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BIG CONSIGNMENT OF FILMS FOR P.M.B. LIBRARIES

A further batch of 80 or so reels of microfilm on a wide variety of subjects of interest to Pacific scholars will soon be available for reference in the member libraries of the Pacific Manuscripts Bureau. The PMB delivered 30 reels of film to the libraries during September and 50-odd others were being prepared for dispatch at the end of the month.

The 30 reels of film delivered in September were all in the PMB Doc series, which is devoted to serials, reports, books, pamphlets and other rare printed or mimeographed material. These films included fourteen reels of the Bulletin Officiel de la Nouvelle-Calédonie, 1853-1907 (1870 excepted); seven reels of Quarterly Jottings from the New Hebrides, 1893-1963; six reels of documents concerning the work of missionaries of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Mormons) in the Pacific; and two reels of 'parliamentary proceedings' of the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony.

Until 1907, the Bulletin Officiel de la Nouvelle-Calédonie was the 'government gazette' of New Caledonia in which official circulars, dispatches, decrees, orders, etc. were published. It appeared monthly from 1862 - the issues for 1853-61 being published retrospectively in 1871. From 1862 to 1878 only 180 copies of the Bulletin were published. The edition was then enlarged to 250 copies. Not surprisingly, holdings of the Bulletin are now rare, and

the PMB has yet to locate a file for 1870. The set that has been microfilmed is preserved in the archives of the *Ministere de la France d'Outre-Mer*, Paris.

Quarterly Jottings from the New Hebrides, the first periodical entirely devoted to the New Hebrides, was originally published at Woodford, Essex, in July 1893 under the editorship of the Rev. James Paton, B.A., of Glasgow, a member of the prolific Paton family which dominated the Presbyterian mission in the New Hebrides for many years. It was originally entitled the New Hebrides South Sea Islands - Quarterly Jottings of the John G. Paton Mission Fund. After about three years, the title was changed to that given above, and its place of publication changed from Woodford to Southend-on-Sea, Essex; then Kirkwall, Orkney Islands, and, finally, Glasgow. The copies microfilmed for the PMB were located in Australia, New Zealand and Great Britain (see Pambu, No. 19, pp.1-4). Copies of Nos. 128, 140, 146 and 156-161 are yet to be uncovered.

The six reels of film of Mormon documents on the Pacific Islands comprise copies of 45 volumes of the monthly Tahitian-language journal Te Heheuraa Api (1907-1961), and three books by Mormon writers. The books are:

* Adventures in Samoa by Henry Lawrence Bassett (Los Angeles, 1940). This is the work of a Latter-Day Saints missionary who spent the years 1890-93 in Samoa.

* South Seas Memories by John Quincy Adams (Salt Lake City, 1919) is also the work of a Latter-Day Saints missionary in Samoa, but it includes observations on life and Mormon missions in Hawaii, Fiji, Tonga and Tahiti.

* House of Israel by E.L. Whitehead (Independence, Missouri, 1947). This is about the origin and dispersal of the 'tribes of Israel,' and contains several references to Polynesian origins, especially in chapters 26-28.

The two reels relating to the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony comprise the proceedings of the Colony Conference for 1956-62, and minutes of meetings of the Colony's Advisory Council for 1963-67. The Colony Conference, an annual meeting of nominated representatives from all parts of the GEIC, preceded the establishment of the Advisory Council, which acted as adviser to the GEIC Administration. The Advisory Council held nine meetings before being superseded in December 1967 by a House of

Representatives, consisting of 23 elected members, two ex-officio members and five appointed members.

The 50 or so reels of film which were being prepared for dispatch to the PMB members libraries at the end of September are all in the manuscript series. They include copies of several useful diaries, six reels of documents relating to the first expedition to the Pacific after Magellan, 10 reels of records of the Samoan District of the London Missionary Society, and 15 reels of records of the Roman Catholic Church in New Caledonia.

The diarists represented in the 50 reels above mentioned are: the Rev. Joseph Johnston, William Thomas Ogden, Eli Bell, William Douglass, Jr, James S. Abbott, and Dr George Alexander Turner.

