

The art collections also benefited from the gift of 7 ink drawings and 2 watercolours by William Mein Smith. Substantial additions were made to the archive of New Zealand artists by gift and purchase, and portraits of several leading artistic and literary personalities, including Leo Benemann, Ngaio Marsh, J. C. Beaglehole, O. E. Middleton and Ruth Dallas were purchased. The collections of early printed books were augmented by gifts from Mr A. C. Brassington and the deposit of some 100 volumes by the Wellington Law Society. An important collection of diaries and letters by William Colenso was purchased, and several major collections of private papers and institutional records, including those of Dr R. M. Campbell, Sir Arthur Tyndall, the Women's Christian Temperance Union, the New Zealand Nurses' Association, and the New Zealand Freedom League were donated. A major collection of photographs from the 1860s to the 1890s taken by D. M. Beere was purchased and the Library received by donation the Unity Theatre's collection of programmes.

The fine printing collections were substantially augmented, with the aid of the Endowment Trust, by the purchase of several notable examples of contemporary English and American printing and an almost complete set of early Caxton Press imprints in mint condition. A special collection of New Zealand fine and hobby printing is being developed as part of the history of printing collection. A gift of money from the Ex Libris and Booklovers' Society is to be used to develop the fine printing collection and to encourage fine printing and binding in New Zealand.

The Library continues to receive for the national collection, under the compulsory deposit provisions of the Copyright Act administered by the General Assembly Library, a comprehensive range of materials published in New Zealand.

We are indebted to those who have contributed by donation to the growth of the collections and acknowledge their generosity. A full list of donors is published annually in the *Turnbull Library Record*. The Alexander Turnbull Library Endowment Trust has continued to make funds available for the purchase of highly priced books, manuscripts, maps and pictures, and for related activities.

NEW ZEALAND BIBLIOGRAPHIC UNIT

During the year, after some five years of discussion and planning, the New Zealand Bibliographic Unit was established with responsibility for the National Library's programmes of national bibliographical control of New Zealand publications. The main responsibilities of the Unit are the *New Zealand National Bibliography*, current and retrospective, formerly compiled in the catalogue section of the Turnbull Library, and the *Index to New Zealand Periodicals*, formerly compiled in General Services, National Library. The Unit, headed by Miss Sheila Williams, is currently under the control of the Turnbull but in due course will become part of the core services of the National Library and responsible to the Deputy National Librarian.

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