BIBLIOGRAPHY IN AND ABOUT AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND 
AND THE SOUTH PACIFIC: A FIRST CHECK LIST 
FOR THE YEARS 1969 TO 1972

The following check list is a first attempt to record 
material of interest to the physical bibliographer pub­ 
lished in Australasia since the creation of the Biblio­ 
graphical Society of Australia and New Zealand. At the 
same time it sets out to catalogue monographs and 
articles dealing with printing, publishing and book trade 
history in these two countries and their dependencies and 
near neighbours in the Pacific whatever their place of 
publishation. Such a programme may seem relatively simple 
to carry out, but the appearances are deceptive enough to 
warrant explanation of deliberate inclusions and exclusions 
as well as frank confession of limitations and deficiencies 
it is hoped to remove and correct in a supplementary list.

It should be stressed that this is not a catalogue of 
contributions to subject or reference bibliography. The 
needs of the physical and textual bibliographer and of the 
historian of printing and publishing have dictated fairly 
strict criteria for the inclusion of material of this kind. 
Any lists dealing with the production of and trade in books 
have been considered relevant, as have subject enumerations 
that encompass the history of a given discipline in Aust­ 
ralia, New Zealand or the South Pacific. No doubt the 
selection made has not escaped arbitrariness, but it should 
be remembered that other works—D. H. Borchardt's Australian 
Bibliography, first issued in 1963 and soon to go into a 
third edition, the Australian Library Journal's recent annual 
records of bibliographical monographs, the valuable and 
comprehensive accounts of scholarship in this field that have 
long been a feature of New Zealand Libraries, the specialized 
and often exhaustive catalogues in such periodicals as 
Australian Literary Studies, The Journal of Pacific History 
and the Journal de la Société des Océanistes—go some way at 
least towards satisfying the enquiries likely to be made by 
students of history and literature.

Library administration and the techniques of librarianship 
have also been regarded as outside the scope of this check 
list. However, descriptions and catalogues of holdings char­ 
acterized as special collections have been included systemat­ 
ically. Similarly attention has been paid to all articles on
the history of libraries whether public or private.

The same criterion has been applied to writings on archives. Questions of storage and arrangement have been excluded, but inventories and calendars have been recorded with rather more indulgence than one might expect in a bibliographical index. It is necessary, given the state of knowledge about the bibliographical history of Australia and New Zealand, to draw attention to potential sources of information. No apology, then, is offered for venturing further afield than is customary in this sort of check list.

Antipodean readers of G. Thomas Tanselle's typically able and authoritative article "The Periodical Literature of English and American Bibliography" (Studies in Bibliography, 26, 1973, 167-91) need to be reminded that, as far as their own countries are concerned, the existing disarray of indexes is much more pronounced than it is for the British Isles or North America. While the list below represents an effort to take note of current research, the problem of discovering past publications other than a handful of familiar monographs remains unresolved. For this reason the compilers have not sought to restrict entries to monographs and articles that deserve unequivocally the label of "bibliographical scholarship". Rather they have, in dealing with specialist journals for printers, booksellers, publishers, librarians and archivists, followed Professor Tanselle's prescription (ibid., p.181) that it is appropriate "to segregate the small number of retrospective—if not scholarly—articles from the large number concerned with current matters".

An excess of triviality and chattiness is, of course, no more desirable than an over austere definition of scholarship in this context. Consequently, insignificant short notes and brief reviews have almost invariably been omitted from the check list. The record does not need to be artificially tricked out with trifles. That this four year period saw major publications by Sir John Ferguson, A. G. Bagnall, Phyllis Mander-Jones and Rolf Du Rietz amongst others is guarantee enough of its significance in Australian and New Zealand bibliographical studies.

The indexing of periodicals has quite deliberately been extended beyond the categories discussed by Professor Tanselle (bibliographical society journals, book-collecting journals, printing and typographical journals, book-trade
and paper trade journals, library journals) to general literary magazines and journals of literary and general history. Apart from underlining the fact that bibliography is not, and cannot be, turned in on itself, this extension has brought to light a considerable amount of relevant material.

Inevitably, Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific bulk large in the check list and this is directly attributable to locally published articles and monographs. Few overseas journals have been indexed and these are usually specialist publications devoted to physical bibliography. It should not be thought, however, that Australian and New Zealand bibliographers are little concerned with European questions. It was in 1969, for example, that D. F. McKenzie published his celebrated, already widely admired and debated paper "Printers of the Mind: Some Notes on Bibliographical Theories and Printing-House Practices" (Studies in Bibliography, 22, 1969, 1-75). Such contributions are adequately listed elsewhere and fall outside the scope of a catalogue that aims on the one hand to contribute its mite to the sort of international co-operative effort Professor Tanselle has in mind and on the other to provide students of Australasian printing, publishing and bookselling with a reasonably comprehensive record of research done in this area.

