

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED

Leslie R. Marchant. France and New Zealand : 1769 - 1846 ; a list of naval records in Paris.

This is a cyclostyled publication, copies of which are available from Mr. L. R. Marchant, at the History Department, University of Western Australia. The list is confined to various series of records of the Ministère de la marine, in the care of the ministry itself, and in the Archives nationales, in the Bibliothèque nationale, and in the Museum d'Histoire Naturelle, all in Paris. There is also some useful introductory matter on conditions of access, copying, and the rules that have been observed in drawing up the list. Though the list nominally relates to New Zealand only, it has many references of interest to historians of the South Pacific generally; indeed, the scholar who wishes to study almost any aspect of late 18th and early 19th Century maritime exploration will find much of use to him in it.

G. E. Caiden. The Study of Australian administrative history. Canberra, Research School of the Social Sciences, A.N.U.

Mr. Caiden's monograph was presented at an APSA Conference in Melbourne in August last year. He states in his first paragraph that he intends to make a plea for the more detailed study of Australian administrative history, and this he does most effectively. For an appendix, Mr. Caiden has prepared thumb-nail sketches of public service developments in the six colonies in the period 1850 - 1900. These are very brief, of course, and they concentrate mainly on the question of centralised personnel control — the growth of public service boards and the like. All archivists in Australia will support Mr. Caiden in his call for an increased emphasis on historical studies by those whose research takes them into the field of administrative history. Mr. Caiden's suggestions for lines on which research might be put in train are useful indeed, but one cannot help feeling that his information on Australian archives institutions is a little out of date. Have we failed to keep the administrative historian up-to-date in his knowledge of our work ?

F. H. Bauer. Significant factors in the white settlement of Northern Australia. (Reprinted from *Australian Geographical Studies*, vol. 1, no. 1, April 1963).

Dr. Bauer, who is Lecturer-in-charge of the Geography Department at the University of Townsville, treats the problems which bedevil the settlement of North Australia under the headings :

Distance ;
Seasonal climate ; and
Ignorance.

His vigorous style is at its best when he is refuting the ill-informed arguments of the visionary.