

THE FRIENDS OF THE TURNBULL LIBRARY

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

YOUR COMMITTEE reports as follows:

1. General meetings were held during 1953 as under—
20th August (annual meeting): An address was given by the Librarian, Mr. C. R. H. Taylor, on developments in the Library during the past year.

17th September: A discussion was conducted by the President, Mr. A. E. Currie, and the Librarian on "Book-binding of Many Styles".

15th October: An address was given by Mr. Northcote Bade, adviser on furniture to the Dominion Museum, on "Inside Early Colonial Homes".

The thanks of the Friends are due to these gentlemen.

19th November: Owing to the indisposition of the speaker arranged for, a film screening was substituted.

2. The death is regretted of Mr. S. H. Perry, of the Audit Department, who for a number of years has given the Friends valuable assistance in the preparation of annual accounts.

3. Once again the accounts show that the sale of maps, prints, and booklets has resulted in the Society's being in a better financial position than at any previous time.

4. Issue No. 11 of the Turnbull Library Record was produced during the year and distributed to members. Also issued in a limited number by the Library jointly with Victoria University College was Bulletin No. 11: *A Bibliography of English Poetical Miscellanies*, by W. J. Cameron. Members were advised that copies were available for those who desired them; copies are still so available. The bibliography has been favourably noticed in the major English bibliographical periodical, *The Library*.

5. During the year anxiety has been felt for the safety of the Library's collections owing to the overloaded state of the floors of the building, and doubts as to its stability in earthquakes; apprehended reduction of facilities for study and reference were also a cause for concern. Through the activity of Mr. F. A. Simpson a meeting was called of representatives of over a dozen organizations whose members are particularly interested in the use of the Library. Your committee was invited to send