

WAKEFIELD COLLECTION

The tour of the British Council's Wakefield Collection arranged by the Committee is nearing its conclusion. The exhibition will have been shown in eighteen places in the North and South Islands. A return exhibition will be held in the National Gallery during September.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS

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PRESS

The Committee desires to record its thanks and appreciation for the valuable support and publicity given by the press in connection with the reopening of the Gallery and with exhibitions and other activities.

G. G. GIBBES WATSON, Chairman.

S. B. MACLENNAN, Director.

9th August, 1949.

WAR MEMORIAL CARILLON: REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1949

The Management Committee has much pleasure in reporting that Mr. Selwyn Baker, the rehabilitation bursar, who has been undergoing a two years' course of training in carillon playing at the Carillon School, Malignes, Belgium (the only school of its kind in the world), has now his diploma with distinction.

This is the same qualification that was achieved by the late Miss Gladys Watkins, the first Carillonist at Wellington, who gave so much pleasure with her playing of the bells from 1932 to 1936 and then was obliged to retire on account of failing health.

During Mr. Baker's tuition in Belgium he gave no less than thirty-nine recitals in the Low Countries, many of them to vast assemblages on important national occasions. In September, 1948, he was specially honoured by being selected to play two famous Hemony bells (1659) in the Oude Kerk Carillon, Amsterdam, when Queen Juliana was crowned.

In April last he was invited by Professor Percival Price, Professor of Campanology at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, United States of America, to return to New Zealand via America so that he could gain a knowledge of the new technique of carillon playing as developed in America. Professor Price followed up this invitation in July by guaranteeing Mr. Baker's expenses in America. In these circumstances the Rehabilitation Board authorized Mr. Baker's visit to America, which began on 15th August and will extend over until 16th October, when he will leave for Wellington.

During the year the standard of recitals by automatic playing has been maintained by Mr. Randal, and when occasion has required he has played efficiently on the hand claviers.

The Carillon apparatus has been kept in thorough-going order, and the repairs and improvements carried out the previous year within the tower have proved most effective.

The Management Committee is glad to learn that its proposals for the completion of the memorial, in that it will be representative for both the First and Second World Wars, will now receive consideration, and trusts that a final decision will soon be arrived at and the work expedited.