

*Library.*—During the year the exchanges have been regularly received and a number of books purchased. A considerable number of volumes have been bound. Miss Tewsley has continued the work of indexing the pamphlets.

*International Exchange Service.*—Twenty-nine cases of publications have been received from the Smithsonian Institution, and the contents have been distributed to various recipients throughout the Dominion. Publications have also been received from the International Exchange Services of Belgium, Hungary, Poland, and Germany.

*Publications.*—In addition to papers published by members of the staff noted above, the following Manuals have been issued by the Board of Science and Art: No. 5, "Wild Life in New Zealand, Part II, Introduced Birds, Frogs, and Fishes," by the Hon. G. M. Thomson; No. 6, "New Zealand Plants and their Story," 3rd edition, by Dr. L. Cockayne; No. 6, "Place-names of Banks Peninsula," by Johannes C. Andersen; No. 7, "Brachiopod Morphology and Genera," by Dr. J. Allan Thomson. Also, the following Dominion Museum Bulletins have been issued by the Board of Maori Ethnological Research: No. 6, "The Pa Maori," by Elsdon Best; No. 8, "Games and Pastimes of the Maori," by Elsdon Best.

#### ALEXANDER TURNBULL LIBRARY.

*Cataloguing.*—The number of volumes classified, numbered, and arranged in order on the shelves now amounts to over thirty-two thousand, which include the books in the Mantell Collection. The greater part of these deal with Pacific literature. About one hundred and sixty volumes were sent for binding, and twenty-two etchings and engravings for mounting and putting in Solander cases.

*Additions.*—Including just on a thousand donated volumes, one thousand three hundred were added to the library during the year. The additions embrace works in classic tongues (Latin and Greek), Danish, Dutch, French, and Swedish. Valuable purchases were a water-colour drawing of Rangihaeata, the famous ally of Te Rauparaha, by C. Heaphy, 1840; half a dozen etchings of Cook's "Endeavour" (the renamed "Earl of Pembroke") leaving Whitby, and scenes of Whitby, by Crashaw; the late S. Percy Smith's copy of Sir George Grey's *Ko nga moteatea*; four Lawson manuscript letters.

*Donations.*—During the year there were donations by thirty-six individual donors, some of whom made donations at two or three different times, and of many volumes. Pamphlets are not included in the number of additions above. The principal donations were as follows: Mrs. W. G. Mantell, Wellington, about nine hundred volumes and about two thousand autograph letters and other manuscripts; the Bernice P. Bishop Museum, Honolulu, a set of their more recent publications on anthropology, &c., in the Pacific; the Swedenborg Society, London, a facsimile reproduction of the works of Swedenborg; Sir Joseph J. Kinsey, Christchurch, a fine water-colour panoramic view of early Nelson; Maggs Bros., London, seven morocco-bound volumes of their illustrated catalogues, 1926; Sir Douglas McLean, framed enlarged portrait of Algernon Gray Tollemache.

Besides these were: E. A. Dillon—"Echoes of the War, and Other Poems," by J. H. Dillon; Thomas Humphries-Rollins's "Ancient History" (2 vols.); Sir Frederick R. Chapman—"A Canadian Freeholder" (3 vols.), "Charters of the Old English Colonies in America," and others; Sir Joseph J. Kinsey—"Livy" and "Thucydides" (Classics), (7 vols.); Hon. W. H. Triggs—numerous historical volumes and pamphlets; Sir George Fenwick—"American Notes, 1924"; Spectator Publishing Co., Melbourne—"New Samoan Grammar," by S. Churchward; Mrs. H. B. R. Parham, Fiji—"Fern Leaves," and other booklets; A. H. Preece—typed notes by G. A. Preece for Major Gascoyne; J. P. Maxwell—Manuscript letter from C. Brown (son of Keats's friend) regarding a copy of Voltaire's "Philosophical Dictionary" annotated by W. Savage Landor and now in the library; Dr. F. A. Bett—"Feejean and English Dictionary," by D. Hazlewood, and other volumes and pamphlets; H. Lundius—"Tegner och hans Samtida," by Kahl, and five volumes of J. O. Wallin's works (Swedish); also miscellaneous publications by H. Holland, W. Quinnell, J. Kebbell, Rev. H. J. Fletcher, J. Kenderdine, D. Jenness, Covenant Publishing Co. (Melbourne), H. Baillie, Waikato Valley Jubilee Committee, and Miss O. Turton; to all of whom the thanks of the Department are due.

Special attention should be drawn to the very valuable donation by Mrs. Walter G. Mantell, of Wellington. The donation, comprising nearly nine hundred volumes, includes volumes collected by three generations—Gideon Mantell, the noted English geologist; his son, W. B. D. Mantell, well known as a Commissioner of Native Land Claims, politician and Government official; and the latter's son, Walter G. Mantell, whose widow makes the donation. The books include many manuscript volumes of Gideon Mantell as well as his printed works, and first editions of the writings of many of the Victorian literary men with whom W. B. D. Mantell was personally acquainted and with whom he evidently lived on most friendly terms. There are autograph copies of many notable works, such as Byron's "Childe Harold," first editions of Carlyle's works and others. There is a fifth folio Shakespeare, 1685, and five Ben Jonson quartos, all rare and valuable; a small early illuminated missal; and a Keats relic in the shape of a Bailey's Dictionary, presented to him by his university friend B. Bailey. The manuscript correspondence is of amazing wealth, and no such collection has come to a New Zealand library before, the letter-writers including, among scientists, Sir Charles Lyell (over two hundred letters), Professor Silliman (over two hundred letters), Charles Darwin, Huxley, Sir Richard Owen, Robert Bakewell, W. H. Fitton, Sir M. Faraday, Agassiz, Sir Joseph Hooker, and many others; among literary men—Carlyle, Shelley, Bulwer Lytton, Mrs. Browning; also letters from Hugh Carleton, Sir George Grey, F. D. Fenton, Sir R. Peel, Mrs. Percy Bysshe Shelley, Lady Shelley, and many others.