The Rev. Joseph Johnston (1814-92) left England for Tahiti as a missionary of the London Missionary Society in the ship Camden in April 1838. He reached Tahiti in the following March and served there until late 1849. In Tahiti, he married Miss Harriet Platt, daughter of the Rev. George Platt. After his return to England in May 1850, he went to Fremantle, Western Australia, as a Congregational minister, and died there in 1892.

Johnston's papers, which are now in the J.S. Battye Library of West Australian History, Perth, include diaries kept on the Camden and in Tahiti from April 1838 until his return to England, as well as a history and impressions of Tahiti and narrative of the voyage in the Camden.

William Thomas Ogden, Eli Bell, William Douglass and James S. Abbott were all missionaries of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in the Pacific. Ogden, who was born in 1873, served in Samoa from 1898 to 1901; Bell served in Hawaii from 1854 to 1860; Douglass in New Zealand from 1891 to 1894; and Abbott in New Zealand from 1892 to 1896.

The diaries of Dr G.A. Turner were described in Pambu No. 22, pp.1-6. They cover two voyages through the Tokelau, Ellice and Gilbert Groups in the mission ship John Williams in 1874 and 1878. Dr Turner (son of the Rev. Dr George Turner, author of Samoa A Hundred Years Ago and Long Before, London, 1884) was a medical missionary in Samoa from 1868 to 1879.

The six reels of film relating to the first expedition to the Pacific after Magellan were obtained from the Archivo General de Indias in Seville, Spain. The expedition in question was commanded by Garcia Jofre de Loaisa, who left La Coruna for the Moluccas on 24 July 1525 to open up the spice trade initiated by the Magellan expedition. Of the seven ships under Loaisa originally, only four entered the Pacific via the Strait of Magellan, as one was wrecked in the Strait, one deserted and returned to Spain, and one was lost in the Atlantic. The remaining four passed through the Strait on 26 May 1526, but were separated by a storm a few days later. One of these, the Santiago, made her way to Mexico; another, the San Lesmes, was not heard of again; and the remaining two, the Santa Maria de la Victoria and Santa Maria del Parral, crossed the Pacific independently.

The documents on the microfilms concern the fitting out and dispatch of the expedition, accounts of the expedition's proceedings, and claims for salaries by dependents of expedition members who died in the Moluccas or on the voyage out. The documents extend over a period of 14 years - from 1525 to 1538. The PMB has prepared an inventory to the documents in English for its member libraries. The inventory is a translated and edited version of one that appeared in the Boletim da Filmoteca Ultramarina Portuguesa, No. 32, Lisbon, 1966.

The records of the Samoan District of the London Missionary Society that are to be distributed on microfilm soon are listed on pp.9 and 10 of this newsletter as items PMB 126-128, 130-132 and 141-144. These documents originally formed part of the archives of the Samoan District Committee and later Samoan District Council of the London Missionary Society. In 1970, it was decided to transfer them to the archives of the Congregational Council for World Mission (formerly London Missionary Society) in London; and in transit through Canberra, they were microfilmed for the PMB member libraries. Reel PMB 141 is particularly interesting in that it contains copies of correspondence between the Samoan District of the LMS and LMS stations in the Cook Islands, 1910-37; Gilbert and Ellice Islands, 1877-1940; Niue, 1907-39; Tokelau Islands, 1907-42; and Tutuila (American Samoa), 1908-47.

The 15 reels of records of the Roman Catholic Church in New Caledonia were microfilmed in the Archivio Padri Maristi (Archives of the Marist Fathers) in Rome.

They are listed briefly on pp. 10 and 11 of this newsletter as items PMB 161-175.

FRUITFUL VISIT TO
NORFOLK ISLAND

The Executive Officer of the PMB, Mr Robert Langdon, spent a fruitful fortnight on Norfolk Island in July and August, microfilming documents of historical interest. The documents included a variety of manuscripts gathered together by the Norfolk Island Historical Society; papers generously made available by Mr Edward Young Evans, Mr Tom Lloyd, Mr Harold Adams, Mrs Mavis Davies and Mr Bernie Christian-Bailey; and records of the Church of England, the Methodist and Seventh-day Adventist Churches.

