

Mr. Carl Pforzheimer has again shown his generosity by sending a group of volumes, mainly studies of Shelley, in whose works his library is extremely rich. Such matter is difficult to secure ordinarily, and is much appreciated.

Sister Brandon, of Wellington, wished to show her appreciation of the library, and presented two fine carved Maori figures, together with a Samoan kava bowl formerly the property of R. L. Stevenson. Mr. James Berry made the same gesture by presenting a splendid work on printing design and layout, which was an addition to our collection on printing. To this he added a framed engraved portrait of Captain Cook.

Lady Wilford, who was well acquainted with the late Mr. Alexander Turnbull, donated her large collection of important autographs, together with several pictures and other documents. Dr. C. F. G. Morice brought along a surprising group of letters from Dr. John Hawkesworth, the contemporary editor of Cook's voyages. These form a good group and are of general literary interest, though not relating to the navigator. Miss G. Fitzgerald presented a number of scarce early New Zealand works, mostly her late father's property, but of particular note is a volume of letters from J. R. Godley to C. B. Adderley. It is a rare work and little known, and contains excellent material.

From Mrs. C. A. Macdonald, whose late husband was the author of "Pages from the Past," came two appreciated journals—that of James Heberley and F. W. Trolove. For the greater part these are unpublished, and contain first-class information.

Mrs. Macdonald also included a work, left incomplete by her husband, on early Gisborne. Thanks are due to Mr. Johannes Andersen, the former Librarian, for his mediation in this excellent acquisition, as also in the matter of a group of about fifty volumes from Mr. D. Robertson, of Eastbourne, mainly of literary and biographical importance.

To Mr. E. A. Earp, until recently Senior Apiarist of the Department of Agriculture, we are indebted for the gift, in memory of his wife, of his collection, gathered over many years, on all aspects of bee culture. This group contains over four hundred volumes, and must be a very representative company, containing many early works and the best of modern ones.

Finally, there is the collection of works exemplifying "illustrations of the 'sixties'" presented to the New Zealand Government by G. H. Wood, Esq., of England. This remarkable section contains about one hundred and eighty illustrated volumes which are typical of the style of art work encountered in books of the time. It was a significant period, for within it was developed the style which became accepted for practically a quarter of a century. Mr. Wood's collection is in excellent order, and contains in addition several hundred plates supplementary to the books themselves. A full index makes the whole readily accessible to the student of book illustration.

Other donations of an appreciated nature have been received from friends who have interested themselves in the library. It is scarcely necessary to say that no donation is accepted unless it is of definite value in the collection. Hence we are truly grateful to our benefactors. These are G. Mair, Torbay; Mr. Codd, Wellington; H. G. Cook, Tawa Flat; Tourist and Publicity Department, Wellington; Mrs. Izard, Matara; H. Lucas, Cheshire, England; F. W. Reed, Whangarei; F. J. Hampton, Wellington; the Shell Co., Wellington; Mrs. Douglas Blair, Gisborne; Brother George, British Solomon Islands; Publication Committee, Presbyterian Book-room, Christchurch; Mr. Lambert, Wairoa; J. C. Redmond, Wellington; R. B. Castle, Wellington; S. C. Macky, Paterangi; H. Valder, Hamilton; the Italian Consul, Wellington; K. Levi, Wellington; E. B. Pilcher, Wellington; M. Palleser, Wellington; Mrs. M. Moore, Christchurch; the Headmaster, Ohaupo School, Ohaupo; Melanesian Mission Press, Guadalcanar; J. M. A. Hott, Wellington; J. Brown, Ashburton; P. Adams, Shropshire, England; J. Stone, Auckland; Miss E. Baillie, Wellington; the Librarian, University of Michigan, United States of America; Unity Press, Ltd., Auckland; L. J. Wild, Feilding; Miss M. G. Hitchman, Wellington; the Smith Family, Wellington; Australian Council for Educational Research, Melbourne; Miss O. Mercer, Dunedin; A. C. McLeod, Wellington; H. A. Fox, Wellington; Corriedale Sheep Society, Christchurch; G. M. Fowlds, Auckland; S. Wright, Palmerston North; W. S. Ridler, Wellington; the minister, St. John's Church, Wellington; Miss M. Greig, Wanganui; R. Stephenson, Kaikohe; A. J. Sheat, Auckland; P. J. Marks, Sydney; Mrs. E. Dasant, Wellington; Cawthron Institute, Nelson; D. O. W. Hall, Wellington; Mrs. J. Greg, London; Mrs. N. St. C. Graystone, Oxford, England; Mrs. C. C. Moffett, Picton; Mrs. Whitaker, Palmerston North; A. M. Pilcher, Eastbourne; F. W. Sewell, Palmerston North; D. Edwards, Wellington; the Moderator, St. Andrew's Church, Wellington; New Zealand Council for Educational Research, Wellington; P. Lawlor, Wellington; L. Hall, Lower Hutt; Dr. F. A. Bett, Nelson; D. C. McMurtrie, Chicago; Union Bank of Australasia, Wellington; H. H. Driver, Auckland; Cambridge Centennial Celebrations Committee, Cambridge; Metropolitan Water Sewerage and Drainage Board, Sydney; Mrs. M. H. Strachan, Hamilton; Mayor and Councillors, Palmerston North; N. A. Parkes, Wanganui; H. Wily, Pukekohe; Mrs. S. Israel, Wellington; R. L. Meek, Wellington; Miss E. Jones, Palmerston North; W. Juriss, New Brighton; Claremont Colleges Library, California; Miss M. Greig, Wanganui; Shaw, Savill, and Albion Co., Wellington; F. W. Brown, Wellington; Dr. A. H. Webb, Waipukurau.

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