

portrait of Te Rangihaeata, dated 1856; and thirty-four watercolours by General C. E. Gold, mostly views in Wellington and Taranaki, which were bought at auction at Christie's in London together with a watercolour of Massacre Bay in the eighteen-forties which has associations with Heaphy.

Among the general purchases were eleven charcoal drawings of New Zealand landscapes in 1860 by E. R. Sandys, of *HMS Opal*; two watercolours of Wellington in the eighteen-forties by Fox; from England a watercolour of a bush scene by Mein Smith; two watercolours of New Plymouth in the 'sixties by H. H. Arden; and an 1866 watercolour of the scene of the Wairau massacre, by W. F. E. Liardet.

Twenty-seven paintings were lent to the Library for photographing; and several hundred photographs of paintings in the National Library of Australia and other Australian institutions were received as a result of Mr Grover's trip in 1969. These most usefully complement photographs of New Zealand works in the British Museum.

The increasing interest in New Zealand art, reflected in rising auction prices, lifted to 230 the number of enquiries dealt with by correspondence or in person (as against 156 in the previous year), while there were 160 telephone enquiries (94 last year) most of the queries being concerned with the identification of subjects, attribution of artists or biographical information on artists.

There was also a marked increase in the demands made upon the art holdings for reproductions in New Zealand and overseas in illustrating books, as art prints and on television.

As in all sections of the Library, heavier demands upon the wider services provided by the section are made the more difficult to meet by lack of adequate space and working facilities.

#### *Map Collection*

The appointment of a full-time map librarian at the beginning of 1970 has enabled the work of the section to be greatly extended. A large backlog of cataloguing was dealt with (1,700 maps were accessioned, compared with 500 in 1968-9), and a more active acquisitions policy has been pursued. Many gaps in the holdings of current Lands and Survey maps have been filled, and approaches to various local and *ad hoc* bodies have resulted in significant additions to the map collection. A large and interesting collection of some 800 Wellington and region subdivisional plans was deposited on permanent loan by Gordon Harcourt Ltd, usefully supplementing a large number of such plans already held. Over 230 reference enquiries were dealt with, two-thirds of these being from the public, the other third from staff members, particularly in the Reference section.

In 1970 235 maps were catalogued for the *New Zealand National Bibliography*, compared with 189 in 1969.