The conditions under which the check list was compiled are responsible for—even if they do not excuse—its many involuntary omissions. Despite the help of librarians in more than one Melbourne institution it was not possible to overcome all the problems of journal volumes on loan or with the binder and of serials simply not held or discarded for various reasons after a relatively brief period. Indexing of this kind needs to be done regularly and systematically and not in the furious forays to which the compilers were reduced by their other heavy commitments. Many more journals could and should be indexed, but it was considered essential that all articles should be seen and not reported at second hand. A supplement projected for 1975 along with a check list for the year 1973 should make it possible to repair the most obvious omissions.

Although many monographs have been inspected, some are reported from the annual issues of the Australian National Bibliography and New Zealand Bibliography, supplemented where necessary by the lists published in The Australian
Library Journal and New Zealand Libraries. Some publications, more or less privately issued, are likely to have escaped these official dragnets.

Confidential sheets like the internal bulletins of Australian libraries are also difficult to index, although some of them deserve attention because of their commentaries on important acquisitions or special collection treasures. Newspapers, too, occasionally contain information of interest on printing and bookselling history, but the compilers have found it impossible even to contemplate the work involved in seeking out appropriate references in all major Australian and New Zealand newspapers. They suspect that much could be done to rationalize the indexing projects at present being pursued in Australia. Although they have tried to overcome the problems of distance from New Zealand, they are painfully aware of the fragility of their efforts.

The arrangement of the check list should be self-explanatory. A middle course is steered between the few divisions of the Studies in Bibliography selection and the more analytical ordering of Bibliography in Britain, the comprehensive catalogue put out annually—with considerable delays—by the Oxford Bibliographical Society.

All items have been numbered in expectation of an index rerum et nominum to cover the present list, its supplement and the record of bibliographical work for 1973: Reviews are grouped under the appropriate work and given a letter suffix to its number.

The compilers are conscious of the many faults of this first essay at a current bibliography. They would welcome criticisms and suggestions designed to help them provide an adequate supplement and a better record of 1973 publications in the field of Australian and New Zealand book history. The alphabetical list of journals placed at the head of the catalogue will indicate clearly what has been done and what remains to complement it.

Wallace Kirsop and Joan Lindblad Kirsop
JOURNALS INDEXED

Antichthon (Sydney)
A.N.U. Historical Journal (Canberra)
ANZAMRS Bulletin later Parergon (Sydney, then Canberra)
Archives and Manuscripts (Brisbane, then Canberra)
Arts. The Journal of the Sydney University Arts Association (Sydney)
AUMLA (Christchurch, then Townsville)
The Australasian Printer (Melbourne)
Australian Academic and Research Libraries (Melbourne)
Australian Book Review (Adelaide)
Australian Economic History Review (Sydney)
Australian Economic Papers (Adelaide)
Australian Jewish Historical Society. Journal and Proceedings (Sydney)
Australian Journal of French Studies (Melbourne)
The Australian Journal of Politics and History (Brisbane)
The Australian Library Journal (Sydney)
Australian Literary Studies (Hobart)
Biblionews and Australian Notes & Queries (Sydney)
The Book Collector (London)
Bulletin. Bibliographical Society of Australia and New Zealand (Melbourne)
Bulletin des Bibliophiles de Guyenne later Revue française d'histoire du livre (Bordeaux)
Descent (Sydney)
Early Days. Journal of the Royal Western Australian Historical Society (Perth)
The Economic Record (Melbourne)
Essays in French Literature (Perth)
Flinders Journal of History and Politics (Adelaide)
De Gulden Passer (Antwerp)
Historical Journal, University of Newcastle (Newcastle, N.S.W.)
Historical Studies (Melbourne)
Journal de la Société des Océanistes (Paris)
The Journal of Industrial Relations (Sydney)
The Journal of Pacific History (Canberra)
The Journal of Religious History (Sydney)
Journal of the Royal Australian Historical Society (Sydney)
Journal of the Society for the Bibliography of Natural History (London)
Komos (Melbourne)
Labour History (Canberra)
Landfall (Christchurch)
La Trobe Library Journal (Melbourne)
The Library (London)
Meanjin Quarterly (Melbourne)
Melbourne Historical Journal (Melbourne)
Melbourne Slavonic Studies (Melbourne)
Newsletter. Australasian and Pacific Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies (Canberra)
The New Zealand Journal of History (Auckland)
New Zealand Libraries (Wellington)
Overland (Melbourne)
Papers of the Bibliographical Society of America (New York)
Politics (Sydney)
Quadrant (Sydney)
Queensland Heritage (Brisbane)
Records of the Australian Academy of Science (Canberra)
South Australian (Adelaide)
Southerly (Sydney)
Southern Review (Adelaide)
Studies in Bibliography (Charlottesville, Va)
Studies in Music (Perth)
Tasmanian Historical Research Association. Papers and Proceedings (Hobart)
Transactions of the Cambridge Bibliographical Society (Cambridge)
The Turnbull Library Record (Wellington)
University Studies in History (Perth) [ceased regular publication after 1970]
The Victorian Historical Magazine (Melbourne)

