

SECTION II—LIBRARY SCHOOL

Report by the Director: MISS NORA BATESON

During the year the Library School completed the 1948 professional course, opened the professional course for 1949, and held a short course for librarians in Government Departments. It also co-operated with the Department of Education's Teachers' Refresher Course Committee in a refresher course for teacher-librarians in post-primary schools.

1948 PROFESSIONAL COURSE

At the conclusion of this course the Minister of Education awarded 18 diplomas and 7 certificates to the 25 students who had taken the course.

The following is a list of these students and their present positions:—

*Brosnahan, Marie J. . .	..	Schools Librarian, Dunedin Public Library.
Burton, Nicolas H. . .	..	Library Assistant, National Library Service, Wellington.
Chandler, John . . .	..	Library Assistant, Auckland University College Library.
Chandler, Oliver . . .	..	Cataloguing Assistant, Canterbury University College Library.
*Coard, Jane . . .	..	First Assistant and Cataloguer, Central Library, Ministry of Works.
*Covey, Helen B. . .	..	Library Assistant, Lower Hutt Public Library.
Ewart, Margaret I. . .	..	Librarian in Charge, School Library Service, Nelson.
Foot, Sadie M. . .	..	Chief Reference Assistant, Dunedin Public Library.
*Fordyce, Jean . . .	..	Librarian, Whangarei Public Library.
Horn, Kenneth A. R. . .	..	Assistant Librarian, Canterbury University College Library.
Jamieson, Amy L. . .	..	Library Assistant, National Library Service, Wellington.
Jenkins, David L. . .	..	Engineering Departmental Librarian, Canterbury University College.
Jones, Phyllis L. . .	..	Library Assistant, School Library Service, National Library Service, Wellington.
Malthus, Margaret B. . .	..	Library Assistant, National Library Service, Wellington.
Menzies, Gwendeth G. . .	..	Library Assistant, National Library Service, Wellington.
*Morgan, Rosa M. . .	..	Senior Assistant, Timaru Public Library.
Muff, Ruby (McCaughern)	..	Library Assistant, National Library Service, Wellington.
*Oldham, Winifred M. . .	..	Chief Reference Assistant, Country Library Service, Palmerston North.
O'Neill, Thomas B. . .	..	Assistant Librarian, Country Library Service, Palmerston North.
Quinn, Patricia M. . .	..	Library Assistant, School Library Service, Auckland.
*Randle, Elizabeth P. . .	..	Library Assistant, Dunedin Public Library.
Tolley, Cyril W. . .	..	Librarian, Petone Public Library.
Turner, Adrian E. . .	..	Assistant in Charge of Acquisition, Auckland University College Library.
Turner, Beryl (Horrobin)	..	Library Assistant, Country Library Service, Christchurch.
Turner, George W. . .	..	Assistant in Charge of Acquisition, Canterbury University College Library.

* Awarded the certificate.

An examination of this list shows the majority of students taking positions in University libraries, special libraries, and the various departments of the National Library Service. Seven have gone into public libraries, but of these 4 were returning to positions they already held. This is due not to lack of interest in public-library work, but to the salaries offered by public libraries, which in general are too low to attract qualified people. This is regrettable, as the effectiveness of the public library as an information and educational centre depends on the quality of the librarian. A wide range of books is now available in New Zealand, but to bring the pertinent books to the attention and service of individuals and groups who could make use of them requires interest, training, and skill. While there are still more library positions advertised than can be filled, it is to be hoped that salaries in public libraries will improve so that more graduates of the Library School will be able to go into public libraries.