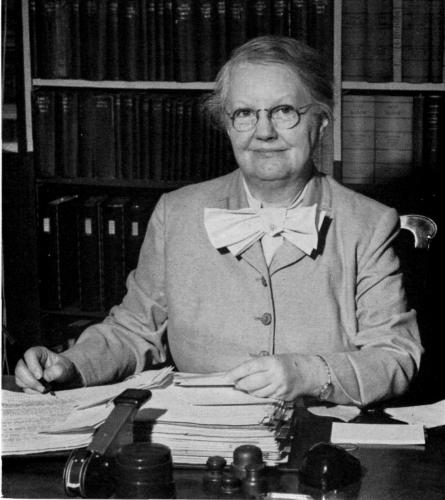
WALDO GIFFORD LELAND Second President, October 13, 1939-October 6, 1941

Staff member, Department of Historical Research, Carnegie Institution of Washington, 1903-27; director, American Council of Learned Societies, 1927-46; secretary, American Historical Association, 1909-20; president, Union Académique Internationale, 1938-47; president, International Committee of Historical Sciences, 1938-47; chairman, Executive Committee for Organization of Franklin D. Roosevelt Library, 1938-39; member and chairman, Advisory Board, National Park Service, 1935-50, and collaborator since 1950; honorary consultant, Library of Congress.



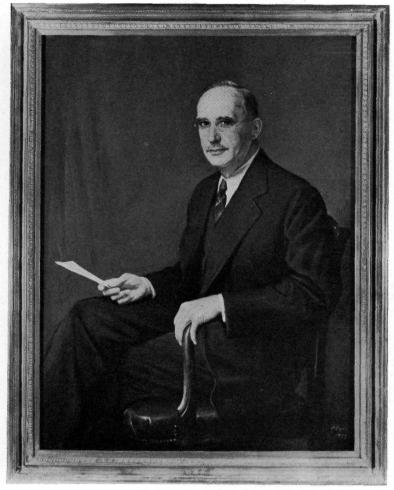
ROBERT DIGGES WIMBERLY CONNOR Third President, October 6, 1941-November 15, 1943

Teacher and school principal, North Carolina, to 1904; staff member, Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, 1904-7; secretary, North Carolina Historical Commission, 1907-21; professor of history and government, University of North Carolina, 1921-34; Archivist of the United States, 1934-41; professor of jurisprudence and history, University of North Carolina, 1941-50. Died 1950.



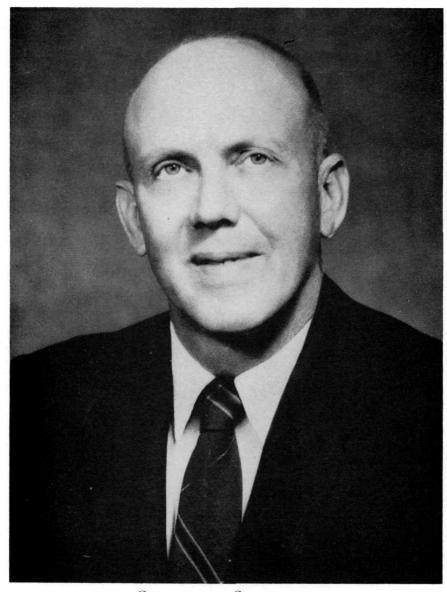
MARGARET CROSS NORTON Fourth President, November 15, 1943-November 6, 1945

Staff member, Vassar College Library, 1915-18, Indiana State Library, 1918-20, State Historical Society of Missouri, 1920-22; State Archivist of Illinois, 1922-57; chairman, Illinois State Records Commission, 1943-57; editor, *American Archivist*, 1946-48; delegate of S. A. A. to International Congress on Archives, Paris, 1950.



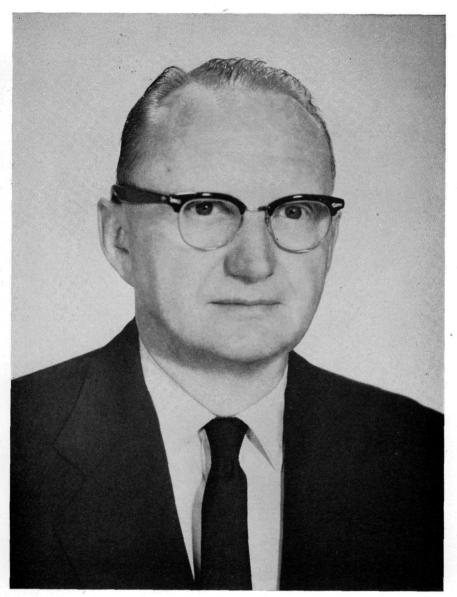
SOLON JUSTUS BUCK Fifth President, November 6, 1945-September 4, 1947

Staff member, history departments, Universities of Indiana and Illinois, 1908-14; professor, University of Minnesota, and director, Minnesota Historical Society, 1914-31; director, Western Pennsylvania Historical Survey, 1931-35; staff member, National Archives, 1935-41; Archivist of the United States, 1941-48; chief, Division of Manuscripts, and Assistant Librarian of Congress, 1948-54. U. S. representative at international congresses, 1938, and at Unesco conference organizing International Council on Archives, 1948.



CHRISTOPHER CRITTENDEN Sixth President, September 4, 1947-September 20, 1949

Instructor and assistant professor of history, University of North Carolina, 1926-35; Director, North Carolina State Department of Archives and History, and editor, North Carolina Historical Review, since 1935; on leave, 1946-47, as assistant director, World War II records project, National Archives. First president, American Association for State and Local History, 1940-42.



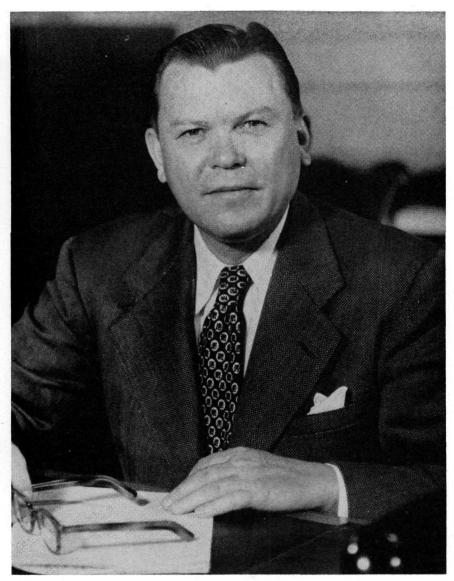
PHILIP COOLIDGE BROOKS Seventh President, September 20, 1949-October 15, 1951

Staff member, National Archives, 1935-48, 1950-53; records officer, National Security Resources Board, 1948-50; chief, Federal Records Center, San Francisco, 1953-57; Director, Harry S. Truman Library, since 1957. Records management advisor to Republic of Panama, 1954-55.



