

ing Board, and to carry out the decisions and policy of the Board and of the Council of the New Zealand Library Association. A fee of one guinea per student per Part will be paid to tutors. Copies of the syllabus (printed in NEW ZEALAND LIBRARIES, vol. 5: 101-113, Dec. 1941) may be obtained from the Secretary.

GENERAL NEWS

Our New President. The new President, Mr Joseph Norrie, F.L.A., City Librarian of Wellington and for the past seven years Hon. Secretary of the Association, needs no introduction to members. Mr Norrie has had nearly forty years' experience in public libraries in Scotland, England and New Zealand, and has travelled extensively in the United States where he devoted special attention to studying library planning and equipment. Last but not least, Mr Norrie brings to the office of President that peculiarly intimate knowledge of Association affairs which only a Secretary can glean.

National Defense Book Campaign in America. From five to ten million volumes are expected to be provided by the national book drive for the armed forces. As in New Zealand, the books will be collected in libraries throughout the country. An interesting feature of the American scheme is that uniformed men will be permitted to take books from the libraries stocked through the campaign and return them at any other service centre they wish. For example, a soldier returning to his home on leave will be able to take a book from the library in a USO club or other centre near his camp, read it on the train or bus and turn it in to any other service centre he wishes after he has reached his destination. New Zealand librarians who have visited the United States will be interested to hear that the director of the campaign is Miss Althea Warren, on leave from the Los Angeles Public Library.

New Zealander in Suva. Writing to the Hon. Secretary on the 30th January, Mr Robert Munro, Chairman, Library Committee, Suva Circulating Library, Fiji, says:—

"We wish to place on record our gratitude to Mr. Buchanan, now a member of the N.Z.E.F. and late of your Country Library Service, for the most valuable and courteous assistance he has rendered our librarian. Day after day and, for that matter, night after night, Mr Buchanan devoted his leave hours to assisting our librarian to instal her Brown system and to get our Library into proper working order."

Foreign Periodicals. According to a November news-sheet received from the American Library Association many German scientific journals and books have been bottlenecked in Bermuda, but it was thought possible that Britain and the United States might insure passage of books and magazines for research through the Bermuda customs. Owing to the difficulty of importing foreign research material, negotiations were at that time under way to arrange for continental storage centres. This, of course, was before America entered the war.

Microfilm and War Risks. The same news-sheet reports that \$50,000 has been earmarked by the Rockefeller Foundation for micro-filming and storing periodicals in the United States for European libraries until the war is over.