Norfolk Island's historian, Mrs Merval Hoare, gave up many hours of her time to assist with the micro-filming work; and the Administrator, Air-Commodore R.N. Dalkin, made facilities available in the Administration building at Kingston for the installation of the PMB's portable 35mm camera.

Among the documents microfilmed were:

* A diary begun on Norfolk Island by John Buffett on 8 June 1856, the day the Pitcairners arrived on the island in the Morayshire.

* A journal of whaling voyages in the bark Canton, 1881-85, and the bark Petrel, 1887, kept by Robert Edward Buffett.

* An account book and diary kept on Norfolk Island from 1881 to 1902, and in the Solomon Islands from 1905 to 1921 by Charles H. Buffett, a trader.

* Incomplete runs of the Norfolk Islands Weekly News (1932) and the Norfolk Island Times (1933-35).

The diary of John Buffett, beginning in 1856, spans a period of 36 years to 1892, but there are several long gaps. The book in which it was kept was originally a Commissariat register of Norfolk Island's convict era. It was apparently found by Buffett in one of the deserted buildings at Kingston when he came ashore from the Morayshire. There are a few pages in it relating to the

The Pacific Manuscripts Bureau was established in 1968 as part of the Research School of Pacific Studies, Australian National University, Canberra. Its purpose is to locate unpublished documents of value concerning the Pacific Islands and to obtain copies of them on microfilm for five world libraries specialising in Pacific research. The five libraries are the National Libraries of Australia and New Zealand; the Mitchell Library, Sydney; the Library of the University of Hawaii, Honolulu; and the State Library of Victoria, Melbourne.

convict period. From March 1868 to July 1872, the diary is not about Norfolk, but Pitcairn, for Buffett returned there for an extended visit to be with relatives who had gone back previously. It is a useful record of the principal daily events of the island on which Buffett happened to be: shipping arrivals and departures, births, marriages and deaths, chases after whales - and the weather.

The Norfolk Island microfilms will probably not be ready for distribution to the PMB member libraries until about the end of the year.

JOURNAL OF CAPTAIN
WILLIAM L. HUDSON

A journal of Captain William L. Hudson, second-in-command of the United States Exploring Expedition to the Pacific in 1838-42, has been obtained on microfilm for the member libraries of the Pacific Manuscripts Bureau. The original journal is in the American Museum of Natural History, New York.

Captain Hudson was commander of the US ship Peacock. His journal begins on 20 August 1838 and is preceded by a list of the officers and scientific corps of the Exploring Expedition and correspondence relating to it. It continues to 8 August 1840 and fills 567 pages.

During the two years covered by the journal, the Peacock visited the Tuamotu Archipelago, Tahiti, Samoa, Lord Howe Island, Tonga and Fiji. The journal includes many details not to be found in the official account of the expedition by Commodore Charles Wilkes, its commander. In the part dealing with Tahiti, for example, Captain Hudson is trenchantly critical about the United States Consul, Blackler, for his dealings in illicit liquor.

RECENT ADDITIONS TO PMB
'FILM LIBRARY'

Below is a short title list of the microfilms produced by the Pacific Manuscripts Bureau since the last list was published in Pambu No.22, pp.21-28. In the first part of the list are microfilms of manuscripts in the PMB series. This is followed by a list of the latest films of serials, pamphlets, books and other published documents in the PMB Doc. series. The last PMB Doc. list was published in Pambu No.18, p.9.

<u>No. of film</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Footage</u>
PMB 101	MILLER, C. Ed. - Diary of a Journey to Tahiti, Australia, and the Hawaiian Islands, 1913-16	PMB 101-107 on same reel
102	BURTON, Joseph F. - Letters and other papers written from Tahiti, 1905-08	
103	REORGANIZED CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS - Letters from missionaries in French Polynesia, 1900-65	
104	'ZION'S ENSIGN' - Letters and articles on the Pacific Islands, 1891-1932 (vols.1-44)	
105	'JOURNAL OF HISTORY' - Articles relating to the Pacific Islands, 1908-16 (vols. 1-9)	
106	'TIMES AND SEASONS' - Letters from the Pacific Islands, 1844-46	
107	REORGANIZED CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS - Items on Pacific Islands from the minutes and reports of the annual general conferences, 1879-1964	
108	JOHNSON, Rev. Joseph - Diaries, 1844-55; 1864-71	