GENERAL


**AFRICA***

*Users should note that under each geographical heading are included all special manuscript and printed collections and archival series held exclusively in the areas or countries concerned no matter what their subject. Consequently it will be necessary to consult the general index (to be supplied in a later instalment of the check list) to pick up all references to material on specific towns, regions or countries.*


**AMERICA**


**ASIA**


BRITISH ISLES


CONTINENTAL EUROPE


91. Fletcher, John E. "Athanasius Kircherus Restituendus: the Bibliographic Basis of Biographic Research for a Seventeenth Century Figure." Australian Academic and Research Libraries, 3 (1972), 187-203.


SOUTH PACIFIC AND NEIGHBOURING REGION


141A. Sureau, Ch. Review of Patrick O'Reilly and Hugh Laracy, Bibliographie des ouvrages publiés par les Missions maristes des îles Salomon. Journal de la Société des Océanistes, 28 (1972), 177.


NEW ZEALAND

I. Bibliographies and check lists


II. Newspapers and magazines


III. Printing, publishing and bookselling


IV. History of libraries


V. Library holdings (including special collections, manuscripts and archives)


198. Captain James Cook; a select bibliography compiled from the collection at Dunedin Public Library. Dunedin: Dunedin Public Library, 1969.


203. De Hamel, Christopher F. R. *Books of hours; notes on two illuminated manuscripts in the Alfred and Isabel Reed Collection, Dunedin Public Library.* Wellington: Reed, for the Dunedin Public Library, 1970.


205. Dunedin Public Library. *Captain James Cook; a select bibliography compiled from the collection at Dunedin Public Library.* Dunedin: 1969.


VI. Textual criticism


VII. Miscellaneous


AUSTRALIA

I. Bibliographies and check lists


II. Newspapers and magazines


298. Poole, Joan. "Marcus Clarke's Contributions to 'Under the Verandah'." Southerly, 31 (1971), 220-1. [Marcus Clarke as collaborator of the Melbourne Leader in 1879-80.]


III. Printing, publishing and bookselling


346. Kerr, Colin Gregory, ed. "Jottings by the Way or Journal of a Trip from Edinburgh to Adelaide, South Australia, with a Few Weeks' Residence There by William Cormack Calder. 1858." South Australiana, 8 (1969), 43-83. [W. C. Calder, 1825-1905, was "a member of the printing staff of the South Australian Register". The journal includes, p.81, an account of his introduction to work in the newspaper office.]


IV. History of libraries


V. Library holdings (including special collections and manuscripts)


403. Howard-Hill, T. H. Review of William J. Cameron and Diana J. Carroll, eds., *Short-title catalogue of books printed in the British Isles, the British colonies and the United States of America and of English books printed elsewhere, 1700-1800*, held in
the libraries of the Australian Capital Territory. The Library, 5th series, 27 (1972), 63-5.


VI. Textual criticism


444. Burrows, J. F. "Shaw Neilson's Originality." Southerly, 32 (1972), 118-44. [Includes extensive discussion of textual problems, especially differences between MSS and printed versions of Neilson's poems.]


445A. Cantrell, Kerin. Review of Harry F. Chaplin, comp., *Norman Lindsay; his books, manuscripts and autograph letters in the library of Harry F. Chaplin*. Austral-
ian Literary Studies, 4 (1970), 296-8 and 425 [correction].


VII. Book collecting


VIII. Archives


481. Hicks, Neville. "'Rediscovering' the Evidence of the New South Wales Birth Rate Commission." Archives and Manuscripts, 4, No.4 (1971), 16-8.


IX. Miscellaneous


510B. Wilding, Michael. Review of T. Inglis Moore, *Social Patterns in Australian Literature*. *Southerly*, 32 (1972), 68-76. [Criticizes inter alia the absence of material on publishing and reading history.]


516. Powell, Graeme. "The Operation of the Australian Joint Copying Project." *Archives and Manuscripts*, 4, No. 7 (1972), 4-16.


