

Mrs. Jane Revell Moss, who had been a member of the Repair Room staff since 1937, retired November 30, 1949, having reached the compulsory retirement age. From time to time I have pointed out to the members of the Hall of Records Commission the uniform and continued excellence of the work of the Repair Room. Much of the credit for this is due to the work of Mrs. Moss who has had the burden of teaching the many recruits in that department—we have never had an applicant for the position who had had a day's experience. For many years she has administered that department and her patience and devotion to her work have made her years at the Hall of Records a pleasure for all her associates.

When Mrs. Moss retired, Claire D. Lincoln was promoted from Manuscript Repair Technician II to Manuscript Repair Technician I, the position formerly held by Mrs. Moss, and Emily P. Hall was employed to fill the Manuscript Repair Technician II vacancy. Mrs. Lincoln, who had been an employee of the Hall of Records since June 16, 1947, resigned May 31, 1950, in order to accompany her husband who, after graduating in this year's class at the St. John's College, moved to New York City. Mrs. Hall was promoted as of June 1 and her place as Manuscript Repair Technician II was taken June 16 by Beatrice B. Hiltabidle.

The position of Senior Stenographer was vacant at the end of the fiscal year because of the resignation of Flora M. Jones who moved to Washington where her husband was employed. Mrs. Jones, whose resignation was effective May 31, 1950, had been an employee of the Hall of Records since March 1, 1949. Her position was filled July 1, 1950, by Cary T. Peebles.

Charles Clinton Jones, who had been a member of our maintenance staff since May 16, 1944, died after a short illness on January 15, 1950. Five days later we lost one of our most faithful employees, Clarence Thomas. Mr. Thomas had been in the employ of the Hall of Records since November 1, 1941. He was in the best sense of the word a "handyman." He willingly assumed duties and responsibilities which were not his and for which he was not paid. During his first years here he kept our building in the beautiful condition for which it has become well known and during the later years, after the death of Albert Graf, he also took charge of our machinery. His death after a long and hopeless illness was a deep personal loss to all the members of our staff.