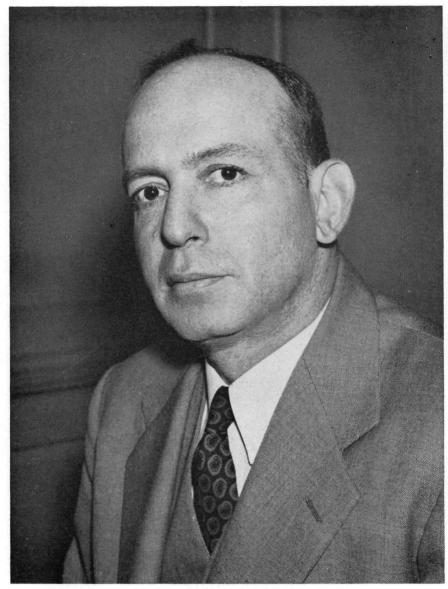
WILLIAM DAVID MCCAIN Eighth President, October 15, 1951-September 14, 1953

College teacher in Mississippi, 1930-33; fellow in history, Duke University, 1933-35; staff member, National Archives, 1935-37; Director, Mississippi Department of Archives and History, 1938-55, and professor of history, University of Mississippi, 1948-55; editor, Journal of Mississippi History, 1939-56; president, Mississippi Southern College, since 1955.



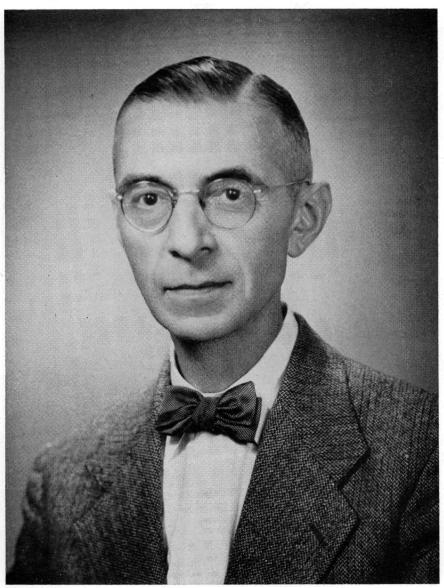
WAYNE CLAYTON GROVER Ninth President, September 14, 1953-September 13, 1954

Staff member, National Archives, 1935-41; technical assistant, Office of Strategic Services, 1941-42; chief, Records Management Branch, Office of the Adjutant General, 1943-47; Assistant Archivist of the United States, 1947-48; Archivist of the United States since 1948. Vice President for the Western Hemisphere, International Council on Archives, since 1950.



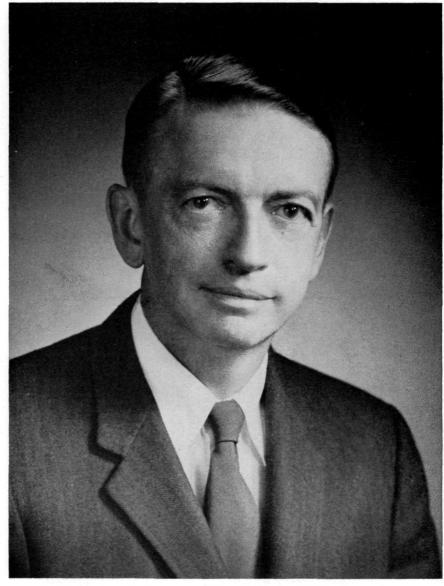
MORRIS LEON RADOFF Tenth President, September 13, 1954-October 10, 1955

Instructor, University of North Carolina and Johns Hopkins University, 1926-36; editor, Maryland Historical Records Survey, 1936-38; regional editor, Historical Records Survey, 1938-39; Archivist of Maryland since 1939. Member, Maryland Historical Trust Commission.



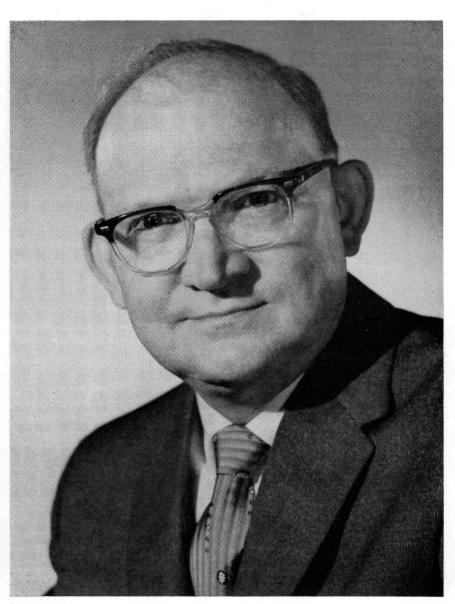
ERNST POSNER Eleventh President, October 10, 1955-October 11, 1956

State Archivist, Berlin, Germany, 1921-35, and instructor, Institute of Archival Science and Advanced Historical Studies, Berlin, 1930-35; from lecturer to professor of history and archives administration, American University, 1939-61; dean, Graduate Division, 1945-47; director, School of Social Sciences and Public Affairs, 1947-55; dean, Graduate School, 1955-57. Delegate of S. A. A. to International Congress on Archives, Stockholm, 1960.



LESTER JESSE CAPPON Twelfth President, October 11, 1956-October 3, 1957

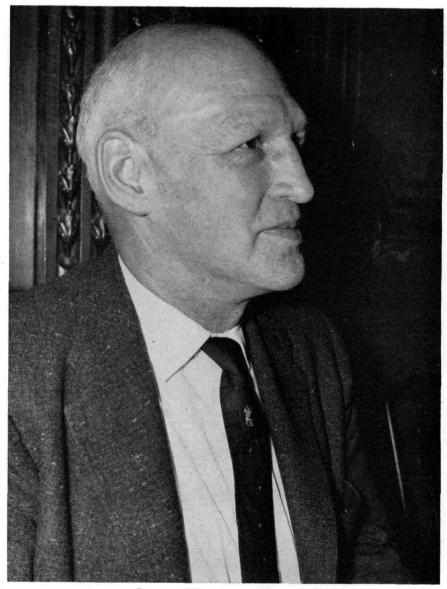
Research associate, Institute for Research in the Social Sciences, University of Virginia, 1926-30, archivist and assistant professor of history, 1930-45; Archivist, Colonial Williamsburg, Inc., 1945-52; editor of publications, Institute of Early American History and Culture, Williamsburg, 1945-55, Director since 1955.



