

The Library continues to receive for custody sets of obsolete newspapers from different parts of the Dominion, which otherwise would be in danger of being lost or destroyed. We have recently received sets, covering long periods, from North Canterbury, Gisborne, and Kawhia.

INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE

During the year, as agent of the International Exchange, we received from abroad 22 cases, compared with 24 in the previous year, and 1,660 packages, compared with 1,956 for the previous year. Nine of the cases were for the General Assembly Library, and the balance, with most of the packages, were redespached to other institutions and addresses.

ARCHIVES

Work was commenced a year or two ago in anticipation of the Otago Centennial Celebrations which are to take place next year. A considerable quantity of records of interest to Otago Province came into possession of the General Government under the Abolition of Provinces Act, 1875. Other papers bearing on the history of the province occur in the deposit of the New Zealand Company. These have all been organized as opportunity occurred and have been made available to Otago historical students and others engaged on the centennial history of the Province.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Our thanks are again due to the overseas agents of the New Zealand Government for their very efficient handling of orders for books and periodicals.

I have also to acknowledge the sympathetic interest of the Joint Library Committee in the work of the Library, and the cheerful and efficient work carried out by the staff under conditions which were always arduous and sometimes trying.

Attached is the statement of receipts and expenditure for the year, with the Auditor-General's certificate.

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G. H. SCHOLEFIELD.

Chief Librarian and Archivist.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY LIBRARY ACCOUNT

STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1947

<i>Receipts</i>			<i>Payments</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance	982	2 0	Purchase of books and periodicals in—		
Annual grant	1,250	0 0	United Kingdom	1,199	17 8
Refunds, lost books, &c	29	11 6	U.S.A. and Canada	745	9 1
Private Bill fee	25	0 0	Australia	64	11 8
			New Zealand	193	16 10
			Bank charge	0	10 0
			Cheque-book	0	10 0
			Petty expenses	1	12 9
			Balance, Bank of New Zealand	80	5 6
	£2,286	13 6		£2,286	13 6

G. H. SCHOLEFIELD, Chief Librarian.

Examined and found correct.—J. P. RUTHERFORD, Controller and Auditor-General.

Approximate Cost of Paper.—Preparation, not given; printing (828 copies), £8 10s.

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