

Others were as bibliographer, book-binder and repairer, and in his detailed knowledge of typography and paper. Often he was called upon to confirm or deny the authenticity of books or manuscripts for members of the public.

His reputation as a first class bibliographer won him an award of a Nuffield-Rockefeller United States Government Travel Fellowship in 1960 which enabled him to carry out further research abroad, and in 1962 he was elected a Fellow of the New Zealand Library Association.

Although the Turnbull Library was his main centre of interest he found time for many other associations to which he gave assistance. Only a few other equally dedicated men have had such a long service with the Polynesian Society as has Mr Taylor. Joining the Society in 1936, he became Secretary in 1939 and served in that capacity until 1958, then on the Council until 1963. As editor from 1949 until 1957 — part of the time jointly with Garth Roydhouse — he revived and extended the Society's programme of publication and arranged its library. In 1942 he prepared and published the *Index to the Journal of the Polynesian Society*, and since his retirement has been working on bringing this up to date, a task but recently completed and shortly to be printed.

Stemming from his interest in the Polynesian Society and the Turnbull Library's related concern for Oceanic materials, Mr Taylor was led to undertake the tremendous task of compiling *A Pacific Bibliography* of ethnology. This work, first published by the Polynesian Society in 1951, and the second edition of which appeared in 1965 under the Oxford imprint, is Mr Taylor's most enduring contribution to bibliographic scholarship.

His keen interest in numismatics led to his being elected a Fellow of the Royal Numismatic Society of New Zealand in 1939, and his appointment as editor of the *Numismatic Journal* in 1960. For twenty years he has served as New Zealand Secretary of the Hakluyt Society. Joining PEN in 1936, he served a term as President in 1952-53. During World War II he saw service overseas in the Army Education Service as a Sergeant in the Fiji Defence Force from 1943 to 1944 in Fiji, New Hebrides and New Caledonia.

The Government availed itself of his expert knowledge in another field, when it called upon him to serve as Assistant Film Censor, in which capacity he worked part-time for fourteen years.

It can thus be seen that Clyde Taylor has spread his talents widely, but his achievements in the Turnbull Library would give him most satisfaction on his retirement. Few public servants can claim to have been in charge of their organisation for a period of twentysix and a half years, yet that is the term he served as Chief Librarian. It was a time of tremen-