

THE FRIENDS OF THE TURNBULL LIBRARY

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
HELD ON 20TH AUGUST, 1953

Your Committee report as follows:—

1. General meetings were held during 1952 as under:—
28th May (annual meeting): An address on Book Illustration was given by Mr. S. B. McLennan, A.R.C.A., N.R.D.

31st July: A paper was read by the late Dr. H. F. von Haast on Shakespeare's *King Henry the Sixth Part II*.

16th October: An address was given by Mr. C. R. H. Taylor, the Librarian, on the Nan Kivell collection of Pacificana, with exhibits from the collection.

13th November: Mr. Blackwood Paul of Hamilton delivered the second Walpole Memorial Lecture; subject, the Novel and Literary Taste of the Nineteen-thirties.

The thanks of the Friends are due to these gentlemen.

2. The death is regretted of Dr. H. F. von Haast, a foundation member of the Friends, and for many years an active committeeman. He bequeathed to the Library a sum of £1,000, together with his manuscripts and a number of useful books. The death is also regretted of Mr. P. Watts Rule of Timaru, a good friend of the Library, who, "as one of the Friends of the Turnbull Library" (to quote his will) bequeathed to it 20 selected volumes, including an incunabulum, the Gritsh Quadregesimale (Strassburg, 1477), as well as his "A. Edward Newton Collection" of books, pamphlets, and manuscripts, totalling about 100 volumes.

3. The accounts show that the sale of maps, prints and postcards referred to in the last annual report has resulted in the Society's being in a better financial position than at any previous time.

4. Issues No. 9 and No. 10 of the *Turnbull Library Record* were produced during the year and distributed to members.

5. Circulars inviting new members were distributed with the assistance of Messrs. J. H. Bethune and Co., the Beltane Book Bureau, and the Polynesian Society; and the Education Department published in its *Education Gazette*, and the Post-primary Teachers' Association in their *Journal*, notices to the like effect. Your Committee wish to acknowledge these courtesies.

6. Your Committee place on record their appreciation of the clerical services as secretarial assistant of Miss G. M. Gilbert, whose efficient attention to the business affairs of the Friends and to the preparation of the *Record* was of substantial value, and whose retirement from the staff of the Library your Committee regrets.