

factorily; difficulties in the Pacific area continue and personal contact is needed to establish agencies, exchange and other facilities. Even within New Zealand the identification of fugitive and occasionally, substantial items, is time consuming. In the periodicals sector the formal extension of the Copyright depository privilege to the Library when completed should result in more efficient and complete coverage. A wide range of long-playing New Zealand recorded music is being regularly accessioned as part of a programme to develop a national collection of all aspects of musical composition.

Material on microfilm has continued to increase, a particularly significant intake being the copies of the New Zealand manuscripts in the Mitchell Library, Sydney, identified in 1969 by Mr R. F. Grover. Purchases of non-Pacific rare books have had to be restricted although a small number of Milton items and some eighteenth century titles were acquired.

Through the good offices of Mr A. D. McIntosh negotiations for the Library's share of the collection of the late K. A. Webster were successfully taken a stage further. Pending a final settlement some hundreds of items arrived in the Library in November. The acquisition covers New Zealand manuscripts, pamphlets, books as well as a good deal of ephemera and pamphlet material on the social and political background to emigration from the United Kingdom during the early decades of the nineteenth century. It will be some time before the collection is fully catalogued.

Important acquisitions other than of printed books are noted in the appropriate sections and at the end is an appendix listing donors to whose generosity the Library is indebted for the gift of significant items and in some cases collections. The Library has also benefitted by material passed on by other institutions notably the Hocken Library, the Auckland Institute and Museum, the City of Auckland Public Libraries, Hastings Public Library, Gisborne Public Library and the Library of the Army Department.

#### *Catalogue Section*

During the year 3,285 books, pamphlets and music items were catalogued as well as 136 sound recordings and 47 microfilms. These microfilms represent only a small number of those held by the Library, such acquisitions covering chiefly newspapers, manuscripts, rare books and theses.

Monthly issues of the *New Zealand National Bibliography* were prepared in the section throughout the year. In Section I – books, pamphlets, art prints, music scores and sound recordings, 1,604 items were listed as compared with 1,508 in 1969. 491 annuals were entered in Section III as compared with 437 in 1969. The annual cumulation for 1969 was published in October 1970, and during the year printed cards