

ally-pleasing, and inexpensive publication of the growing number of indexes and lists which make up the country's bibliographical control is a major difficulty confronting Turnbull as well as other parts of the National Library. Printed catalogue cards were issued during the year for 290 New Zealand books but because of the growing efficiency of the current bibliography itself as well as difficulties in production and distribution of the cards, it was decided in March 1972 to discontinue this service.

The second volume of the *New Zealand National Bibliography* to the year 1960 is expected to appear shortly and final checking of cards for volume IV has begun in anticipation of setting by the Government Printer. Considerable preliminary work has been done on the pre-1890 section for which it is hoped to issue a check-list in 1973. A bibliography of the printed work of the late Dr J. C. Beaglehole, O.M., has also been prepared for joint publication with the Victoria University of Wellington.

Reference Services

Service by the library's reference staff is given directly to inquirers in the reference and reading rooms or by correspondence. Many of the lines of inquiry are for significant historical or other historically oriented research and may require lengthy investigation. In addition to a small number of requests satisfied by interloan or photocopy, 4,354 readers used the library on whose behalf 25,390 volumes were made available. The number of letters written was 828. Photocopying orders for Xerox and microfilm copies totalled 2,016.

Typical of the research undertaken by scholars were subjects such as Rua Kenana and Te Kooti, the British Solomon Islands, regional inequalities in economic development in Tonga, and theatre in New Zealand. Correspondence dealt with such varied topics as the first circular saw used in New Zealand; a history of New Zealand coins and paper money; crayfish and rock lobster in New Zealand; immigration to New Zealand of Cornishmen, Channel Islanders, and Irish; the Endeavour Inlet Antimony Company; Soames Island; and various school and church histories. Research has also been completed for Dr E. H. McCormick's biography of A. H. Turnbull and the commemorative bibliography of Dr J. C. Beaglehole.

The publication of the *New Zealand's Heritage* series has involved considerable use of the resources of the library, particularly of the art collection, by the staff of *New Zealand's Heritage* and also by authors of individual articles.

Indexing of early newspapers has continued on a limited basis. The transfer by the General Assembly Library of its index to Wellington