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**New Memoir**

Michael Reilly’s book, *War and Succession in Mangaia—From Mamae’s Texts*, is now available as Polynesian Society Memoir no. 52 (see Publications Available at back of issue). The author draws upon three unpublished texts written by the 19th century tribal historian and Mangaian pastor, Mamae, for this political history of Mangaia from its beginning until the advent of Christianity in the 1820s. The missionary-ethnologist W.W. Gill cited Mamae as a primary source for his book *From Darkness to Light in Polynesia...*, and Te Rangi Hiroa drew upon Mamae texts for his volume on *Mangaian Society*. Both these books are cited, but precedence is given the original texts and their translations.

**Forthcoming Issues**

The present issue of the JPS is full of book reviews and rather slim. There is a reason. The September issue is a “Special Issue” with the theme of identity and justice in postcolonial New Zealand and Australia. That issue will contain no book reviews and will be thicker than usual.

The December issue will feature the AGM address by Professor Roger Neich in response to receiving the Elsdon Best Medal. The title of the address and article is: “The Māori House down in the Garden: A Benign Colonialist Response to Māori Art and the Māori Response to this Response”, and it is richly illustrated.

**Errata**

In the September 2002 issue of the *Journal* the diagram of kinship relations among members of a Tongan family involved in a funeral (p.224) contained several errors. The correct diagram is produced below.