RECENT MANUSCRIPT ACQUISITIONS

Hutt County Council

During the latter part of November the Manuscript Section transferred records of the Hutt County Council, 1877-1950, to the Library. The collection contains over 100 linear feet of material and includes minute books of the Council and its committees, letter and cash books, correspondence files and miscellaneous financial records. The records reflect the early history of the county as well as its reaction to the rapid urbanisation taking place during the mid-20th century.

New Zealand Student Christian Movement

The records of the Student Christian Movement, 1922-1970, reflect its interest and activities with students and the university and its more recent involvement in social activism. Included in the more than 50 feet of records are minute books, correspondence, financial records, photographs and cyclostyled and printed publications.

Lieutenant Cecil G. S. Foljambe, 4th Lord Liverpool

At the end of January the 79 Foljambe letters arrived from Sotheby & Company, London. Foljambe served with H.M.S. Curacao, 1863-1867 on the Australian station. In letters written to his family he describes visits to New Zealand as well as Australia and the South Sea Islands. There are a number of sketches and maps. He served in the Maori Wars and gives many interesting insights into the conflict. Many of the letters were published in an abridged form in Three years on the Australian Station, London, Hatchard & Co., 1868.

Richard Henry Hooper

Challis Hooper of Wellington recently donated papers relating to her father's career as a journalist and service with the Department of Agriculture. Hooper was an editor for many years with the Department and was sent to London, 1902-1907, to develop the department's meat marketing programme. Hooper was a Fabian and his diary, notebook and scrapbooks (1902-1936) reflect his activities and his relationship with many of the prominent men and events of the period.

Kauri Timber Company

Letterbooks and miscellaneous financial records of the Kauri Timber Company, 1923-1951, have been donated by Fletcher Holdings Ltd., Auckland. The 28 feet of records show the growing activities of Kauri Timber and its relationship with the parent company in Australia.

Theodore Percy Browne

Browne's diaries (1886-1948) and letters (1906-1912) give great detail about his life as a merchant sailor, first in the interocean trade and