

The amount of printing last year was greatly augmented through a grant of £50 by the Internal Affairs Department for the paper by G. R. Williams, "The Kakapo," and this year by a grant of £50 by the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research for a paper by P. C. Bull, "Distribution and Abundance of the Rook in New Zealand." The Ringing Scheme was again assisted to the extent of £25 by the Internal Affairs Department.

Funds have been assisted by the fine effort of Mr. J. C. Davenport in handling the sale of publications and more gain is expected in the future.

Mr. Bruce Chambers is continuing the Christmas Card venture, having the ready help of some good members, and there is a good prospect of a considerable sum being gained for investment.

Our thanks are due again to Messrs. Chambers, Worth and Chambers for continuing to audit our books free of charge.

H. R. McKENZIE, Hon. Treasurer

14/5/58



ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LIBRARY, 1957-58

During the year 36 pamphlets and Reprints have been added to the library. Thirty-three periodicals are received regularly on exchange, these representing thirteen different countries. It is important to note that the majority of these journals are not held elsewhere in New Zealand.

Fifty-seven items were borrowed during the year, this being a considerable increase over last year's borrowings.

New rules for the circulation of journals were adopted by Council during the year and the circuits are now operating satisfactorily.

We acknowledge with thanks the donation by Mr. D. Galey of the book, "Eagles," by Leslie Brown. Again we have to thank Mr. R. V. Roberts for the work he has done in connection with the binding of periodicals and for his efforts to obtain missing parts.

(signed) ENID A. EVANS

Hon. Librarian

We were interested in the statement of D. H. Binney (*Notornis* 7. 215) that he had seen Banded Dotterels (*C. bicipitus*) near the summit of Mt. Tarawera. On 6/1/58, when we climbed this mountain, we noted at least fifty Banded Dotterels scattered over the surrounding bare scoria slopes and right up to the summit (3700 ft.). There were also others on the two adjacent flattened tops of Tarawera.

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