

income will be derived from the extra series of prints published by the Research Endowment Fund in association with other bodies. The first series, the Cooper Prints, was published in April 1980 in association with the New Zealand Wool Board.

### *Charitable status of Endowment Trust*

Any uncertainty about the charitable status of gifts or bequests to the Alexander Turnbull Library Endowment Trust has been removed by a letter from the Department of Inland Revenue dated 17 December 1979. The Department has advised that the Endowment Trust has been officially approved as a charity for the purposes of the Estate and Gift Duties Act 1968 (exemptions under Sections 39A and 73 from estate and gift duties), the Stamp and Cheque Duties Act 1971 (exempt under Section 18 from conveyance duty), and the Income Tax Act 1976 (exemption under Section 61(25) and (27) from income tax).

The Endowment Trust is incorporated under the Charitable Trusts Act but the Department has advised that this does not mean that it automatically qualifies for the revenue concessions available to a charity. The Endowment Trust is now deemed to be charitable at law by the Department.

In addition the Endowment Trust qualifies for the purposes of Sections 56A (rebate of 50c in the dollar for donations by individuals, with a maximum rebate of \$175 in respect of all qualifying deductions and private school fees) and 147 (deductions by public companies) of the Income Tax Act 1976.

### *New Zealand Historical Association*

At a meeting of historians at the University of Canterbury in August 1979 a decision was made to form a New Zealand Historical Association on a national basis to serve the interests of history in New Zealand. The objects of the new association are to foster and promote historical studies, teaching and research, by means of: 1, a regular newsletter, fostering contact between persons and organisations interested in history; 2, regular national and regional conferences; 3, financial or other assistance to the publication of historical research in New Zealand; 4, expression of opinion on matters of public policy which concern historical studies, teaching or research.

An interim committee has been appointed to draft a constitution, establish contacts with interested groups, and to work towards a national conference in Wellington early in 1981 at which the constitution will be ratified and officers and a council elected. The interim president is W. J. Gardner and the secretary Dr G. W. Rice of the History Department, University of Canterbury, from whom details of subscription rates, etc, may be obtained.