

and in book production in the Press's history. The earliest of these was Robert Burton's *The Anatomy of Melancholy* (1628), and one of the most important *The History of the Rebellion and Civil Wars of England* (1702) by the Earl of Clarendon—it was partly on the profits of this book that the Clarendon Press was founded. Volumes from the various Oxford series published this century were displayed, along with a group of publications on New Zealand and the Pacific. A small section was devoted to typography and printing, and the exhibition closed, on a note perhaps fitting for a publishing house that has produced bibles and prayer books for several hundred years, with two beautiful folio bibles owned by the Turnbull, the 'Vinegar Bible' of 1717 and the Lectern Bible of 1935.

The exhibition was mounted by Mary Paul and Lindsay Missen on behalf of the Oxford University Press, Wellington.

Captain Cook conference in Vancouver

A decade of Cook bicentenary commemorative celebrations is drawing to a close. It has been studded with exhibitions around the world, with greatest emphasis in the United Kingdom, the South Pacific and latterly Hawaii and North America. The primary event was undoubtedly the international conference, 'Captain James Cook and His Times' held at Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, Vancouver 26-29 April 1978. An important inter-disciplinary conference, it was attended by upwards of 500 historians, scientists and authors from more than a dozen countries, including almost every Cook scholar of note. Some 25 papers were presented over the four days and these are being published in two separate volumes. Participants also had the opportunity of attending a large number of related activities, including no less than six Cook exhibitions in Vancouver and the neighbouring city of Victoria.

Despite some ill-informed press reports that indicated that the conference was largely concerned with attacking Professor J. C. Beaglehole, OM, the pre-eminent Cook scholar, this was in fact far from the case. The keystone of the conference was his life-work in Cook research, for it was primarily from this that further research stemmed, probing further into related and peripheral fields in greater depth. Professor Beaglehole himself would have been the first to admit that he was concerned chiefly with Cook and that much more remained to be done, and he would have welcomed the new evidence discovered in subsequent research stimulated by what he had achieved. The Vancouver conference, in its turn, will prove a seminal influence for a new generation of researchers into the vast world of Cook's achievements.

The Library was represented by Mr Anthonv Murray-Oliver