

overseas has continued but is decreasing. In addition to the stock mentioned above, 1,129 books were purchased during the year for extended loan to A.E.W.S. Library.

The very great assistance given by overseas agencies of the New Zealand Government in securing publications for the Service is acknowledged.

SECTION II.—LIBRARY SCHOOL

Report by the Director: Miss M. P. PARSONS

During the second year of its existence the Library School completed the first course for training professional librarians, held the first short course for librarians of small public libraries, and opened the second professional course.

1946 PROFESSIONAL COURSE

The closing meeting of the first professional course was held on 29th November, 1946, to mark the completion of an academic year's intensive study in the field of library service. An address was given by the Minister of the United States of America. Twenty-six diplomas and 3 certificates were awarded by the Minister of Education to the following 29 students, who had been accepted for the course with his approval: George Anthony Albert, Janet R. Cogan, Barbara Anne Colhoun*, Patricia M. Deans, Basil Cairns Dowling, Maxine Dunne, Robert Duthie, Gerda (Gertrud Elisabeth) Eichbaum, Janet Fergus Ferguson, Mary S. Frankish, Evelyn A. Franklin*, Lynette F. Gardiner, Lillian D. Gilmour, Betty Constance Glasson, Lionel Slingsby Hart, Robert Cameron Lamb, Hector Macaskill, Eva Lever-Naylor (Munz), Walter John McEldowney, Joan I. Moreland, Ronald Norris O'Reilly, F. Joan Paul, Elaine M. Richards, John Philip Sage, William Tanzer, Anne Priscilla Taylor*, Shirley D. Thomson, Catherine R. Tibbles, and Ethena Elsie Walker.

Students who wished to do paid practice work in December were enabled to broaden their experience in this way before taking up their permanent posts. The number of good positions advertised by libraries throughout the Dominion exceeded the number of Library School graduates. Each of the graduates is now employed in one of the following institutions: National Library Service, General Assembly Library, Prime Minister's Department Library, War Archives, Auckland Public Libraries, Wellington Public Libraries, Otago University Library, Training College Library, Dunedin. Some of the graduates are also being seconded by the National Library Service to the libraries of the Department of Education and of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research and to the United States Information Library in Wellington and to the Northern Military District of the Army in Auckland.

The geographical distribution of graduates includes Wellington, Auckland, Palmerston North, Christchurch, and Dunedin. Advisory work in smaller public libraries is being done by one graduate sent out from Wellington by the Country Library Service, and books are being lent in the North Island by another graduate who is driving a Country Library Service book-van.

* Recipient of certificate.