

NOTES AND COMMENTARY

By arrangement with the New Zealand Academy of Fine Arts an exhibition of watercolours by Sir William Fox was held in the Academy gallery from 17 February to 9 March 1972. Entitled *Around the world with William Fox*, the exhibition was drawn largely from the Wilkie Loan Collection of Fox Watercolours with other paintings from the Turnbull collections and was opened by Dr E. H. McCormick. It was mounted by Mrs J. E. Paul, the Art Librarian, with assistance from other staff members, and she also prepared the illustrated catalogue, nearly 500 copies of which were sold at the gallery. Because of the importance of the paintings, the very strong natural light in the gallery was screened by black polythene sheeting placed over the skylights as a conservation measure. It is hoped that a selection of the 173 watercolours, augmented by others from the Hocken Library collection, will be sent on tour to the major galleries, possibly in 1973.

The considerable contribution by Mrs Paul to the success of this exhibition reminds us of an essential correction to a note in the October 1971 issue, in which the publishing firm of Blackwood & Janet Paul Limited was incorrectly named. It is a point of interest in New Zealand publishing history that the firm commenced operations in 1945 under the imprint of Paul's Book Arcade Limited, which form of name was changed in 1964 to Blackwood & Janet Paul Limited. In 1968 the firm was sold to Longman's, the New Zealand imprint of which became, consequentially, Longman Paul Limited.

The publication of *Duperrey's Visit To New Zealand in 1824* at the end of the year marks the resumption of publication of the series of Turnbull Library monographs. This volume, however, is the first published by the Endowment Trust and will be followed in June or July by *The London Journal of Edward Jerningham Wakefield*, edited by Professor Joan Stevens. The complete manuscript of Dr E. H. McCormick's Biography of A. H. Turnbull has also now been received and it is hoped that printing will commence later this year. The Turnbull Library, as a part of the National Library, is responsible for the preparation of the *New Zealand National Bibliography*. The 1971 Annual Cumulation should be available about July while Volume III of the Retrospective Bibliography, covering the letters I-O of the 1890-1960 section, should be on sale by the Government Printer shortly.

The contribution of Dr J. C. Beaglehole, O.M., C.M.G., in a number of areas of public and historical interest, including his association with this Library, is touched upon in a commemorative note in this issue by Mr R. I. M. Burnett. Mr Burnett, who was associated with Dr Beaglehole in the preparation of Centennial Publications and, particularly, in