

The library has been augmented under a definite policy to add to it each year with suitable books on ethnology, anthropology, New Zealand history, and the Maori and cognate races of the Pacific.

As part of the programme approved to preserve the characteristics of the Maori language by phonograph records, arrangements have been made with the National Broadcasting Service for the Board's expert on such matters, Sir Apirana Ngata, to make his services and knowledge available to evaluate and annotate the N.B.S. library of Maori records, especially those cut in 1943 at the opening of the ancestral meeting-houses of the Te Arawa tribe, the "Tamatekapua" and "Tawakeheimoa," at Rotorua.

Arts and Crafts.—Two complete sets of publications held or published by the Board were donated to the two schools of Maori arts and crafts at Ruatoria and Tikitiki, recently started by Sir Apirana Ngata.

From a specific requisition on the Tairāwhiti District Maori Land Board the erection of the Ruakapanga Meeting-house was assisted to the extent of £30.

General.—The paraphernalia for meetings and concerts—*e.g.*, taiaha, pūpū, koikoi, tewhatewha, &c.—was again made use of by Wellington Maori Clubs, as well as at meetings in the Tairāwhiti and Waiariki districts.

The sum of £250 was regranted to the Ngarimu V.C. Scholarship Fund from moneys requisitioned from the seven District Maori Land Boards.

FINANCE

The excess of income over expenditure for the year was £353, and brought the Accumulated Fund to £47,836. In addition, there is the balance of £342 of the moneys received from the Carnegie Trust Corporation and special funds aggregating £51.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1944

<i>Receipts</i>		£	<i>Payments</i>		£
Cash balance as at 1st April, 1943	.. ..	45,053	Administration expenses	.. ..	224
Grant from Consolidated Fund	.. ..	375	Grants—		£
Interest	.. ..	1,348	Government Free Place Scholarships	.. ..	500
Requisitions under section 95, Native Land Act, 1931, from Maori Land Boards for specific purposes	.. ..	280	Special educational	.. ..	250
Miscellaneous receipts (sales, &c.)	.. ..	522	Polynesian Society, Incorporated	.. ..	300
			Ngarimu Scholarship Fund	.. ..	250
			Meeting-houses	.. ..	32
			Recording waiata, &c.	.. ..	100
					1,432
			Publishing-costs book, "Native Custom"	.. ..	28
			Purchase of books	.. ..	20
			Refund of balance "Western Samoa" translation grant	.. ..	165
			Cash balance with Native Trust Office, 31st March, 1944	.. ..	45,709
		£47,578			£47,578

BUDGET FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1945

<i>Expenditure</i>		£	£	<i>Income</i>		£
Administration expenses—				Interest on cash with Native Trust Office, at 3 per cent.	.. ..	1,300
Audit fee	.. ..	5		Grant from Consolidated Fund	.. ..	375
Commission: Native Trustee	.. ..	60		Profit on sale of publications	.. ..	25
Depreciation on assets	.. ..	10				
Freight	.. ..	2				
Insurance	.. ..	8				
Printing and stationery	.. ..	5				
Rent, repairs, &c.	.. ..	110				
Salary	.. ..	35				
Sundry expenses	.. ..	10				
Travelling-expenses	.. ..	25				
		—	270			
Grants (subject to separate approval of Board)						
Educational assistance and scholarships	.. ..	750				
Publishing	.. ..	500				
Recording Maori language, &c.	.. ..	100				
		—	1,350			
Balance available for miscellaneous grants, &c.			80			
		£1,700				£1,700

Approximate Cost of Paper.—Preparation, not given; printing (483 copies), £2 15s.