

Research Notes

The Library has placed a subscription to 'The Eighteenth Century', the microfilm edition of a selection of titles listed in the Eighteenth Century Short-Title Catalogue of books published in Britain, its possessions, and the United States from 1701-1800. This will supplement the Turnbull's holdings of the microfilm editions of titles listed in Pollard and Redgrave, and Wing. All microfilms in the three series are available on library interloan.

The first fascicle of *John Abbot's Insects of Georgia* was published by the Endowment Trust on 5 May 1983. This fascicle contains six facsimile colour reproductions from Abbot's set of 103 watercolours, together with descriptions and an introductory essay by P. G. Parkinson. The paintings were completed in 1818 for a commission by William Swainson, the British naturalist, and brought to New Zealand in 1841. The second fascicle of 10 reproductions is planned for early 1984.

The Turnbull Library Endowment Trust has agreed to publish the second volume of 'First Hand Accounts of Maori Life', the transcription and translation of the logs of the 1772 expedition of Marion du Fresne in the *Mascarin* and *Marquis de Castries*. The first volume, de Surville's expedition of 1769, was published in March 1983.

Oxford University Press will be issuing late in September 1983 *In the Light of the Past: Stained Glass Windows in New Zealand Houses*, by J. O. C. Phillips and Chris Maclean. Research for the book was assisted by grants from the Turnbull Research Endowment Fund and the Library has purchased the photographic documentation for its collections.

The Government Printer is negotiating with the Library to publish 'Mrs Hobson's Album', a manuscript volume of paintings, drawings, verse, translations from the Maori, and messages of goodwill presented to Mrs Hobson (widow of William Hobson, governor of New Zealand, 1841-1842) by the citizens of New Zealand on her return to England in 1843.

The Turnbull Library Endowment Trust has agreed to underwrite the publication of a bibliography of materials relating to women in New Zealand from the 1820s to the First World War. The bibliography is based on a list prepared by Patricia Sargison for Professor Sandra Myres's research on pioneer women during her tenure of a Fulbright Research Scholarship in 1982.