

is to be hoped that when her family responsibilities permit she will be able to continue her literary work on the Library's collections.

Mr R. F. Grover, BA, DIPNZLS, was appointed Assistant Chief Librarian in January 1968. Mr Grover joined the Reference staff in 1960 and has subsequently been Manuscripts Librarian and Head of the Catalogue Section. During the past two years he has been Head of the Reference Section. Mr Grover's novel, *Another man's role* published by Blackwood and Janet Paul in September 1967, has been widely and favourably reviewed.

On 10 October, 1967, Sir John Ilott, as Chairman of Trustees of the National Library of New Zealand presented to the French Ambassador, at a function under the auspices of the New Zealand Women Writers' Association, a letter written by Katherine Mansfield to Middleton Murry in which she described the Villa Isola Bella, Mentone. The presentation, which was made on the recommendation of the Chief Librarian of the Alexander Turnbull Library and the National Librarian, followed a suggestion that the gift of some manuscript by Katherine Mansfield to the town of Mentone would be a welcome donation of international significance. The letter itself was one of the collection of 483 letters purchased by the Crown from the Middleton Murry estate in 1958. A protest, publicly and to the Trustees, was made at the gift. The Trustees' Special Committee for the Alexander Turnbull Library considered the matter at its meeting on 15 November and transmitted its resolution to the Trustees. The Trustees at their meeting on 6 February by unanimous resolution supported the action of the Chairman and adopted the Committee's recommendation as below:

(i) That the Committee affirms its strict adherence to the Regulations governing the Alexander Turnbull Library, which provide among other matters for the inalienability of any material which was part of the Turnbull bequest, or was bequeathed or given to the Library in such terms as explicitly or implicitly intended it to be inalienable; and that it records its warm appreciation of the manner in which the Chief Librarian has been instrumental in adding substantially to the original manuscript material of the Library;

(ii) That the Committee notes that the Regulations provide that other material held in duplicate or inappropriate to the Library may be given, sold or exchanged, and notes also that such surplus material would normally go to another library or repository where it would be available for the cause of scholarship;

(iii) That the Committee records that the gift of an original letter from the Katherine Mansfield collection to the Municipality of Mentone was of a highly exceptional character made in recognition of