Selected papers from the 1983 History of Science in New Zealand Conference, sponsored by the Turnbull and the Royal Society of New Zealand, are to be published by the Society early in 1984. A grant towards the cost of publication has been made by the Scientific Distribution Committee of the Lottery Board.

A Maori manuscript from the Library's Polynesian Society collection has recently been published by the University of Canterbury Maori Department. Two Maori Stories from Marlborough, recorded by Tuiti Makitanara, edited and translated by Melodie Watson and Margaret Orbell, contains two traditional stories noted down by Tuiti Makitanara (later M.P. for Southern Maori) from his Rangitane elders and sent to Elsdon Best in 1894. They are presented in transcription and translation with editorial and textual notes and content analysis. The 41-page publication is the first in a series which will concentrate mainly on South Island texts.

Scottish Academic Press issued early in 1984 James Hogg's *Anecdotes of Sir W. Scott*, edited by Douglas S. Mack from the original manuscript in the Turnbull collections. The Turnbull manuscript is identified by Mack as the first of Hogg's biographical accounts of his friend Sir Walter Scott, prepared for publication in March 1833 and long believed lost.

The Library received in January *The Eighteenth Century Short Title Catalogue: the British Library Collections*, a set of 88 microfiches of entries and 25 of indexes. Publication of this catalogue concludes the first phase of the Eighteenth Century Short Title Catalogue Project (ESTC).

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