

the Australian Joint Copying Project. The British Library supplied 183 reels of microfilm of New Zealand newspapers.

Important art and manuscripts acquisitions are noted elsewhere as well as some of the major donations made during the year.

Donations

The library once again acknowledges the generosity of those who have contributed by donation to the growth of the collections. The outstanding donation was a bequest of £5,000 worth of sixteenth century bibles and prayer books from English and continental printers by Sir Arthur Howard. Another significant donation was that of 65 Thomas Arnold letters from Mrs Moorman. New Zealand materials include the Sir Joseph Heenan papers from Lady Heenan; a selection of Sir John Illott's papers from Lady Illott; Greenwood family papers from Miss P. Greenwood; a William Mein Smith diary from Mr H. H. Trapp; and 30 J. C. Richmond drawings from Mrs E. H. Atkinson. A full list of donors is published in the *Turnbull Library Record*.

Cataloguing

During the year, 2,647 books and pamphlets were catalogued as well as sound recordings, microfilms and pamphlets. This is a substantial drop on the previous year, brought about first by staff shortages and second by the need to deploy catalogue staff elsewhere to support essential services. The section continues its responsibility for the compilation of the *New Zealand National Bibliography*, noted below, the maintenance of the Union Catalogue of pre-1801 imprints held in New Zealand, the control of the periodicals unit and binding programme and supervision of the cataloguing of the library's special collections.

New Zealand National Bibliography

Throughout the year monthly issues of the *New Zealand National Bibliography* were prepared, listing 1613 titles, including 5 art prints, 19 sound recordings, and 8 music scores. Also listed were 283 new periodical titles and 81 ceased periodical titles. The annual cumulation for 1972 appeared in July 1973.

The editing has been completed and typesetting is well advanced for the third volume of the *New Zealand National Bibliography* covering the letters P-Z for the period 1890-1960, and publication of this volume is expected later in the year. The editor and principal compiler, Mr A. G. Bagnall, formerly Chief Librarian, is working on the volume covering the period up to 1890 and work will commence shortly on the final index volume which will also contain a supplement.