

Exhibitions and Publicity

Major exhibitions included watercolours by Sir William Fox (mostly from the Wilkie loan collection) in association with the New Zealand Academy of Fine Arts, opened by Dr E. H. McCormick; subdivisional maps and deeds, in conjunction with the Lands and Deeds Registry which contributed some exhibits, opened by Mr A. D. McIntosh, C.M.G., to mark the centenary of the Torrens system; paintings of the thermal region, associated with the current Turnbull Library prints; and the Waikato Art Gallery's touring exhibition of the Ferrier-Watson collection of John Kinder watercolours.

Other exhibitions included mediaeval manuscripts and *incunabula*, many from the collection donated by Sir John Ilott, accompanied by the Piranesi etchings bequeathed by Percy Watts Rule; *Maori Heritage*, a photographic exhibition financed by the Trust Board and intended for touring to small centres; and published writings of the late Professor J. C. Beaglehole, O.M., C.M.G.; and early children's books.

The Jubilee Exhibition was shown at the Wairarapa Arts Centre; paintings of Mount Egmont were lent to the Govett-Brewster Art Gallery; and historical paintings were shown at the Academy launching of *New Zealand's Heritage*.

Functions at the library under the auspices of the Friends included an address by Professor D. F. McKenzie on the Indecent Publications Tribunal; Mr J. C. T. Oates, Under-Librarian at Cambridge University, and Mr R. F. Grover also addressed meetings.

The number of visitors to the library has increased to some 20,000 a year. As always many school parties and others from library school, training colleges and other institutions have been given conducted tours of the library. Due to the inadequacies of the present building for the ever-increasing use to which it is put, it is regrettably not possible to accept primary school parties from Wellington city for a general introduction to the library, although touring parties from other areas become ever more frequent.

Senior members of staff played an active part in the summer school in local history arranged by the Department of Extension Studies of Massey University.

As in previous years, the press and the broadcasting authorities throughout New Zealand have been most generous in their allocation of space for news of the library's activities. This assistance in making the library's services and needs more widely known is gratefully acknowledged.

Alexander Turnbull Library Endowment Trust

Two meetings of the trust were held during the year, at which a