WILLIAM DANIEL OVERMAN Thirteenth President, October 3, 1957-August 18, 1958

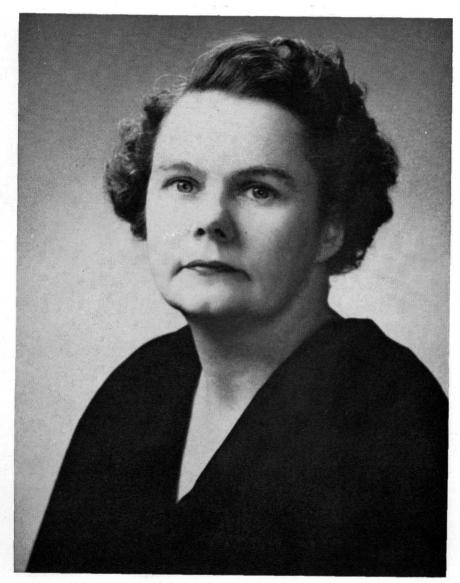
High school history teacher in Ohio, 1926-29; professor of history, Waynesburg College (Pa.), 1931-34; curator of history and archivist, Ohio State Historical Society, 1934-43; Director, Archives and Library, Firestone Tire and Rubber Co., since 1943.

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OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES Fourteenth President, August 18, 1958-October 7, 1959

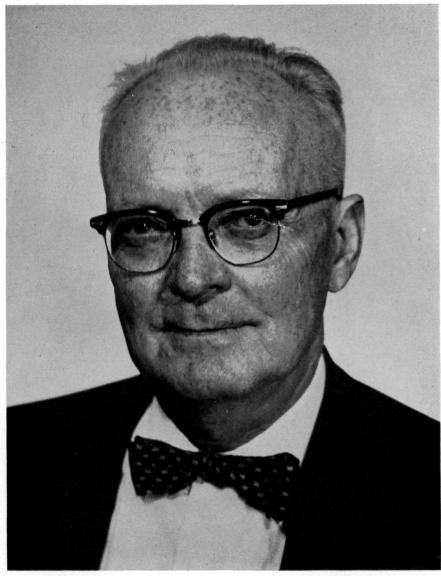
Research assistant, New York Public Library, 1926-28; editorial assistant, *Encyclopaedia Britannica*, 1928-29, and Columbia University Press, 1929-30, 1931-34; staff member, National Archives, since 1938, Chief Archivist, Social and Economic Records Division, since 1960. Delegate of S. A. A. to International Congress on Archives, Paris, 1950.



MARY GIVENS BRYAN Fifteenth President, October 7, 1959-October 6, 1960

Staff member, Georgia State Department of Archives and History, 1934-49, acting director, 1950; State Archivist and Director, Department of Archives and History, since 1951. Chairman, Committee on State Records, S. A. A., 1954-57; secretary, Georgia Civil War Centennial Commission, 1959-60.

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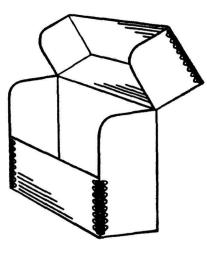
Sixteenth President, October 6, 1960-October 6, 1961

Research assistant, War Trade Board, 1918-19; professor of history, University of Chattanooga, 1919-20; associate professor and professor, University of Tennessee, 1920-35; staff member, National Archives, 1935-51; Executive Director, National Historical Publications Commission, since 1951.

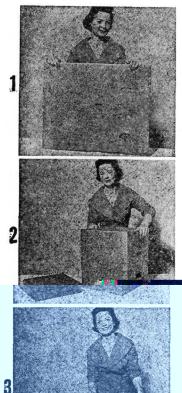
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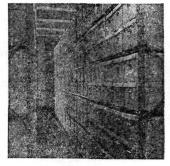
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THE SOCIETY OF AMERICAN ARCHIVISTS Announces Its 25th ANNUAL MEETING Kansas City, Missouri

October 5-7, 1961

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Philip C. Brooks Director Harry S. Truman Library Independence, Missouri

Program Committee Chairman:

Karl L. Trever Special Assistant to the Archivist of the United States National Archives and Records Service Washington 25, D. C.

WINTER MEETING

JOINT LUNCHEON Society of American Archivists and American Historical Association

December 28, 1961

Washington, D. C.

Robert H. Bahmer, presiding W. Kaye Lamb, speaker "The Archivist and the Historian"

Tickets for the luncheon should be purchased at one of the A. H. A. reservation desks (at the Shoreham or the Sheraton-Park Hotel) as soon as possible after arrival in Washington.

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DOROTHY HILL GERSACK, Editor

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SOCIETY OF AMERICAN ARCHIVISTS

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Meeting-25th Anniversary

Particulars about the Society's 25th annual meeting, to be held in Kansas City, Mo., October 5-7, 1961, are being furnished Society members by mail from the secretary's office. Up to September 20 reservations should be sent to Dolores C. Renze, Secretary, S. A. A., 332 State Services Building, 1525 Sherman, Denver 3, Colo.; after September 20 they should be sent to Philip C. Brooks, Chairman, Local Arrangements Committee, S. A. A., attention of James R. Fuchs, Harry S. Truman Library, Independence, Mo.

The State Records Committee will have an open meeting and dinner for all interested Society members on the evening of October 4. That committee is developing exhibits, for display at Kansas City, representative of State archival programs. Other committees planning open meetings include the Committees on Church Records and Business Records.

Winter Luncheon Meeting

The Society will hold its 1961 winter luncheon meeting in Washington, D.C., on December 28, during the annual meeting of the American Historical Association. Robert H. Bahmer will preside as 1961-62 president. The luncheon address, "The Archivist and the Historian," will be given by W. Kaye Lamb, Dominion Archivist of Canada and a member of the Council of the Society. Members of the Society are warned that no other notice will be given them of this meeting and that they should plan to make their reservations in due course through the local arrangements committee of the American Historical Association. See display announcement on opposite page.

