

material followed by a vigorous policy of supplementation is recommended and some acquisitions strategies are suggested.

Under the heading of 'acquisitions practice' the Professor notes that because of our distance from London and New York the Library is often at a disadvantage in purchasing materials in English literature and recommends that 'someone, either on a full or part-time basis and possessed of the necessary expertise' should be employed 'to be in contact with the London book market to search for material and especially to keep an eye open for the Library's specialised needs'. Professor Pollard notes that the Turnbull's collection of currently published periodicals on English literature compares unfavourably with those of the university libraries. He regrets that insufficient time was available for him to examine the matter thoroughly and suggests that a close inquiry into Turnbull and National Library resources would be desirable. He also calls for a full and detailed catalogue of the Library's holdings of English literary manuscripts, a collection the strengths of which obviously surprised and impressed him and which provided him with some hitherto unknown manuscripts in his own field of study. A number of useful recommendations are made on conservation, microfilming and other reprographic services.

In his concluding paragraphs Professor Pollard turns his attention to measures which should be adopted to enable the Library to make a contribution to international scholarship in English literature. Greater publicity for the Katherine Mansfield and John Milton collections is advocated together with the publication of full accounts of the Library's policies and holdings for distribution widely in such countries as the United Kingdom, United States, Canada and Australia:

- Consideration should be given to the establishment of short-term academic fellowships covering, say, a term or a year . . . there might well be a separate fund to cover travel costs alone to allow, say, scholars already working in Australia to extend their activities by including a period of study at the Turnbull. A further possible facility offered, for instance, by some institutions elsewhere, might well be some degree of secretarial assistance. In addition to assisting individual scholars the Library might also exploit its resources after the pattern of the Nichol Smith seminars in Canberra by organising periodic conferences and seminars and providing fees and allowances for at least the principal participants giving papers.

Professor Pollard ends his report:

The Turnbull Library has much to offer. Properly developed, it could have more. It deserves to rank high both nationally and internationally. It already possesses a substantial reputation but this may be enhanced still further, I believe, if steps are taken in the