

IMPORTANT GIFT FROM RICE UNIVERSITY

In April of this year the Library effected an exchange with the William Marsh Rice University in Houston, Texas, and received a complete set of the Rice University Studies, a periodical in predominantly monograph form which first appeared in 1915 and is continuing today.

Until this gift was made only a few numbers of the series were held in New Zealand libraries and the complete file is to be valued not only for its wide range of subject-matter but also for the scholarship of the articles.

Categories of interest to the Library which are dealt with in the Rice University Studies include English literature and history, discovery and exploration, Russian literature and American literature. Important figures to be given detailed treatment are Milton, Shakespeare, Robert Browning, James Thomson, Charles Darwin, Sir Francis Bacon, Dante and the French explorer Cavelier de la Salle.

Other subjects covered in the series include architecture, art, astronomy, biology, chemistry, economics, mathematics, music, philosophy, political science and religion.

The William Marsh Rice University, formerly the Rice Institute, is a privately endowed co-educational institution opened in 1912 under the terms of the will of W. M. Rice and today catering for over 2,000 students.

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DR. H. F. VON HAAST

The will of Dr. H. F. von Haast who died in 1953, provided that upon the death of Mrs. von Haast, a sum of £1,000 was to come to the Turnbull Library. It is a matter for regret that she did not survive her husband for many years, but upon her passing in 1960, the Library duly received the amount of this generous gift, which has been added to the Library's Endowment Trust.

Both Dr. and Mrs. von Haast were good friends of the Library, and upon his death, the Librarian, at his widow's request, edited a small book of memorial tributes, including a graduation address given at Otago University in 1935. It will be remembered that upon the publication of his great work on "The life and times of Julius Von Haast", the whole body of MSS. and other documents upon which it was based, were placed in the Library.