

Friends of the Turnbull Library

Annual Report for 1977/78

MEMBERSHIP The number of financial members is now approximately 936.

MEETINGS The Annual General Meeting was held on 29 June 1977 and was followed by an entertaining and enlightening talk by Dr Michael King on his work as Te Puea's biographer.

A special general meeting was held on 29 September in a vain attempt to enable members to claim tax exemption on their subscriptions by altering the constitution. At the conclusion of formal business Dr Michael Hoare delivered his stimulating 1977 Hocken lecture 'In the steps of Beaglehole: Cook researches past and present'.

On 6 March 1978 John Thomson, editor of *Early Music*, spoke about the research he has done for his history of New Zealand music, illustrating the talk with tapes and recorded excerpts.

On 6 April Colin Franklin substituted at very short notice for Professor Graham Hough who was unable to come. Mr Franklin gave an intimate, polished and interesting talk on his experiences in the rare book trade in England.

The final meeting for the year, at which several lawyers and their wives were guests, was a lecture on St Thomas More by the world's leading scholar on More and Erasmus, the Abbé Germain Marc'hadour.

THE TURNBULL LIBRARY RECORD The changed format heralded in last year's report was first seen in Volume 11 No. 1 of May 1978. An elegant, modern looking Journal, largely to the design of Janet Paul, has emerged. The editors, Mr J. E. Traue and Ms P. A. Griffith have maintained the same high standard for the articles and have added a greatly enhanced appearance. Printing costs have increased to the extent that most of the subscription income is now absorbed by the cost of the Journal. In the short run this is acceptable; in the long run the Alexander Turnbull Library Endowment Trust may be asked for assistance. The *Record* commands increasing local and international attention.