NEW MEMBERS

INDIVIDUAL: Donald C. Anthony, Albany, N. Y.; Sister Mary Augustine, Sylvania, Ohio; Sister M. Clarice, O. S. F., Springfield, Ill.; Sara S. Cleckner, Harrisburg, Pa.; Kenneth C. Cramer, Hanover, N. H.; Robert H. Lando, Alexandria, Va.; Cenia B. McNairy, Annapolis, Md.; William H. Monagan, Washington, D. C.; Sandra D. Wainhouse, Milton, Mass. INSTITUTIONAL: Nassau Museum, Long Island, N. Y.

COMMITTEES

Committee on Labor Union Records

Paul Lewinson, chairman, and Morris Rieger have completed their survey of labor union records in the United States. Their report, submitted to the Society president on June 19, will be published in our January 1962 issue. The annotated tabulation with which the report concludes gives such data about union records, down through the State federation level, as could be elicited from a questionnaire submitted by the committee to unions late in 1960.

Committee on Church Records

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There follows a report, somewhat abridged from minutes prepared by Elizabeth Kieffer, secretary pro tem, of the open meeting of the committee at Boston, Mass., on October 5, 1960. The Rev. August R. Suelflow, committee chairman, presided at this meeting, which was held in conjunction with the 24th annual meeting of the Society.

The committee discussed its progress toward its four basic objectives as determined at its first session:

1. To serve as an advisory committee in the total area of church records in America.

The question was raised as to whether we should give advice only on records or on museum collections and libraries as well. There was general agreement with a remark made at the morning session, by Fr. Varieur, that chalices, church furnishings, rare editions of doctrinal works, religious paintings, etc., *are* church archives. More controversial was the question whether we should offer to help the curator of archives of an individual congregation, or a small organization within a denomination, or whether we should work through the official depository of the denomination's archives, and let the information filter to individuals. The latter approach seemed to have majority approval.

2. To discover mutual problems, developments, and prospects in the field of church records.

The directory of church archives depositories proposed at the Philadelphia meeting in 1959 was discussed in detail. Some members had already sent in the information for their denominations. The problem now raised was how to reach the denominations not before represented and how to discover the whereabouts of the smaller "disorganized" archives. Members of the committee volunteered their help with certain denominations for which the directory had no information. The information desired is a brief description of holdings, with inclusive dates; any regulations on access; and the denominations included.

In the course of the discussion, Dr. Sonne gave an account of the directory of seminary libraries now being compiled by the American Theological Library Association (projected date of publication, 1961). It was agreed that our directory should supplement and in no way overlap this compilation. The matter of an exchange medium was discussed, and it was agreed that we should request a page in the American Archivist. Dr. Gingerich consented to compile information for such a page, and members present promised to send him any suitable news items.

3. To survey and study issuances on church records.

Dr. Suelflow reported that the bibliographical service, Mabel Deutrich, compiler, had received no reports of any items in this field. He reiterated that what was wanted was items of technical nature, excluding raw material, congregational publications, lists of resources, etc. Each denomination should send in its own publications. The discussion then turned to Dr. Gingerich's paper on the preparation of a manual for church archivists. The committee agreed to urge the editor of the *American Archivist* to publish this excellent outline.

4. To interest groups and individuals in the general movement for the preservation and administration of church archives.

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The first question discussed in this field was how to coordinate the work of the advisory committee of the Society with our individual needs; *e.g.*, how to put a person considering the erection of a church archives building in touch with the findings of the Society's Committee on Archival Buildings and Equipment. The National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections was briefly discussed. Almost all present reported that they were aware of the project, and many were already cooperating. On a proposal for area meetings of church archivists no action was taken.

The problem of cooperation between church historians and church archivists was raised, and it was suggested that the committee discuss this at some meeting of the church historians' group. It was also suggested that there should be closer cooperation between our committee and the Council of the Society, and that we request that a representative be appointed to work with the Council.

Referring to information that a number of secular depositories, such as the Maryland Hall of Records, have large collections of church records, it was suggested that an effort be made, perhaps through a request in the *American Archivist*, to discover their location and holdings.

In conclusion, the chair called for a criticism of the workshop held at the morning session of the Society. The consensus was that the title is misleading, and that such sessions should either become real workshops or be called panel discussions. The shortness of the time allowed was again deplored, and it was agreed to request longer sessions at the Kansas City meeting.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

International Visual Communications Congress

The fifth annual International Visual Communications Congress will be held at the Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles, December 2-5. The congress is jointly sponsored by the Society of Reproduction Engineers, the American Institute for Design and Drafting, and the American Records Management Association. Information about the congress may be had from John E. Sedan, 18465 James Couzens Highway, Detroit 35, Mich.

American Military Institute

Persons desiring to attend or to obtain information about the institute's seminar on the Civil War, November 3-4, should address the American Military Institute, 511 11th St. N. W., Washington 4, D. C. Besides the speakers mentioned in our July issue, Robert Langdon (U. S. Naval Academy) will speak on "A Century of Civil War Naval Literature" and Henry P. Beers (National Archives) on "Archival and Manuscript Sources for the History of the Confederate Navy."

ACADEMIC INSTRUCTION

Graduate School, U. S. Department of Agriculture

Courses being offered this fall include "Records Management Procedure" (Dorothy M. Luttrell and Robert H. Lando), "Reports and Forms Management" (Edward J. Lewis and William B. Rice), "Government Letter Writing" (Lucile N. Boyd), and "Management of Directives Systems" (C. E. Wylie).

American University

A new course, "The Arrangement and Classification of Documents and Records" (Marie Charlotte Stark and Dorothy Hill Gersack), is being offered this fall. It covers principles of classification, standard systems for arranging and coding case and subject files and documents series, and rules for alphabetizing proper names. There will be a second-semester companion course, "The Indexing of Documents and Records."

NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS SERVICE

Herman Kahn, Director of the Franklin D. Roosevelt Library since 1948, has been appointed Special Assistant to the Archivist of the United States. He will assist the Archivist in administering the Presidential libraries. He has been succeeded as Director of the Roosevelt Library by Elizabeth Drewry, who has been on the staff of the National Archives since 1936, recently as Chief of the Records Retirement Branch of the Office of Records Management.

