

NOTES AND COMMENTS

EXHIBITIONS

John Gully Prints

On 6 March, at a preview of the Library's 1974 prints, Sir Alister McIntosh introduced the guest speaker, Dr Charles Fleming, O.B.E., F.R.S. An exhibition mounted for the launching illustrated the relationship between the scientist and the artist by means of letters, publications, photographs and sketches and watercolours by von Haast as well as Gully.

Legal documents and George Cruikshank

During the N.Z. Law Society Conference in Wellington a special exhibition was mounted for a month. Two large perspex panels suspended from the ceiling displayed parchment legal documents ranging from the 16th to the 19th centuries. Most were in Latin and of English origin but one of particular New Zealand interest was Edward Gibbon Wakefield's marriage settlement of 1818.

On the walls and in the show-cases were many colourful examples of the published work of George Cruikshank (1792-1872), the political caricaturist and social satirist.

Maps from Australia

While visiting Australia in March 1975 Mr Rowling was presented by Mr Whitlam with 7 rare, early Pacific maps and 2 early New Zealand prints. These were a gift to the New Zealand people from the people of Australia and came from duplicate items in the National Library of Australia which in 1973 had purchased the great Tooley collection of 1560 Pacific and Australian maps.

A brief presentation ceremony was held on 22 April when the Prime Minister handed the maps to Sir Alister McIntosh for the Library.

Photographs of early Wellington

In May there was an exhibition of early Wellington photographs. It showed the city as it was, with its scattered houses and shops, the shipping and transport of 100 years ago.

Examples of the work of the first professional photographers like George Swan and James Bragge were included, with early equipment and ornate albums.