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number on the shelves. In the catalogue more detailed entries are made for single documents, photographs and maps than for the MS collections, which are covered by the descriptive lists.

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TECHNICAL NOTES.

Transparo. Transparo is a fine silk chiffon used for the repair of records. It costs two dollars (U.S.) a yard approximately.

It has been found recently that the Transparo supplied by a recent requisition shrinks severely after application to the paper being repaired, causing the surface to "bubble".

Tests have shown that the Transparo which is approximately 39" wide shrinks to 37" when wet. Further tests are being carried out at present into effective methods of preshrinking the Transparo before use. It would appear that after shrinking it will be necessary to iron the material.

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A large number of crumbling papers had to be repaired. Because of the illegibility of the ink Transparo had to be used. To reduce the cost experiments were made and it was found that the backs of the pages where no writing appeared could be covered with japanese tissue (a much cheaper medium) without any apparent loss of effectiveness.

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NOTES AND NEWS

Miss M. Rokosawa, a Fijian member of the staff of the Archivist to the High Commissioner of the Western Pacific has just completed a three-month stay in Australia. Miss Rokosawa spent most of her time learning the art of repair in the manuscript repair section of the Mitchell Library but was also able to visit the Archives Branch of Sydney University and the Archives Division of the Commonwealth National Library in Canberra.

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Miss P. Cocks of the New Zealand National Archives spent a few days in Canberra and Sydney on her way home from a visit to the U.S.A. and England. During her stay in Canberra, she addressed a meeting of the Archives Section on her impressions of overseas institutions.

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