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important since they date from a time when the registration of births was not compulsory or was sometimes, through force of circumstances, impossible.

These early records provide also the source material for diocesan and parochial histories. The late Ransome T. Wyatt's "The History of the Diocese of Goulburn", published in 1937, was based upon the records lodged in the Diocesan Registry at that time; and a number of parishes have published booklets giving details of their own histories.

The records are available for purposes of historical research to accredited persons who are able to come to Goulburn and pursue their studies within the Registry office and every assistance will be given to them for the purpose.

A. Haines,
Registrar of the Diocese.

NEWS AND NOTES.

As a result of a recent survey of the Archives of the Northern Territory, a proposal has been put forward for a Territorial Archives to be associated with a reference library for the Administration in Darwin. No decision has yet been made about the creation of this position but should any member of the section be interested in such a position, further information may be obtained from Mr. H.J. Gibbney of the Archives Division, Commonwealth National Library, Canberra.

Mr. Ian Maclean, Chief Archivist of the Archives Division of the Commonwealth National Library has returned from a world tour during which he examined archives in Great Britain, the United States, Canada, France, the Netherlands and West Germany.

Dr. Margaret Rendle has joined the staff of the Archives Division of the Commonwealth National Library in Melbourne.

Mr. Gerald Fischer has left the Commonwealth National Library to return to a position with the South Australian State Archives.

The University of New England has created a position of archivist within the Dixson Library and is calling applications for the position. Further information may be secured from the Librarian, Dixson Library.

We understand that Mr. Robert Sharman of the Tasmanian State Archives has taken up a position as archivist with the Public Library of Queensland.

Mr. Allan Horton of the Public Library of N.S.W. has been seconded to the State Public Service Board.

Mr. K. Clouten, B.A. and Mr. A. Wilkes, B.A. have taken up duty with the Archives Section of the Public Library of N.S.W.

The Government of New South Wales will be considering an Archives Bill late in the present session.

Mr. R. Sharman has been elected as representative Councillor for the section on the Council of the Library Association.
