

major purchases made in recent years by the Alexander Turnbull Library Endowment Trust Board. Because of limited display space, pictures predominate in the exhibition, but examples are also included of manuscripts, rare books and maps. A catalogue of the exhibition distributed gratis to Friends is available at the price of 25 cents per copy.

Throughout the two weeks following 30 June, Messrs Kirkcaldie and Stains kindly presented a window display of material from the Library on the Lambton Quay frontage of their department store in the heart of the city. This attracted much attention and brought many more visitors to the Library, especially as it coincided with Trentham Race Week when people from other parts of the country were in Wellington. Apart from a small display at the Library of photographs and other items relating to Mr Turnbull, photographs were not used at this time, as in August Kirkcaldie and Stains Limited will present a further window display, together with a major exhibition in the store, devoted entirely to photographs from the Library's extensive collection, which constitutes the National Photograph Collection.

For many years the Library was open to the public, for inspection only, on Sunday afternoons, until staffing difficulties made this impossible. For the Jubilee, however, the Library was open on Saturday and Sunday afternoons, 11-12 July. Two conducted tours were offered on each afternoon. Thanks to a feature article in *The Evening Post* in advance, the occasion was almost embarrassingly successful, with some 300 visitors taking advantage of this opportunity to visit an institution of which many, on their own admission, had been somewhat in awe. The press, radio and television all gave publicity which added to the success of the Jubilee. Even more pleasing, new acquisitions have been promised from people who had not previously realized the scope and functions of the Library.

The final official Jubilee function was presented by the Friends of the Turnbull Library on the evening of Thursday, 16 July. Dr McCormick addressed an invited audience of over one hundred on Alexander Turnbull - *Some Biographical Reflections* (published also in this issue of the *Record*.)

The most lasting product of the Jubilee will be the publication by the Library of a biography of Alexander Turnbull, which has been commissioned from Dr E. H. McCormick, MA (DIPHONS) of Auckland. Eric McCormick is noted for his *Letters and Art in New Zealand*, one of the outstanding volumes in the Government's 1940 Centennial series; *New Zealand Literature: a survey* (1959) and his definitive works on Frances Hodgkins, *The Expatriate* (1953) and *The Works of Frances Hodgkins in New Zealand*. Dr McCormick, sometime Hocken Librarian, made a preliminary study of Turnbull for his three lectures given to commemorate the jubilee of that library in 1960, which covered also