make ideal Christmas presents; and that profits from the prints enable the Trust to acquire further historical and topographical paintings for the art collections, as well as manuscripts and rare books, in competitive bidding on a rising market.

Sir Alister McIntosh, K.C.M.G.

Friends will have shared our pleasure at the conferment of a knight-hood upon Sir Alister McIntosh in the June Queen's birthday honours. Sir Alister's contribution to the development and administration of New Zealand's foreign policy will be known to many and it would be flattering to the libraries concerned, as well as to the library profession if there was any foundation for the thought that the award, however remotely might be related to his present roles as Chairman of the National Library Trustees as well as of the A.T.L. Endowment Trust and the Trustees Committee for the Library. Concurrently with this new Honour Sir Alister has been appointed Chairman of the New Zealand Historic Places Trust. We extend our congratulations and in wishing him every success in the quite demanding position of Historic Places Trust Chairman, hope that his knowledge and perceptive interest will continue to be as readily available as it has been since his return to New Zealand some three years ago.

Appointment of Chief Librarian

Mr J. E. Traue, M.A., F.N.Z.L.A., took up duties as Chief Librarian on 2 July 1973. Formerly Chief Librarian, Central Library, Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, he was for seven years on the staff of the General Assembly Library, first as Reference Officer and later as Assistant Chief Librarian.

Mr Traue graduated with honours in English literature from the University of Auckland in 1956. He was editor of New Zealand Libraries for seven years, compiler of New Zealand Books in Print 1964 and has recently been appointed editor of Who's Who in New Zealand.

RECORD issues in short supply

The Committee and Chief Librarian are most grateful to those members who have generously sent in copies of the *Record* issues in short supply (May and October 1971 and May 1972). Further copies would still be most welcome.