

1922 and 1976. The interest and value of this latest work greatly increase as a result of the information supplied by Mr Fitzgerald.

Historians' conference in Wellington

Wellington was the venue in February for the biennial conference of historians convened by the university history departments and the staff of the Library took full advantage of the opportunity to meet with historians and to sample papers over a wide range of New Zealand, Pacific, Asian and European topics. The increasing use of the Turnbull collections by academic staff and graduate students makes it important for the Library staff to be aware of trends in research so that appropriate resources can be gathered and services planned. The papers and discussions provided a useful conspectus of the questions being asked by historians and stimulated Turnbull staff members to consider the kinds of research materials that would be needed to provide answers.

Mr T. P. Wilsted, the Manuscripts Librarian, presented a paper on the comparative development of the National Archives in New Zealand and the United States showing the role played by historians in each country and urged that historians, because they are one of the prime users of archives, should become more involved in questions of archival preservation and access. Following this paper, conference members were invited to a sherry party at the Turnbull Library to meet informally with the staff.

Bibliographical Society of Australia and New Zealand Conference

A one-day conference of the Bibliographical Society of Australia and New Zealand was held at the Library on Saturday 5 February, the programme beginning with a business meeting of the Society with an address by the President, Mr D. H. Borchardt. Papers which followed were: Mr A. G. Bagnall and Ms P. Griffith 'The retrospective New Zealand National Bibliography: its origins and problems'; Mr S. Challenger 'The literature of landscapes and gardens'; Dr Michael Hoare 'Problems of bibliography with J. R. and J. G. A. Forster' and Ms K. A. Coleridge 'The Milton Collection in the Alexander Turnbull Library'.

The diversity of the contributions, together with the number and interests of the participants attending the conference, provided for informal but fruitful discussion between librarians, academics and bibliographers of various disciplines.