

## Notes and Comments

### *Former Chief Librarian honoured*

Mr A. G. Bagnall, doyen of the bibliographers of New Zealand and Chief Librarian of the Alexander Turnbull Library from 1966 to 1973, was honoured by the Queen on the occasion of the celebration of her birthday in June when he was made an Officer of the Order of the British Empire (O.B.E.) for 'services to New Zealand literature and the library profession'. Graham Bagnall is the editor and chief compiler of the *New Zealand National Bibliography to the Year 1960* (volumes II-IV, 1969-1975; volume I at press) and the author of numerous works in enumerative bibliography, history and biography including *William Colenso* (with G. C. Petersen, 1948), *Okiwi* (1972) and *Wairarapa; an Historical Excursion* (1976). He was the editor of the *Turnbull Library Record* from 1967 to 1976.

### *The Turnbull Research Fund*

The Alexander Turnbull Library Endowment Trust Board has resolved to set up a special fund, the Turnbull Research Fund, to provide financial assistance to encourage scholarly research based on the Library's collections. The Trust Board's assistance to the Library has in the past been concentrated on collection building and apart from several small grants for travelling and other expenses associated with collecting or copying and grants for the publication of material in the collections most of the Board's expenditure has been on purchases of expensive materials, especially manuscripts and pictures. In order to use the Trust's funds for grants to encourage the scholarly use of the collections the deed of trust will need to be altered. The Board at a meeting in 1977 resolved to make an approach to the Supreme Court for an amendment to the deed to incorporate the following additional purposes:

VI (d) To sponsor conferences, seminars, and other meetings on subjects relating to the Library's collections and to pay the cost of such conferences, seminars and meetings, including the payment of fees for contributors.

VI (e) To make grants to individuals, either resident in New Zealand or overseas, to support scholarly research based on the Library's collections by way of fellowships and scholarships and assistance for travelling, living expenses, the copying of materials