

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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Mr F.H. Rogers, previously Librarian of the University of Otago, Convener of the New Zealand Library Association's Archives Committee, and editor of the recently-published "Elementary guide to Archive practice", has been appointed Chief Librarian of the Dixson Library in the University of New England.

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Mr T.E. Sparrow, B. Ec., has been appointed Archivist to the Commonwealth Bank of Australia in place of Mr J. Kirkwood, B.Ec., who has been promoted to the position of Senior Research Officer. .

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Miss K.C. Cammileri of the Archives Branch, State Library of W.A., who has worked for some years with Miss M. Lukis visited Sydney last April.

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The following appointments have been made to the staff of the Archives Department in the Public Library of Victoria:

Mr H.W. Nunn, B.A. Senior Archivist  
Miss M.C. Jones, B.A., Archivist  
Mr M. Merchant, B.A., Archivist  
Mr D.B. Street, B.A., Archivist.

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Mr Ian Maclean, Chief Archivist of the Commonwealth National Library has been on sick leave for three months.

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An exhibition of documents to mark the Centenary of Responsible Government in New South Wales is on display at the Public Library of New South Wales.

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The New South Wales Branch of the Association is organising a Conference of New South Wales members on 12th-13th October at the University of Technology at Kensington. The Archives Section is arranging a programme for the meetings at the Conference. Members should keep the dates free.

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