

diaries have been the basis of Worsley: *Under sail in the frozen North*, London 1927: official log kept by F. W. Dunn-Taylor.

WRIGHT Sydney Evelyn, 1825-1897  
Journals, 1839-1894. 12 v. various sizes.  
First six volumes concerned mainly with life at sea, but include (Vol. 3) 1841-1844, a period of nine months in New Plymouth. The daily round in Lyttelton, Christchurch and Wellington in later volumes. Vol. 11 is a journal of a period in Burma in 1848. Vol. 12 is miscellaneous papers, logs etc.

Of the papers listed, the Ashworth Collection is being typed and editorial work towards publication has been undertaken by Mrs I. M. Winchester. The Endowment Trust has also decided that the Bennett Journal should be published. This will be put in hand as soon as essential editorial work has been completed. In amplification of the formal entry for the Gifford-Bickerton papers, it may be mentioned that Mr Gifford, who was a master at Wellington College for 32 years and an astronomer with a reputation far beyond New Zealand, preserved a life-time's inward correspondence — personal as well as that concerning his work and interests (the College, astronomy, the authorship of Shakespeare, tramping). He received the papers of Professor Bickerton after the latter's death, and these came to us also. Apart from a great deal of astronomical material, Professor Bickerton's 29 large volumes of diary-journal, will be a goldmine for a biographer, and still rich for students of a wide range of scientific and historical subjects both in England and in New Zealand.

The Ramsden papers, referred to in the *Turnbull Library Record XV*: p. 13, have arrived at the Library in separate lots, over a fairly long period. They have now been provisionally sorted, and are relatively accessible. Mr Ramsden's drafts of his uncompleted biographies of Sir Peter Buck, Sir Apirana Ngata and Princess Te Puea are naturally subject to copyright limitations but the associated background material is a rich collection of papers indeed, containing much personal and biographical matter, and — the outstanding feature — both sides of a long, full, and regular correspondence between Buck and Ngata. As a record of the thoughts, activities and personal interaction of two great Maoris, this surviving correspondence is as yet unique.

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