

'Henry Playford' by Ross Harvey (Victoria University); 'Leopold Hoffman' by Allan Badley (University of Auckland); 'A few personal problems in nineteenth century musicology' by Jeremy Commons (Victoria University); and 'Eighteenth and nineteenth century Russian music journalism' by Dr Gerald Seaman (University of Auckland).

The weekend concluded with a business meeting of the New Zealand Chapter of the Musicological Society of Australia at which it was resolved to form a New Zealand Musicological Society.

#### *Norman Morris honoured*

The Turnbull Library's 'man in London', Norman Morris received the Queen's Service Medal for public service (Q.S.M.) in the New Year Honours List. Mr Morris retired from the staff of the New Zealand High Commission in London in June 1980 after 40 years of service during which time he served in a number of positions including those of Private Secretary, Press Officer, and Public Relations Officer. For as long as most of us can remember, Norman Morris has been active on behalf of the Turnbull in London, keeping a watch on local events, negotiating with donors and vendors, and briefing our agents for auctions at Sotheby's and Christies. After his retirement he agreed to continue as the Turnbull's official agent in London. The Friends of the Turnbull have on more than one occasion in the past recognised his services to the Library with appropriate gifts and will take considerable pleasure in this official recognition by Her Majesty the Queen. Norman Morris is, like Alexander Turnbull, an ex-pupil of Dulwich College.

#### *Overseas visits by staff members*

The Chief Librarian travelled to the United States during October 1981 to attend the 'quarter of a millenium' celebrations of the Library Company of Philadelphia (founded by Benjamin Franklin and his friends as a public library, and now one of the major research libraries in the United States) and to study the market for and promote the sales of the Endowment Trust's publication of John Abbot's paintings of the insects of Georgia (*Record*, May 1978, p. 26-36). A grant was made by the Trustees of the National Library for the costs of attending the Library Company's two-day conference and the Endowment Trust and Whitcoulls made grants to cover the costs of promoting the Abbots.

Mr P. L. Barton, the Map Librarian, visited state and university map collections and antiquarian map dealers in Sydney, Canberra and Melbourne from 21 September to 2 October 1981, with the financial assistance of the Australia-New Zealand Foundation, the Trustees of the National Library, and the Turnbull Library Endowment Trust. Mr Barton located some 90 maps of New Zealand in Australian collections which are not held by Turnbull and made arrangements for photographic copies to be supplied to the Library. An important find in the Dixon Library was a lithograph of Samuel Cobham's 'Proposed Plan of the City of Wellington' dated 1839. A detailed report prepared by Mr Barton will