

Recent Acquisitions

The Library's recent purchases and donations of paintings and sketches are included in the formal list of acquisitions in this issue prepared by Mrs Janet Paul. Recent highlights, however, were the purchase at Sotheby's of thirty-four New Zealand paintings of the 1860s by Lieutenant-Colonel Gold and a wide range of Swainson sketches similarly purchased at a Wanganui auction earlier this year. Mrs Paul's investigations, still in progress, have provisionally identified in the Swainson group a most interesting small collection of Canadian sketches done by Sir John Franklin and/or Dr John Richardson during Canadian arctic exploring expeditions in 1820 and 1826.

The Library has acquired from Messrs T. J. and H. H. Harper a collection of papers relating to the Reverend Richard Taylor and the Harper family which formed part of the residue of the estate of the late Miss Laura Harper. In addition to some interesting earlier correspondence and journals of the Reverend Richard Taylor himself, the most significant item is his sketch book, one of several which he apparently made up from his field books for members of the family. This however is clearly the most important so far seen, containing as it does the original drawings for the head pieces in *Te ika a Maui*.

Mrs Rosamund Wilson has most generously donated the Rolleston papers in her possession with many others elsewhere in the family, which she brought together as the research foundation for her book, *William and Mary Rolleston* (1970).

Forthcoming publications

The Alexander Turnbull Library Endowment Trust last year decided that it should itself undertake the publication of appropriate monographs based on material in the Library. Following advice of the bequest of the late H. B. Fleck, the Trust also decided that such works should be published with the assistance of funds from this bequest, all such works to carry the note on the back of the title-page 'H. B. Fleck Memorial Fund'. The first book to be published in this series, Dr Andrew Sharp's *Duperrey's Visit to New Zealand in 1824*, should be available in November. The New Zealand price has been provisionally fixed at \$4.75. The Trust, in conjunction with the Victoria University of Wellington, is also publishing the *London Journal of Edward Jerningham Wakefield*, edited by Professor Joan Stevens, which should be on the market in the latter part of 1972. It is hoped also that 1972 will see the first steps in the publication of Dr McCormick's biography of A. H. Turnbull now approaching completion.