<u>No. of film</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Footage</u>
PMB 109	'AUTUMN LEAVES' - Articles on the Pacific Islands, 1909-31 (vols.22-44)	1 reel
110	'IMPROVEMENT ERA' - Articles relating to the Pacific Islands, 1898-1969 (vols.1-72)	1 reel
111	OGDEN, William Thomas - Journal and papers relating to Samoa, 1898-1901	1 reel
112	'JUVENILE INSTRUCTOR' - Articles relating to the Pacific Islands, 1868-1921 (vols.3-56)	8 PMB 112 & 113 on same reel
113	'CONTRIBUTOR' - Articles relating to the Pacific Islands, 1880-96 (vols.1-17)	same reel
114	CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS - 'Manuscript Mission Histories', 1849-1959	1 reel
115	CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS - Items on Pacific Islands from reports of annual and semi-annual conferences, 1902-59	1 reel
116	TYLER, Arleah and PO'UHA, Anna (comps) - History of the Latter-Day Saints Tongan Building Program, 1955-59	1 reel
117	BELL, Eli - Journal kept in Hawaii, 1854-60	1 reel
118	DOUGLASS, William Jr - Journal kept in New Zealand, 1891-94	1 reel
119	ABBOTT, James S. - Missionary diaries kept in New Zealand, 1892-96	80 feet
120	HENRY, <u>Bro.</u> Fred - History of Samoa (compiled 1935-37)	1 reel
121	TOWNSEND, Charles H. and MOORE, H.F. - Ethnographic Notes on Cruise of <u>Albatross</u> , 1899-1900	160 frames

<u>No. of film</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Footage</u>
PMB 122	METHODIST CHURCH, NORFOLK ISLAND - Miscellaneous Records, 1886-1970	1 reel
123	BUFFETT, John Sr, and Others - Diary kept on Norfolk and Pitcairn Islands, 1856-92	1 reel
124	UNITED STATES EXPLORING EXPEDITION 1838-42 - Catalogue of Ethnographical Collections	1 reel
125	JAMES, John Hall - Correspondence, Fiji 1870-75, and Diary of the Ba Campaign, May 1873	1 reel
126	LONDON MISSIONARY SOCIETY, SAMOAN DISTRICT - In letters from LMS, London, 1896-1946	1072 frames
127	LONDON MISSIONARY SOCIETY, SAMOAN DISTRICT - Out letters to LMS, London, 1900-46	480 frames
128	LONDON MISSIONARY SOCIETY, SAMOAN DISTRICT - Correspondence with other religious bodies, including overseas auxiliaries of the LMS, 1908-46	1 reel
129	TURNER, Dr George Alexander - Journal of voyages through the Tokelau, Ellice and Gilbert Groups, 1874 and 1878	82 frames
130	LONDON MISSIONARY SOCIETY, SAMOAN DISTRICT - Internal correspondence, 1896-1927	840 frames
131	LONDON MISSIONARY SOCIETY, SAMOAN DISTRICT - In letters from LMS agent, Sydney, 1896-1946	591 frames
132	LONDON MISSIONARY SOCIETY, SAMOAN DISTRICT - Out letters to LMS agent, Sydney, 1908-47	131 frames
133	WALLER, Gilbert Johnson - Autobiography 1859-1930 (Waller was a missionary of the Reorganised Church of Jesus Christ of Latter- Day Saints in Hawaii from 1890-1938)	30 feet

