

'Nineteenth-century Touring Opera Companies in Australia and New Zealand', a fascinating account of the early entrepreneurs and their influence.

The first national conference on the history of science in New Zealand, jointly sponsored by the Library and the Royal Society of New Zealand, was held in the Legislative Council Chamber, Parliament Buildings, from 12 to 14 February 1983. The conference, which attracted over 150 registrations, was opened by Sir Charles Fleming, chairman of the organising committee, and closed by Dr the Hon. I. J. Shearer, Minister of Science and Technology. Twenty-five papers were circulated in advance to participants and presented, with questions and discussion, by their authors. A selection of the papers will be published as the proceedings of the conference. The conference attracted people from overseas, including Dr Peter Whitehead from the Natural History Museum, London, whose travel funds were provided by the British Council. Costs of the conference were underwritten by the Alexander Turnbull Library Research Endowment Fund and grants were received from a number of business firms with an involvement in science and technology.

#### *Grants from Research Fund*

Recent grants from the Alexander Turnbull Library Research Endowment Fund to support 'scholarly research and publication based on the collections of the Alexander Turnbull Library' included a second grant to Dr J. E. Cookson, University of Canterbury, for research on the peace movement in New Zealand; to Professor Lawrence Jones, University of Otago, for work on the papers of New Zealand writers; and to Dr Michael Hunter (see above). Grants in aid of publication have been made to the Auckland University Press for their edition of George Pritchard's *The Aggressions of the French at Tahiti*, edited by Dr Paul de Deckker, and for Helen Shaw's edition of the letters between D'Arcy Cresswell and Lady Ottoline Morrell.

A grant was also made towards the accommodation costs in New Zealand of Professor Sandra Myres, the 1982 Fulbright research scholar at the Turnbull.

#### *Publications*

*The Resolution Journal of Johann Reinhold Forster, 1772-1775*, edited by Dr Michael E. Hoare in four volumes, was published by the Hakluyt Society early in 1983. The publication was formally launched at a ceremony held at the Library on 14 February. The speakers were the Hon. Alan Highet, MP, speaking on behalf of the New Zealand Government, His Excellency Dr H. A. Steger, the German Ambassador, and Sir Harold Smedley, KCMG, a member of the Council of the Society. Dr Hoare is the Turnbull Manuscripts Librarian.

The first volume of 'Early Eyewitness Accounts of Maori Life', *Extracts from Journals Relating to the Visit to New Zealand of the French Ship St Jean Baptiste in December 1769 under the Command of J. F. M. de Surville*, with