National Archives

Among recent accessions are records of the Office of the Administrator, Agricultural Research Administration, 1942-53, concerning the policies, problems, and results of the major scientific research programs of the Department of Agriculture; records of the Office of the Secretary of the Interior, 1917-59, including office files of Oscar L. Chapman, 1933-53, as Assistant Secretary, Under Secretary, and Secretary, records of the Program Staff, 1947-53, which assisted the Secretary in formulating and implementing policies and programs of the Department, and records of the Office of Land Utilization; the central files of the National Institutes of Health and their predecessors, 1915-51; and certain labor-management dispute mediation case files of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, 1948-54, selected because of their importance or their representative nature. I A detailed catalog of an exhibit entitled United States Scientific Geographical Exploration of the Pacific Basin. 1783-1899 has been published. The exhibit, consisting largely of reproductions of documents in the National Archives, was prepared for the Tenth Pacific Science Congress, meeting in Honolulu August 21 through September 6. Also recently published are two more circulars in a series designed to eliminate or shorten replies to certain types of reference letters: Age and Citizenship Records in the National Archives and Genealogical Records in the Na-Study of War Documents has prepared and the National Archives has published the following additional guides to German records microfilmed at Alexandria, Virginia: no. 26, Records of Reich Office for Soil Exploration; no. 27, Miscellaneous SS Records: Einwandererzentralstelle, Waffen-SS, and SS-Oberabschnitte; no. 28, Records of the Reich Ministry for the Occupied Eastern Territories, 1041-45; and no. 29, Records of Headquarters. German Army High Command (Part II).

Among microfilm publications recently completed are Records of the Department of State Relating to Internal Affairs of Germany, 1910-29 (182 rolls); to Internal Affairs of Montenegro and to Political Relations Between the United States and Montenegro, 1910-29 (2 rolls); to Political Relations Between the United States and Germany, 1910-29 (4 rolls), and Between

Germany and Other States, 1910-29 (4 rolls); and to Political Relations Between Mexico and Other States, 1910-29 (2 rolls). Also completed are the Compiled Service Records of Confederate Soldiers Who Served in Organizations Raised Directly by the Confederate Government (123 rolls) and of Confederate General Staff Officers and Nonregimental Enlisted Men (275 rolls); the Unfiled Papers and Slips Belonging in Confederate Compiled Service Records (442 rolls); the Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Soldiers Who Served During the Mexican War in Mormon Organizations (3 rolls); the 1960 volume of the Federal Register (7 rolls); the Report Books of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, 1838-81 (38 rolls); and the Domestic Letters of the Department of State, 1784-1906 (171 rolls). The Miscellaneous Letters Received by the Secretary of the Navy, 1807-84, have been microfilmed through I More than 80 pamphlets have been issued describing the contents 1861. of individual microfilm publications. Of special significance is the 55-page pamphlet that accompanies the microfilm publication of the Continental Congress Papers, which contains background information on the papers as well as a detailed description of each of the 204 rolls on which the records have been microfilmed.

Additional information about the microfilm and copies of the publications may be obtained from the Exhibits and Publications Branch, National Archives, Washington 25, D. C.

Franklin D. Roosevelt Library

The Library has received the papers, 1894-1957, of the late John Ihlder, Executive Director of the National Capital Housing Authority from 1934 to 1952. The papers reflect Ihlder's lifelong interest and accomplishment in the fields of low-cost housing and city and regional planning and relate to most aspects of public and civic affairs in the District of Columbia during the past 30 years. Some 83,000 pages of correspondence and related materials are open for research. Also received was Ihlder's private library on housing, with emphasis on low-cost public housing in both Europe and the United States.

Harry S. Truman Library

The Library has recently acquired papers of James E. Webb, representing his service as Director of the Bureau of the Budget and Under Secretary of State and his other professional activities; John M. Redding, former Government official, publicity director of the Democratic National Committee, and author of *Inside the Democratic Party*; Frieda B. Hennock, former member of the Federal Communications Commission; Stanley Andrews, former Administrator of the Technical Cooperation Administration; and James Boyd, former Director of the Bureau of Mines and Defense Minerals Administrator. Inquiries about access to these and other papers in the Library should be addressed to the Director. Carants-in-aid to scholars for research have been issued by the Harry S. Truman Library Institute to eight persons in 1961. Applications for such grants should be sent to the Director of the Library before October 1 and April 15 of each year.

Office of Records Management

Holdings of the Federal Records Centers have now reached nearly 7,000,000 cubic feet. Included are 900,000 cubic feet of records at the former Department of Defense Military Personnel Records Center at St. Louis, which was taken over by the National Archives and Records Service on July 1, 1960. (A recently developed workshop on source-data automation has been given to personnel in agency paperwork management and will shortly become a part of the formal NARS workshop program. (A survey of Veterans Administration hospital clinical records has been completed, and proposals have been made for a new directive system for the Federal Aviation Agency. Besides surveys in progress in the Washington area, 13 agencies are receiving survey assistance in their various regional offices. (A study on *Records Disposition and Magnetic Tape* has been completed by Richard A. Jacobs. It is a preliminary exploration of legal and other considerations pertaining to the use and disposition of tape used in electronic-data processing.

Office of the Federal Register

The 1961-62 edition of the United States Government Organization Manual, revised as of June 1, 1961, has been published and is for sale for \$1.50 by the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

The Manuscript Division has received about 6,000 papers of John Archer Lejeune, including biographical materials, files of General Lejeune's speeches and articles, and correspondence, 1893-1942, covering his service in the Spanish-American War and World War I and as commander of the Marine Corps (1920-29) and his later superintendency of the Virginia Military Institute. • Other recent accessions are some 23,000 papers of Minnie Maddern Fiske, famous American actress, including correspondence, playbills, prompt books, photographs, and related materials that give a vivid picture of the American theater from the post-Civil War years to about 1930; and 2,000 papers of American artist George Biddle, consisting of a series of sketchbooks and correspondence including letters relating to murals in public buildings. **(**An addition (ca. 7,000 pieces) to the papers of James Michener contains manuscripts of articles, the manuscript of his book on Japanese Prints, and correspondence, 1954-55 and 1959-60, including some with his publishers, producers, "fans," and critics.

STATE AND LOCAL NEWS

Alaska

The Library of Congress reports in its Information Bulletin (June 19, 1961) that Senator E. L. Bartlett's bill, S. 1644, to provide for arranging, transliterating into Latin characters, indexing, and microfilming the records of the Russian Orthodox Greek Catholic Church in Alaska (in the collections

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of the Library of Congress) was passed by the Senate on June 16. These records, a major source of vital statistics for the area, were removed from Alaska to the New York headquarters of the church in 1940 and were later transferred to the Library of Congress. The bill directs the Librarian, subject to certain restrictions, to make available at reasonable cost copies of the index and microfilm and authorizes an appropriation not to exceed \$15,000.

