

Urquhart donated twenty-one volumes of the popular old magazine, the *Idler*. The British and Foreign Bible Society, Sydney, has presented a long series of devotional works in several Native languages of the Pacific islands, which are valuable additions to the Library's great collection on Oceanic linguistics.

It is not easy to particularize among the many gifts that have come this year, and limitations of space make it possible only to express appreciation of the generosity of the many donors whose volumes or documents have added to the Library's resources.

THE MANUSCRIPT SECTION

The work done in the manuscript section has been chiefly that of sorting and arranging the unbound manuscript, not yet in any detail, but in broad categories, which will enable the future indexing to be done more easily and more accurately. All the papers have now been shelved and listed, and are already proving more manageable for the staff and consequently more rewarding for research students.

A start has also been made on the checking of the bound-manuscript shelves, to which a considerable number of additions has been made during the sorting of the unbound manuscript. These items are at present being catalogued.

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