News

UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND

Professor M. P. K. Sorrenson became Head of Department in July 1974. Dr A. N. B. Cotton, lecturer in sixteenth and seventeenth-century English history died in November after a brief illness. He was 30 and in the three years he was with the department impressed all with his devoted scholarship and cheerful demeanour. He was a dedicated teacher.

Mr C. Y. Chen has resigned to go into business but is lecturing in Asian history for part of the year. Dr D. R. Walker, a specialist in Australian history, has joined the staff from A.N.U. Dr P.H. Rousseau has been promoted to a senior lectureship. Dr Margaret Lamb has resumed duties as a full-time lecturer.

Professor K. Sinclair presented the J. C. Beaglehole memorial lecture at the 1974 meeting of the New Zealand Historical Association, Massey University. Professor P. N. Tarling (on leave overseas until May) was awarded a Litt.D. by Cambridge University. He gave a paper at the International Conference of Historians of Asia at Yogyakarta in August. Associate-Professor L. J. Holt has been elected New Zealand vice-president of the Australian and New Zealand American Studies Association.

Dr W. S. Glazer of the University of Pittsburgh will be a visiting Fulbright scholar in the department during the second half of the year.

UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO

Dr L. A. Fretz left the department through resignation at the end of December. Mr L. H. Barber, formerly of Massey University, has been appointed to a two-year term as lecturer. Professor J. H. Jensen is on leave overseas until July.

MASSEY UNIVERSITY OF MANAWATU

Mr G. V. Butterworth has resigned to take a position with the Consumers’ Institute. Dr M. J. Maher, a graduate of the University of Minnesota has been appointed lecturer. Mr B. J. Poff, who has been doing postgraduate work in Indian history at the University of Cambridge has resumed his lectureship. Mr M. C. Pugh, who is completing a Ph. D. at the University of East Anglia has accepted a lectureship.

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF WELLINGTON

Dr D. L. Mackay has been promoted to Senior Lecturer.

UNIVERSITY OF CANTERBURY

Dr E. Countryman has resigned to take up an appointment in American Studies at the University of Warwick. Dr L. Richardson joined the department in 1974 and Mr C. Harlan, a Ph.D. student at the University of California, Irvine, in February last.

UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO

Dr Erik Olssen is on leave until June. Associate Professor Gordon Parsonson has returned from sabbatical leave spent in London.
THE J. M. SHERRARD AWARDS

A proposal to encourage scholarly research and publication in New Zealand regional history was sponsored by the Historical Association (Canterbury) in 1970. The scheme originated among the friends of the late John McAra Sherrard, a Canterbury history graduate, whose untimely death in the previous year removed a leading regional historian. Jock Sherrard's *Kaikoura, A history of the district* (1966) was widely recognized as outstanding in its field.

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