

The Chief Librarian paid tribute to Professor Gordon's contributions to Mansfield scholarship and welcomed the publication of Mansfield's Urewera notebook of 1907 as evidence of the coming of age of Mansfield studies in New Zealand. He also announced that the Library had recently acquired some Mansfield material from the estate of P. A. Lawlor and the Guy and Maude Morris Mansfield collection. The availability of such strong resources for Mansfield studies at the Turnbull, coupled with the growing number of Mansfield scholars, could well lead to the development of an international centre for Katherine Mansfield studies based in the Alexander Turnbull Library.

Patrick Anthony Lawlor, OBE

Pat Lawlor, one of the small band of booklovers who brought the Friends of the Turnbull Library into being on 16 May 1939, died in Auckland on 19 January 1979, aged 86. He was the first honorary secretary of the Friends, served with distinction on its committee and held the position of president between 1960 and 1964. In 1962 extracts from his diary were published in the *Record*. On the foundation meeting he records that 'Most of the book enthusiasts of the city were there. Why do booklovers look so sad—morose even? They should be the happiest people in the world. . . . Johannes Andersen, though, was almost scowling; A. E. Currie, aggressive as though somebody had split an infinitive; Prof. Shelley with fierce challenging eye; . . . V. R. Gunn as though every one present had borrowed a book from him; and Alan Mulgan as though he had missed his last bus back to York Bay. . . . A strong executive augurs well for the future particularly with Ilott as president and Graham Bagnall my right hand man as secretary and treasurer. Good things must come of this meeting.' (*Turnbull Library Record*, XV, November 1962, p. 4).

Pat Lawlor participated actively in many of the 'good things' that resulted during the first 25 years of the existence of the Friends, and some of them are recorded in his diary. With time, increasing years, and a reluctance to venture out to evening meetings, Pat Lawlor participated less in the formal business of the Friends though he remained a staunch supporter of the Library. He accepted philosophically the fact that the Library, and the Friends, had changed in recent years and that their supporters were now drawn from a wider range than the booklovers of 1939. Before he left to live in Auckland Pat Lawlor donated substantial quantities of ephemera, photographs and periodicals and from his estate the Library has now secured ownership of the collection of files on literary figures which he built up over his lifetime and deposited in the Library in 1975 on indefinite loan. Pat Lawlor was a journalist,