Arizona

George E. Warren, formerly of the Colorado State Archives, became State Archivist of Arizona in September. He will work with Alice Good, Director of the Arizona State Library and Archives.

California

The State Historical Society has received the archives of H. Liebes & Co., San Francisco furriers for almost a century. **(Lyle R. Clark, consultant for** Bekins Business Records Center, Los Angeles, has won the annual education award of the Record Management Association of Southern California. This award, for outstanding work in the field of records management, was given to Mr. Clark for his master's thesis, "A Course of Study on Records Management."

Colorado

A ruling by the State Supreme Court on the Colorado Rules of Procedure requiring each clerk of a county or district court to "keep a book" states that a "book" can take many forms and a roll of microfilm can be a "book." ¶State Archivist Dolores C. Renze spent the month of July in Alaska on a busman's holiday as consultant on a microfilm installation. ¶New staff members of the Division of State Archives and Public Records are Alvin L. Smith, Jr., Elizabeth McF. Graham, and William F. Marina. Joaquim Alberto Iria, Director of the Arquivo Histórico Ultramarino at Lisbon, Portgual, visited the division on May 8. The visit was arranged by the International Education Council.

Delaware

Friends of the John Dickinson Mansion aided in the purchase of a valuable collection of Dickinson letters recently found in England. Leon deValinger, Jr., soon after his appointment as editor of the Dickinson papers, inquired of the dealer who offered them for sale; and by return mail he received the entire collection. **(**Records of the Delaware Railroad, 1847-1944, are now in the Hall of Records, Dover. **(**The University of Delaware Library has acquired the diplomatic papers, 1932-47, of the late George S. Messersmith, former Ambassador to Uruguay, Austria, Mexico, and Argentina; American Consul in Berlin, 1930-34; and Assistant Secretary of State, 1937-40. The papers include copies of letters and of confidential, secret, and top secret despatches to succeeding Secretaries of State, and Messersmith's lengthy notes for his projected memoirs. **(**During the first week of July the Longwood Library was removed from Longwood Gardens, near Kennett Square, Pa., to Greenville, near Wilmington, Del., where it was combined with the Hagley Museum Library to become the Eleutherian Mills Historical Library. Charles W. David continues as its director.

Georgia

Construction of the 14-story State Archives Building will begin in November.

Illinois

The June 1961 issue of Illinois Libraries contains articles by six of our Society's members: "Records Responsibility at State and Local Levels," by Theodore J. Cassady; "Microphotography, a Service of Records Management," by John T. Caton; "Methods and Procedures," by Virginia Lake; "Archives in Randolph County, a Revised Inventory," by Marguerite J. Pease; "The Name Index," by Emma M. Scheffler; and "Modern Book Papers," by Wallace R. Bulpitt. We are reminded by this excellent issue of Illinois Libraries to acknowledge the kind permission of its editor to use, in the present issue of the American Archivist, the photograph of Margaret C. Norton that appeared originally on the cover of *Illinois Libraries* (Apr. 1957). Indeed, the Baptist Theological Seminary, Chicago, has purchased the Susan V. Russell library of 75 tape recordings of sermons by outstanding contemporary preach-¶ St. Procopius College, Lisle, has acquired 6,000 items of Lincolniana, ers. including 2,500 books and pamphlets; 1,200 prints, photographs, and litho-**The** graphs; and clippings, letters, documents, sheet music, and sculpture. WGN (radio station) music collection-about 2,700 titles of special orchestral parts, vocal scores, and other items-is now available in the University of Illinois Library.

Indiana

Thomas T. McAvoy, C. S. C., archivist and curator of the manuscript collections of the University of Notre Dame, returned in May after seven months in Europe, where he collected microfilm copies of materials on American Catholic history. Photographed from the archives of the Sacred Congregation of the Propaganda, the records generally include all documents concerning what is now the United States from 1622 to 1861. American materials were also copied in several other collections in Rome. Positive copies of these materials will be made available to all qualified scholars. A calendar of the Propaganda materials, being prepared under the direction of Antonine Tibesar, O. F. M., of the Academy of American Franciscan History, will be published within two years. Father McAvoy contributes an article in this issue.

Michigan

Bernice Sprenger has been named assistant chief of the Detroit Public Library's Burton Historical Collection, of which James Babcock is chief. The State Historical Commission, Lansing, has published an 8-page Guide to Photographic Resources in the Michigan Historical Commission Archives. Letters from the manuscript collection of the University of Michigan's William

NEWS NOTES

L. Clements Library have been edited and arranged by Howard H. Peckham, director, in a sound-recorded narrative, "Voices of the American Revolution." Included are excerpts from the correspondence of Washington, Franklin, Hamilton, and John Adams, and the British generals Cornwallis, Burgoyne, and Howe. A few copies of the disk recordings are still available from the library.

Minnesota

The Historical Society is seeking materials to document aviation history in the State—manuscripts, personal recollections, pictures, artifacts, and publications.

Mississippi

The Old Capitol Restoration and State Historical Museum in Jackson was dedicated on the birthday of Jefferson Davis, June 3, in ceremonies in the historic House of Representatives, Old Capitol.

Missouri

The Concordia Historical Institute distributed in June the Minutes and Reports of the Sixth Archivists' and Historians' Conference of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. The conference was held at the institute in St. Louis, October 25-26, 1960 (see American Archivist, 24: 117). UVritings of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders in libraries and private collections in Europe are being microfilmed by the Institute for Reformation Research, St. Louis. Security copies are stored in an underground depot in the Rocky Mountains. For articles describing this project, launched in 1957, and the Knights of Columbus Vatican Film Library project at St. Louis University, see Library Trends (Oct. 1960). USt. Louis has recently established a centralized archival library to house the archives of the city. The older records are being microfilmed for use and security. Additional information may be had from Joseph J. Backers, Engineer in Charge, Microfilm Section, 1 City Hall, 1200 Market Street, St. Louis 5.

