

locate it if not indexed, and the process may not be rapid where there is a legitimate difference of opinion about the most appropriate section for a particular item. The publication of a complete index in a work of this size would clearly have made the book more bulky and costly, but would have speeded up the process of consultation.

The author's reasons for omitting Pitcairn and Norfolk should perhaps have been given. Pitcairn, for example, although its former Polynesian inhabitants are known only from their archaeological relics, gets a page of treatment and ten bibliographical entries in Buck's *Introduction to Polynesian Anthropology*. Inevitably in a bibliography on such a scale there are small slips. Ivens's *Island Builders of the Pacific*, a study of North Mala, Solomon Islands, appears under Easter Island. It is also entered correctly under Solomon Islands but not with the virtually companion work *Melanesians of the South-east Solomon Islands*. Rowe's *Samoa under the Sailing Gods* should be under *Samoa—General* rather than *Samoa—Origins*. But these are minor faults in a work of some 20,000 entries, some 1,600 of which it should be noted relate to the Maori—more than three times the number of entries which were included in Hamilton's *Hand-list* of 1911.

The work is an outstanding achievement of New Zealand bibliography completed during the uncertain leisure of some ten years. That it should be necessary to go back forty years to the publication of Dr. Hocken's *Bibliography of New Zealand Literature* to find a comparable work is one measure of the bibliographer's achievement. There is every indication from the merits of the bibliography itself that, with the inevitable addition of new publications to the interleaved pages, it may be as long before it is superseded.

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