

DONATIONS

Among the donations this year was a set of the *Canadian Geographical Journal*, presented by the Canadian High Commissioner on behalf of the Canadian Geographical Society. These have been bound and are now available for reference purposes. To the British Council, who presented several works, and the Right Hon. W. J. Jordan, who sent us items of interest at regular intervals, our thanks are also due, and to the following who made gifts to the Library: the Canadian Trade Commissioner in New Zealand (Wellington), H. Colonna (Wellington), the Commonwealth Bank of Australia (Sydney), A. Courtenay (Oxford), I. S. Dalgairns (Ruatoria), H. L. Dolamore (Mosgiel), Funch, Edye, and Co., Inc. (New York), the High Commissioner for Australia (Wellington), the High Commissioner for the United Kingdom (Wellington), W. H. Honey (Wellington), A. H. Hutchinson (Napier), the Mayor and the Aldermen of the City of Greater Newcastle (Newcastle, New South Wales), the Metropolitan-Vickers Electrical Co., Ltd. (Wellington), L. Moore (Wellington), J. Muldoon (Wellington), the Polish Encyclopædic Editorial Board (Fribourg, Switzerland), A. Robertson (Hornchurch, Essex), the Royal Swedish Consulate (Wellington), the Soviet News (London), and the Theosophical Society (Auckland).

CIRCULATION

Despite the short recess, the number of privilege holders increased from 350 to 484 during the current year, and, as usual, comprises a cross-section of the Wellington public.

Books posted to Members and to other libraries amounted to 66 baskets and 334 parcels, the figures last year being 73 baskets and 327 parcels.

INTERLOAN

Under interloan we lent 1,107 books to 30 libraries, as compared with 983 books to 37 libraries in the previous year. The following are the figures for the principal libraries; National Library Service, 528; Library School, 228; Wellington Public Library, 56; Auckland Public Library, 40; Palmerston North Public Library, 31; Turnbull Library, 28; Hastings Public Library, 28. Three other libraries received over 20, 8 over 10, 2 over 5, and 10 less than 5. Our borrowings from 2 libraries were 25.

BINDING

This department continues to give excellent service to the Library and now handles most of our binding, with the exception of newspapers. During the year, 2,250 volumes have been bound, and, in addition, all accessions have been stamped with the Library crest and the classification numbers. The advantage of having reference material always on hand while awaiting binding is inestimable and the work can be done more quickly once it is put in hand.

COPYRIGHT

The publication of books in New Zealand continues to grow steadily, 416 receipts for books received being sent out this year, compared with 348 last year. We still have difficulty in getting all the books due to us under the Copyright Act, 1913, as many private publishers are not aware of their obligations. Printers, as a rule, are of great assistance to us in this matter, and our thanks are due to those who send publications promptly and save us unnecessary correspondence. A great deal of time is spent in collecting both the books and the particulars necessary for cataloguing purposes.

Last year we issued a mimeographed quarterly list of publications received under the Copyright Act which proved such a great success that we decided on a monthly issue. This enables those interested in New Zealand publications to obtain early information and appears to be appreciated by libraries, publishers, and booksellers here and abroad. There is a growing demand, too, for the annual Copyright list.