New York

A collection of Hebrew manuscripts on microfilm (750 rolls) is now available at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York City. The microfilming, begun in 1953 and now about a third complete, should be finished in 1966. According to Vice Chancellor Simon Greenberg, the collection will include all known manuscripts in the field. **(**Pascal Marie Varieur, O. F. M., St. Francis Friary, New York City, author of an article in this issue, discussed archives at the annual convention of the Franciscan Conference of the Catholic Library Association in April at St. Louis. **(**A special dispatch to the *New York Times* (May 14) from Roslyn, L. I., reported the problem of three youths searching for a partner who could provide storage space for a 25-ton "white elephant," the music library of the old Roxy Theater in New York. It was reported to consist of all the scores used by the theater in its 33 years of existence. **(**Harold Dean Cater, executive director of Sleepy Hollow Res-

torations, a Rockefeller-endowed corporation that is restoring historic sites in the Hudson Valley, has found the shipping records of the Port of New York, 1699-1765, in the Public Record Office, London. I Richard Rutter writes in the *New York Times* (June 25, 1961) about the Pioneer Business Records Center, which has five strategically situated centers in Manhattan and Brooklyn to serve some 500 clients. I New York University has published, at \$10 each, the first two of four projected volumes of the extant correspondence of Walt Whitman, edited by Edwin Haviland Miller, University of Tennessee.

North Carolina

David Leroy Corbitt, a Fellow of the Society, retired on June 30 after 37 years of service on the staff of the Department of Archives and History. His professional career was summarized in an article in *Carolina Comments* (July 1961).

Oregon

The Historical Society has received a collection of rare photographs by Joseph Buchtel, made between 1853 and 1885. The society already had several dozen Buchtel photographs, showing "the great August fire of 1873, the flood of 1876, and the Portland baseball team of 1866." More records, added to the society's Seufert marine collections, give details about the "China crews" employed in company work and many aspects of life in Oregon during the last hundred years.

Pennsylvania

Ground was broken at Valley Forge on May 1 for a new American Freedom Center and the Sears Library of Free Enterprise, which will make available sources and other materials for those "seeking to interpret the American way of life."

Rhode Island

Brown University has issued a commemorative catalog of the exhibition at the John Hay Library in honor of the centennial of John Hay's graduation in 1858, under the title *The Life and Works of John Hay*. This catalog of the selection of Hay's letters, photographs, and manuscripts is available from the library at \$2.

Tennessee

Dan M. Robison, head of the State Library and Archives since 1949, retired on July I. He was succeeded by his assistant, William T. Alderson, Jr. The same day marked the retirement of Robert T. Quarles, Jr., Director of the Archives Division. He was succeeded by Walter L. Jordan, senior archivist since 1956; and Paul H. Murphy succeeded Jordan as senior archivist. The University of Tennessee Library has received the materials on President Andrew Johnson collected by the late St. George Sioussat for a definitive biography. The gift includes manuscripts, notes, articles, and books.

NEWS NOTES

According to an article by Henry A. Smith in the *Deseret News* (Apr. 28, 1961) the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints plans two new buildings to be begun in the spring of 1962. The new Archives Building, on the northeast corner of Main and North Temple Streets, will be a 15-story and basement structure, with 413,000 square feet of floor space. The other new building is a genealogical research center, to house the Genealogical Society of the church, including the Temple archives and the expanding research library of the society. This circular building, on the northwest corner of Redwood Road and 21st South Street, will contain four large microfilm reading rooms to be equipped with more than 800 reading machines. The genealogical research center will be the only one of its kind in the world and will facilitate the research and recordkeeping of this church activity. The building will include a 1,000-seat auditorium and provide 258,540 square feet of floor space on two full floors and part of a third floor. A huge parking area will be provided on the 27-acre lot.

Vermont

The Civil War Centennial Committee, Montpelier, has completed four more microfilm publications of Civil War papers: letters of Marshall St. Germain of Fairfield, 1862-63; letters of Azra D. Noyes of Chittenden, 1861-62 and 1864; letters, 1861-65, with a hospital diary, Apr. 28-May 18, 1863, of D. D. Priest of Mt. Holly; and memoirs of N. P. Perkins of White River, not written until 1903. The State senate has approved a bill appropriating \$2,500 for the study of installing museum facilities at the Calvin Coolidge Homestead in Plymouth (see *American Archivist*, 23: 125).

Virginia

West Virginia

Charles Shetler, curator of the West Virginia collection at the University of West Virginia, announces the receipt of letters and records relating to the Ohio River steamboat traffic, 1877-1939; papers, 1856-1917, of Jewett Palmer, Ohio Republican, including records of the 18th and 36th Ohio Regiments in the Civil War; papers, 1896-1954, of William W. Trent, State superintendent of free schools; records of the West Virginia Labor Federation, AFL-CIO, 1940-46; papers, 1937-44, of Gov. Homer Adams Holt; papers, 1858-1943, of Anna Jarvis, originator of Mother's Day; archives, 1947-58, of the college of agriculture of the university; and additional papers, 1862-1900, of former U. S. Senator Waitman T. Willey. Microfilmed records received include journals of the Parkersburg Town Council, 1826-74; papers, 1833-1900, of Isaac Tipton Reneau, a Kentucky physician, schoolteacher, bookseller, and traveling evangelist; records of churches in Martinsburg and Parkersburg and in Connellsville and Uniontown, Pa.; records of boards of education in Berkeley and Hardy Counties; and 17 scrapbooks, 1900-1954, of Matthew M. Neely, former Governor and U. S. Senator.

Wisconsin

Maynard J. Brichford, records management supervisor in the State's Department of Administration, informs us that the records and systems staff is responsible for systems analysis, space management, and administrative issuances. As the agency for the Wisconsin Committee on Public Records, the staff maintains inventory control records on some 3,000 of the State's estimated 10,000 records series, writes most records retention schedules, and is responsible for an essential records program. In the first 18 months the staff scheduled 534 series of records (4,790 feet), only 167 feet of which, from 39 series, are scheduled for transfer to the State Archives. The staff has issued an *Administrative* Practice Manual and a departmental Policy and Procedures Manual and has conducted an active training program. The staff controls the Department of Administration's forms, provides advisory forms management services to 20 other agencies, and reviews and approves space allocations, layouts, and utilization. The staff has assisted 23 agencies in space studies and devotes nearly half its time to space planning, allocation, and utilization in the office building program, which will provide a million square feet of usable space by 1964. The capacity of the records centers in the State Office Building and the Capitol manuscripts librarian at the State Historical Society, writes of the manuscripts collected by the society since 1850 in History News (Apr. 1961). **G**lenn E. Thompson, assistant director of the State Historical Society, announces the accession of the papers, 1892-1932, of Michael V. O'Shea, covering education and child psychology; and of David C. Everest, consisting of correspondence, 1919-55, relating to the Marathon [Paper] Corp., the Ontonagon Fibre Corp., and other businesses. Additions to the McCormick collection include 410 volumes of payroll and factory ledgers, 1898-1949, from the McCormick, Deering, and Keystone Works of the International Harvester Co.; and American Federation of Labor papers, including correspondence of Samuel Gompers chivist for the South Wisconsin district and district representative of Concordia Historical Institute since 1946, died on May 14, at Milwaukee.

