

case. It is quite a game to stumble across something in A.J.H.R. and then try and see under what heading it was indexed. In the turmoil of the 1860s, too, there was some variation between printed documents. The 1862 address *To the Queen's most exalted majesty* from Government declining to accept responsibility for the administration of native affairs on the terms laid down by the British Government, exists in at least two versions.

Books and Pamphlets

I do not wish this paper to degenerate into an apologia pro mea vita. As a librarian and bibliographer, however, I cannot denigrate the importance of books and pamphlets to the research worker, although they are in the present context almost a paradox. Much of our effort is directed to their production; years are spent in research—perhaps—and, ignoring in our arrogance the thousands already existing we thoughtlessly add to the quota, and then probably turn round and go on with something else—another book! And the orthodox academic approach enforces this trend; on the one hand there is the survival doctrine of publish or perish; on the other, once a topic has been dealt with in book form it is henceforth 'published material' and rarely awarded the accolade of being 'primary'. The book is henceforth something to be ignored and may achieve little more than a hasty perusal of the bibliography in the final pages if there is one and the consequential grunts of superior disapproval before the investigator continues the hunt for unused source material which must be manuscript. As an acquisitions librarian and a historian, I yield to no one in my enthusiasm for manuscript but we do need to keep certain facts in perspective. Simply because so few people know or can readily find out what has been published or what is in the monographs that have appeared we have a humble usually modest class of labourers, to wit bibliographers, whose roles was recently delightfully elaborated upon by Mr H. E. Maude in a fascinating paper at the September '71 Canberra seminar on Pacific source materials *Pacific Bibliography*. . . . It is the expectation of discovery which I admit has sustained me in this enterprise for some twenty years. Of course, only in a small percentage of cases does one make discoveries of value to the local historian or biographer but there is still a volume of overlooked material hidden in obscure pages of value to both. Twenty three years after my discovery, for example, I must talk about H.B.'s *Diary kept during a voyage round the world* while in Canberra and Sydney discoveries still go on. One doesn't rise up in one's seat in the Mitchell Library like Harry Maude's bibliographer and shout Eureka! but there is nevertheless more than a quiet satisfaction. Thomas Bevan's *Reminiscences of an old colonist* in its first edition and supplement (second