

of South Canterbury, had transferred in 1914 from the district office of the Lands and Survey Department in Christchurch to the General Assembly Library. Despite the presence in the Library of the faithful, over-worked and under-valued Mr H. L. James he was virtually the second-in-command and his promotion to the Turnbull position left Wilson, his former chief, still virtually in charge in the capacity of Advisory Director. Andersen took up duties in January 1919 and in March reported to the Under-Secretary for Internal Affairs,<sup>8</sup> 'I have now a good general idea of the state of the Library as regards classification and arrangement, and of the amount of work required to be done in order to make it available to the public. I submitted to the Chief Librarian and he approved, an outline of the proposed course of work, methods to be adopted, etc. by which the New Zealand and Australian books will be taken first . . .' He thought that with an assistant he could have the 6,000 bound volumes of this section ready in about a year. However, this comprised less than a fifth of the whole and he recommended the appointment of two and, if possible, three assistants. Rather hopefully he thought that with two the first section might be ready before 1920 'and the whole library say in three years'. He was in fact to retire eighteen years later without the completion of a full catalogue of the original collection, let alone its accretions.

However, on 22 April, Miss M. D. Gray took up duties to be followed on 1 May by Miss G. F. G. Davidson and Miss Q. B. Cowles. The Librarian did not wish to take advantage of the living-in privileges authorised by Cabinet and responsibility for the off-duty hours of the Library and for its cleaning was in the hands of Miss Emily Brouard, an old Turnbull retainer, and Miss Hannah Grierson. Their domain, which vanished in the 1953-55 alterations, comprised the kitchen, bathroom, pantry and the two maid's rooms. A carefully drafted eight-clause schedule defined their duties. As well as cleaning the building they were to assist in moving the books and answering the door. For many years the visitor's first impression of the Library after ringing the bell was of the front door being opened by the tiny bird-like figure of Miss Brouard who was well capable of making a quick assessment of the credentials of the caller before permitting entrance. One or other of the two custodians was always to be on the premises (Miss Grierson resigned in May 1920 and was replaced by Miss J. Tweeddale who in turn was followed by Miss O'Donnell). On Miss Brouard's final retirement in October 1944 she was appropriately interviewed by the *New Zealand Listener* and written up under the caption *She dusted but did not read them.*<sup>9</sup>

A Miss U. I. M. Tewsley was appointed in September 1923 and had the distinction of editing for publication as the Library's second bulletin - (the first was Andersen's *One hundred representative New Zealand*