<u>No. of film</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Footage</u>
PMB 134	PICANON, <u>Governor</u> Edouard - Report on his voyage to the New Hebrides, 1902, and other New Hebrides papers, 1904	1 reel
135-140	LOAISA, Garcia Jofre de - Papers relating to his expedition to the Pacific and Moluccas, 1525-38	6 reels
141	LONDON MISSIONARY SOCIETY, SAMOAN DISTRICT - Correspondence with LMS stations in the Pacific Islands, 1877-1947	2 reels (1308 frames)
142	LONDON MISSIONARY SOCIETY, SAMOAN DISTRICT - Correspondence with LMS agent, Suva, 1907-46	241 frames
143	LONDON MISSIONARY SOCIETY, SAMOAN DISTRICT - Correspondence with the German Administration, Samoa, 1905-15	224 frames
144	LONDON MISSIONARY SOCIETY, SAMOAN DISTRICT - Correspondence with New Zealand Administration, Samoa, 1915-46	261 frames
145	MARGARET OF THE CROSS, <u>Sister</u> - Autobiography (dealing largely with the Solomon Islands), 1887-1960	211 frames
146	HUDSON, <u>Captain</u> William L. - Journal of the United States Exploring Expedition, 1838-40	50 feet
147-160	IN PREPARATION	
161	ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, NEW CALEDONIA - General Correspondence, 1848-59	1 reel
162	ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, NEW CALEDONIA - General Correspondence, 1860-64	1 reel
163	ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, NEW CALEDONIA - General Correspondence, 1864-66	1 reel
164	ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, NEW CALEDONIA - General Correspondence, 1866-69	1 reel

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PMB 165	ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, NEW CALEDONIA - General Correspondence, 1869-73	1 reel
166	ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, NEW CALEDONIA - General Correspondence, 1873-76	1 reel
167	ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, NEW CALEDONIA - General Correspondence, 1876-79	1 reel
168	ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, NEW CALEDONIA - General Correspondence, 1879-83	1 reel
169	ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, NEW CALEDONIA - General Correspondence, 1883-91	1 reel
170	ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, NEW CALEDONIA - General Correspondence, 1891-1899	1 reel
171	ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, NEW CALEDONIA - General Correspondence, 1899-1912	1 reel
172	ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, NEW CALEDONIA - General Correspondence and Miscellaneous Papers, 1836-1945	1 reel
173	ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, NEW CALEDONIA - Miscellaneous Papers, 1846-91	1 reel
174	ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, NEW CALEDONIA - Miscellaneous Papers, 1866-78	1 reel
175	ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, NEW CALEDONIA - Miscellaneous Papers, 1873-83	1 reel

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25	GILBERT AND ELLICE ISLANDS COLONY ADVISORY COUNCIL - Minutes of Meetings, 1963-67	439 frames
26	GILBERT AND ELLICE ISLANDS COLONY - Proceedings of the Colony Conference, 1956-62	421 frames

<u>No. of</u> <u>film</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Footage</u>
PMB Doc. 27	GAZZARD, A.S. <u>The 'Bounty' and After</u>	1 reel
28	'TE VEA MAOHI' (monthly Tahitian newspaper), June 1936-March 1944 (Vol.6, no.6 - Vol.14 no.3)	1 reel
29	IN PREPARATION	
30	PINCOTT, W.J.R. - Reports to the Government of Tonga, 1966-67	218 frames
31	TONGA GOVERNMENT - Statements of Trade and Navigation, 1963-68	141 frames
32	TONGA GOVERNMENT - Miscellaneous reports by various consultants, 1961-70	731 frames
33	THE MONTHLY MESSENGER AND MISSIONARY RECORD - articles on the Pacific Islands (Monthly publication), Oct.1881-Oct.1885 (vols.II-V)	108 frames
34	QUARTERLY JOTTINGS FROM THE NEW HEBRIDES - July 1893-January 1900 (Nos.1-27)	1 reel
35	QUARTERLY JOTTINGS FROM THE NEW HEBRIDES - April 1900-October 1906 (Nos.28-54)	1 reel
36	QUARTERLY JOTTINGS FROM THE NEW HEBRIDES - January 1907-October 1913 (Nos.55-82)	1 reel
37	QUARTERLY JOTTINGS FROM THE NEW HEBRIDES - January 1914-October 1921 (Nos.83-114)	1 reel
38	QUARTERLY JOTTINGS FROM THE NEW HEBRIDES - January 1922-January 1932 (Nos.115-155) (<u>Note</u> :Nos.128, 140, 146 were not available for microfilming)	1 reel
39	QUARTERLY JOTTINGS FROM THE NEW HEBRIDES - April 1923-April 1951 (Nos.162-231) (<u>Note</u> :Nos.156-161 were not available for microfilming)	1 reel