

organisational outlines on one side and on the other a listing of mere details which, though part of a training course, are irrelevant in a general survey of this kind. All the same it was still a very worthwhile undertaking. It will remain a milestone, albeit of a modest size, on the arduous way to the perfect post-primary school library we all hope to see one day.

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## NEWS AND NOTES

### **Progress on the National Library front**

In early November the National Party in its election manifesto stated its approval in principle of the establishment of a National Library and the appointment of a National Librarian, and this was followed up later by the Prime Minister's announcement that Cabinet had approved the establishment of the National Library and that the State Services Commission would be calling applications for the position of National Librarian. An advisory committee (of which the National Librarian is to be a member) is to be set up, and one of its first tasks is understood to be a further investigation of the whole question of a building to house parts of the national collection.

The State Services Commission has now advertised the position of National Librarian at a salary of £2,480 to £2,620.

### **Two remits for Conference in February**

The two following remits submitted by the Palmerston North Branch have been approved by Standing Executive Committee for inclusion in the order paper for Conference in February.

"That it be a recommendation to Council that since the Conference programme has been re-arranged to shorten the time for which local authority representatives need attend, conferences now be held annually instead of biennially as at present".

"That it be a recommendation to Council that reciprocal return of books be publicised as part of the reciprocal borrowing arrangements."

### **Maori Education Foundation Bursary for librarians**

One of the major recommendations of the N.Z.L.A. Maori Library Service Committee's report to Council of February 1963 has been implemented. In the *Education Gazette* for 2 December the Maori Education Foundation announces details of its first Library Study Bursary, to be made available in 1964 to enable a young Maori man or woman to obtain a bachelor's degree necessary for admission to the N.Z. Library School. Applicants must establish Maori descent,

have obtained the age of 16 by 31 December 1963 and the Higher School Certificate at the end of the 1963 academic year. Students already enrolled at universities may apply. The tenure of the Bursary is for three years but may be extended. Allowances paid under the Bursary are comparable with those paid for Post-Primary School Studentships. Bursars must sign a written undertaking to enrol for the Library School Professional Course and to spend at least one year working in a New Zealand library.

### **Union List of Theses**

A supplement to the *Union List of Theses of the University of New Zealand 1910-1954* (1956) is now in press. The University of Otago Library, responsible for compiling the supplement, is now seeing an edition of 300 copies through the press for the N.Z.L.A.

### **N.Z.L.A. Certificate course**

During 1963 branches of the Association were asked to discuss the future tutoring of the Association's library training course. The two major questions at issue were whether the Association should continue tutoring, and if so what changes were necessary, or whether the Technical Correspondence School should be asked to undertake tutoring on behalf of the N.Z.L.A. The Education Committee, after considering replies received from the branches, recommended to Council in August that the Technical Correspondence School should be asked to take over tutoring and in the meantime that attempts should be made to decentralise the course.

Council at this stage was approached by the Director of the National Library Service with a proposal that the Service should conduct the training course in a modified form. This proposal, referred to Education Committee by Council for comment, has now been approved in principle. In a postal ballot of Council members held in December the following proposal was approved: "That the Director, National Library Service, be thanked for his suggestion that the Service might take responsibility for intermediate level training and informed that the Association accepts the offer in principle but at the same time the Director be asked to agree that such action would not commit any possible university library school to enter upon library training at a non-graduate level and that if the National Library Service decided not to continue its library training activities it would give the Association sufficient notice for satisfactory alternative arrangements to be made. It was further resolved that the Association would like to see a continuing committee set up for consultation on the form and content of this course."

### **Further decline in voting by personal members**

The voting figures for the election of three ordinary members of Council by personal members of the Association shows a further decline in interest by members. Four nominations were received for three positions, 844 voting papers were sent out and 365 returned.