Wyoming

Lola M. Homsher, Director of the State Archives and History Department and member of this Society, won the 1960 Spur award of the Western Writers of America in the nonfiction category for her book *South Pass*, 1868, published by the University of Nebraska Press.

FOREIGN NEWS

Brazil

The third Congress on Library Science and Documentation, held in Curitiba, January 8-15, resolved that library schools should include documentation in their training curriculum and that Brazil opposes the separate training of librarians and documentalists. Among the themes for the fourth congress, probably to be held at Fortaleza Ceará in July 1962, are "archivistics" and "training of the librarian documentalist."

Canada

The autographed letters by every Canadian Prime Minister since Confederation exhibited in Douglas Library, Queen's University, Kingston, to mark the reopening of the 24th Parliament in Ottawa, attracted so much attention that the library has published in *Douglas Library Notes* (Dec. 1960) the texts of 7 of the 13 letters.

Denmark

A special dispatch from Copenhagen to the New York Times, filed on May 5, reports that 700 students marched that day to the Danish Parliament to protest the proposed transfer of early Icelandic manuscripts that have been in the Copenhagen University for nearly 300 years. The 1,740 manuscripts involved were willed to the University by Arni Hagnusson (1663-1729), who became a professor at Copenhagen University, at that time also the University of Iceland. Iceland requested the return of the collection in 1924, 1930, 1938, and after World War II. The Danish government commission that studied the question from 1947 to 1951 arrived at seven different conclusions, but on April 28 the Minister of Education submitted a bill to legalize the transfer. The transfer is opposed on the grounds that Copenhagen is the natural center for the study of ancient Nordic history, and that the documents would not have survived had they not been taken to Denmark.

Germany

At the Benedictine Monastery of Beuron, on the Danube in Bavaria, a project is under way involving a new publication of the Bible by the Institut Vetus Latina (Institute of Ancient Latin). Sixteen scholars (eight monks and eight laymen) have been working for some years, using not only the Old Latin Bible, Greek texts of the New Testament, and the Standard Vulgate of St. Jerome, but also Sabatier's vulgate Bible of 1739-47 and other translations of parts of the Bible made by monks and priests throughout Europe in the Dark and Middle Ages. Often these are Latin versions of original Greek writings. A main source used in the project is 400 boxes containing a million excerpts from such old parchments, copied by Pfarrer Josef Denk in the Bavarian State Library and bequeathed to the monastery. The scholars, directed by HH. Pater Bonifatius Fischer, are collecting, sorting, and comparing all the texts. Thus far the institute has published 26 installments, covering less than 2 of the 35 volumes of the Old Latin Bible. For each book of the Bible the publication contains Greek translations from the Hebrew (or the Greek originals of the New Testament), early Latin translations, the St. Jerome Vulgate, and many notes to other versions—over three times as much material as in the Old Latin Bible. It is estimated that the project can be completed in less than a hundred years. For this information we are indebted to the Verlag Herder Frieburg; an article about the project, under the title "Bible Detectives," appeared in the May 19 issue of *Time*.

United Kingdom

The British Film Institute has issued the fifth edition of Rules for Use in the Cataloguing Department of the National Film Archive (1960). It includes numbered cataloging rules, instructions for preparing cards for both the main title catalog and the newsfilm catalog, guidance for preparing cards for the various classed and alphabetical indexes, examples showing style and format of the catalog entries, definitions, abbreviations, and an index. News films are entered chronologically; all other films are entered under the original title and in the language of the original version. Copies may be ordered from the British Film Institute, 81 Dean St., London W. 1, for 5 shillings each. (It may be of interest to note that Unesco published a preliminary edition of International Rules for the Cataloguing of Educational, Scientific and Cultural Films and Filmstrips in 1956 and that the Library of Congress issued in 1953 the second preliminary edition of Rules for Descriptive Cataloging in the Library of Congress: Motion Pictures and Filmstrips. These codes provide similar cataloging treatment but each meets specific problems. The Library of Congress rules, for example, call for entry under the title under which a film is released and permit inclusion of film cards in a general dictionary catalog.)

Venezuela

The John Boulton Foundation of Caracas is undertaking publication of all sources on the life and works of Simon Bolívar. The work of the foundation was discussed by J. Leon Helguera of North Carolina State College at the annual meeting of the Southern Historical Association at Tulsa, Okla., November 10-12, 1960.

SOCIETY OF AMERICAN ARCHIVISTS

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1st Washington, D. C. June 18-19, 1937 Oct. 24-26, 1938 2 d Springfield, Ill. 3d Annapolis, Md. Oct. 13-14, 1939 Nov. 11-12, 1940 4th Montgomery, Ala. 5th Hartford, Conn. Oct. 6-7, 1941 Oct. 26-27, 1942 6th Richmond, Va. 7th Princeton, N. J. Nov. 15-16, 1943 8th Harrisburg, Pa. Nov. 8-9, 1944 9th Indianapolis, Ind. Nov. 6-7, 1945 10th Washington, D. C. Oct. 24-25, 1946 Sept. 3-7, 1947 11th Glenwood Springs, Colo. 12th Raleigh, N. C. Oct. 27-29, 1948 13th Quebec, Canada. Sept. 18-20, 1949 14th Madison, Wis. Oct. 9-10, 1950 15th Annapolis, Md. Oct. 15-16, 1951 16th Lexington, Ky. Oct. 27-28, 1952 17th Detroit, Mich. Sept. 13-15, 1953 18th Williamsburg, Va. Sept. 12-14, 1954 19th Nashville, Tenn. Oct. 10-11, 1955 20th Washington, D. C. Oct. 11-12, 1956 21st Columbus, Ohio. Oct. 2-4, 1957 22d Salt Lake City, Utah. Aug. 17-20, 1958 23d Philadelphia, Pa. Oct. 7-9, 1959 24th Boston, Mass. Oct. 4-7, 1960 25th Kansas City, Mo. Oct. 5-7, 1961

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