

FRIENDS OF THE TURNBULL LIBRARY  
ANNUAL REPORT 1972-73

*Membership*

Once again there was an encouraging increase in membership which reached 657 as at 31 March—an increase of 63 over the preceding year.

*Meetings*

Three meetings were held during the year. The Annual General Meeting was held on 4 July. A record attendance of over 100 came to the Shell Theatre where the National Film Unit's 'Alexander Turnbull's Library' and the Plantin Moretus Museum's 'The making of a Renaissance Book' were shown at the conclusion of formal business.

On 17 May the Rev. David Swain spoke on 'The papers of Bishop Hobhouse'. Mr Swain, while in England, arranged for the New Zealand papers of Bishop Hobhouse to be transferred to New Zealand.

The third meeting was a joint one held with the Society of Bookmen on 17 October. On this occasion Mrs Margaret Scott, Manuscripts Librarian, spoke on 'Some aspects of the search for Katherine Mansfield', and described some of her experiences whilst overseas in 1971.

*Publications*

Two numbers of the Record appeared, one in May and one in October. In addition *John Cawte Beaglehole: a bibliography* was compiled by staff of the Library and published, as a joint tribute by the Friends and the Publications Committee of the Victoria University of Wellington.

*Premises*

In January a large proportion of the Library's stock was moved from the old Turnbull home in Bowen Street to the new 'temporary' premises on the 2nd floor of the former Free Lance building at 44 The Terrace. Staff are enjoying the extra work-space and convenience after many years of overcrowded conditions and the whole Pacific book collection is now in one building and on one floor, but more than half the stock is still at the other end of town. When air-conditioning and security problems are ironed out the services given by the Library to the public should improve. Lessons have been learned which will be useful in the continuing planning of the National Library Building.