

Most recent volume from his pen, *Okiwi: European occupation of the Eastern Bays Port Nicholson* (1972), was hand-set and published by Graham Bagnall himself at his Mahina Press (the printer was C. G. Bagnall, and a limited number of the 575 printed were specially bound by Mrs Bagnall), thus adding printer and, indeed, typographer to his other accomplishments. In his retirement he is preparing a history of Wairarapa, commissioned by the Masterton Trust Lands Trust, and is at last able to give the time he would wish to more intensive research into what has been his favourite study for over twenty years, the history of the Tongariro area. When it appears, his two-volume book, *Tongariro and the ways to it*, will undoubtedly be the definitive work on the area.

Despite his modest wish to be spared official farewells from the Turnbull scene, Mr Bagnall's position and career demanded no fewer than three. First came a staff farewell in the Library on Tuesday 15 May, the day of his official retirement. The National Librarian (Mr D. C. McIntosh) introduced two long-time colleagues of Mr Bagnall, and they spoke briefly to Turnbull staff and senior members of other sections who had worked with him. Mr Murray-Oliver recalled earlier Turnbull days when that incredible energy and omniscience in New Zealand history staggered one as much as they still do, and an always open door for ready assistance and advice. Mr Olsson developed the theme further, and enumerated an almost endless list of activities in just one year at the National Library Centre. In this and subsequent functions sadness at losing a friend and leader blended with pleasure that now he might have more time for his own research. Miss Margery Walton, the Reference Librarian, presented Mr and Mrs Bagnall with a dozen Waterford crystal glasses, together with sixteen Avon prints in a large folder, handsomely covered by Jeavons Baillie in a rich vieux rose linen, bearing a William Morris design.

On Wednesday 16 May, the Council of the N.Z. Library Association, in conjunction with the Wellington Branch, held a wine and cheese evening to honour Mr Bagnall. Miss M. A. Ronnie, City Librarian, Dunedin Public Library, and President of the Association, introduced two speakers. Mr W. J. McEldowney, Librarian of the University of Otago, spoke of long associations in both the National Library Service and the Library Association. Mr G. T. Alley traversed the Bagnall saga and the great contributions made to librarianship and scholarship both in and outside these two institutions. The guest of honour, in his reply, as on all three occasions, characteristically disclaimed any great credit and paid tribute to all who had assisted him in so many projects, too many of which, he felt, were still unfinished.