

however, is to be avoided and not simply because of the warning in the first verse of the seventh chapter of the Gospel according to Saint Matthew. Are we ourselves more or less culpable? For the present the point of view of this article, the selection of facts, the juxtaposition of non-events and negative decisions on the vital issues, it is hoped, are reasonably clear.

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NOTES AND REFERENCES

(Unless otherwise stated file references to 1923 are to I.A. 13/300)

- ¹ I am indebted to Mr J. O. Wilson for the details of staff in the General Assembly Library at the time and to Mr Stuart Perry for assistance in estimating the number employed in the Wellington Public Libraries. These notes with their references to Mr Charles Wilson had been prepared before Professor J. C. Beaglehole delivered his address but his impressions confirm rather than contradict my own tentative inferences.
- ² Mr M. G. Hitchings, Hocken Librarian, has kindly supplied details of Mr Trimble's service in the Hocken and University of Otago Libraries, largely from notes prepared by Miss E. J. Robinson.
- ³ Cabinet decision of 13 July 1918 on I.A. file 13/300, Bequest of the late A. H. Turnbull.
- ⁴ The purchase price is given variously as £9,133 and £9,153.
- ⁵ Board of Science and Art: Meetings and recommendations; file I.A. 2/48/4: meeting 26 October 1921 and Under-Secretary to Librarian 1/8/21 on 13/300. I am again indebted to Miss J. Hornabrook and other members of staff of the National Archives for locating files and particularly to Mr J. D. Pascoe, Chief Archivist, for permission to quote from them.
- ⁶ Under-Secretary to General Manager, State Fire Insurance 30 January 1919. Measures were also taken to provide additional fire protection within the building.
- ⁷ Advisory Director to Under-Secretary 16 July 1919.
- ⁸ Librarian to Under-Secretary 3 March 1919.
- ⁹ *New Zealand Listener* 27 October 1944.
- ¹⁰ I.A. file 2/48/4. The file date of 1913 is clearly a mistake for 1919.
- ¹¹ *Ibid* and *Evening Post* 24 June 1919.
- ¹² Librarian to Under-Secretary 29 April 1919.
- ¹³ Advisory Director to Under-Secretary 16 July 1919.
- ¹⁴ A.T.L. file - and A - J:H. 22 1919 pp30-31.
- ¹⁵ Opinion 30 July 1919 on 13/300.
- ¹⁶ N.Z.P.D. vol 188 p302 6 October 1920, with reports of other speakers on recommendation of Public Petitions Committee.
- ¹⁷ A - J: B 7 1922 p109. The estimates for this period show a modest £1,500 provided for all the purposes of the Turnbull Library with the addition of £50 for Mr Wilson's allowance.
- ¹⁸ Librarian to Advisory Director 19/9/19.
- ¹⁹ The following references cover steps in the review being undertaken, although details of what subscriptions were actually terminated are not listed but can be traced from breaks in the holdings: Under-Secretary to Advisory Director 26 August 1919; to Minister of Internal Affairs 14 October 1919 and Librarian to Under-Secretary 29 October 1919.
- ²⁰ Order Paper 16 November 1918 and N.Z.P.D. vol 183 pp1103-4.