

a faith similar to their own, and a tohunga was listed among the first Theosophists in New Zealand, in the Wellington lodge of 1888. A sympathetic interest in indigenous spirituality is evident in Theosophical and Spiritualist literature over many decades.

As I prepare my research findings for publication, I invite other scholars to test the hypothesis that nineteenth century settler societies, especially British, have been particularly receptive to alternative religious movements, whether sectarian Christian or, like those I have studied, of a different character. In these places, of which New Zealand is perhaps the purest example, conventional church life is relatively weak. There is a pioneering spirit and sometimes a sense of utopian vision, confrontation with indigenous and at times immigrant Asian spirituality presents a challenge, and the issue of gender equality is significant. Much remains to be done, however, to deepen our understanding of the spiritually exploratory side of these societies.

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## Notes on Manuscript and Archive Accessions

### *A SELECTIVE LIST OF ACQUISITIONS, DECEMBER 1987 TO MARCH 1988*

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BALLANTYNE, DAVID WATT, 1924-1986. *Papers, ca. 1939-1985*. 4.3 m. DONATION: Mrs V. Ballantyne, Auckland.

Ballantyne was a journalist, author and playwright. Papers include manuscripts and typescripts of novels, short stories and plays, correspondence, diaries, notebooks and newspaper clippings.

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BARRINGTON, ARCHIBALD CHARLES, 1906-1986. *Further papers, ca. 1929-1983*. 5.3 m. DONATION: Mrs J. Barrington, Upper Moutere.

Diaries, letterbooks, scrapbooks, annotated printed monographs and newspaper clippings of a noted pacifist, Methodist layman and member of the Riverside Community.

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