

Mr. T. L. Seddon, O.B.E., was the owner of one of the most interesting private libraries in the country. As a friend of long standing, he too was in the habit of sending occasional gifts to the Library, but upon his death he bequeathed a selection of his books and a large quantity of letters from William Colenso. The books selected are described elsewhere.

Mr. Seddon was a successful lawyer in Feilding where he resided all his life. For several years he was Mayor, and at all times seems to have been active in civic and community affairs. In the wider sphere he took an interest in the Scout Movement and was Commissioner for some eight years.

His bookish interests were wide, but he specialised in 17th and 18th century theology and politics, incunabula, art, and monuments among books. He was always attracted by handsome bindings, and had many examples from the 15th to the 19th centuries.

#### ALAN MULGAN, 1881-1962

The many tributes that have been paid to Alan Mulgan need not here be repeated. But because he was a man of wide reading, sensitive perception and literary skill, and vividly alive to the forces at work in the society of his country as well as of the world, he was inevitably a user and appreciator of libraries. He was a frequent caller at the Turnbull when he was Supervisor of Talks in the Broadcasting Service, but his quests were as likely to be personal as official. They were usually recondite, puzzling, exacting, for they arose when his own individual knowledge failed him. In his retirement he often enquired by phone.

A later day came when these queries took another turn. "Did we hold this, that or the other? Would we like so and so?" As he sorted through the accumulated letters, writings and notes of a busy life, he passed many useful items into the library. He was conscious of their fitness here, and also had a sense that, having been for several years President of the Friends of the Turnbull Library, it was incumbent upon him to manifest his interest in this way. Indeed, it was manifested in other ways, for he occasionally induced others to do likewise.

But, above all, he was a reader and user of books, as every reader of his "Cyrano" and other articles would know, and the fruit of his reading he passed on to the library in many a useful hint for the reference files.

He was a kindly, tolerant and good-humoured friend whose passing is yet another loss. To Mrs. Mulgan and his family our sympathy is extended.