

Professor Keith Sorrenson, and published by Auckland University Press, the letters cover the period 4 May 1930 to 12 August 1932. A third volume will follow. Professor Sorrenson made extensive use of the Buck-Ngata letters in the Manuscripts collection, and publication was assisted by a grant from the Endowment Trust.

Two recent novels well illustrate how Turnbull manuscripts can provide factual material and stimulate the writer's imagination. In *Symmes Hole* Ian Wedde made extensive use of whaler James 'Worser' Heberley's 'Reminiscences'. For her first published novel *After Z-Hour*, Elizabeth Knox read a number of First World War diaries, in a search for authentic expression and colloquial slang for her character Mark, a young New Zealand serviceman.

The first award of the National Library's research fellowship has been made to Dr Rory Sweetman to enable him to complete a book on the trial for sedition in 1922 of James Liston, the Roman Catholic Coadjutor Bishop of Auckland. Dr Sweetman has been working on New Zealand Catholicism and the Irish Issue 1910-1922 at Cambridge for his doctoral thesis. He will make extensive use of the Turnbull's collections and in particular the diaries and other papers of Patrick Joseph O'Regan, Liston's defence counsel, which were deposited in Turnbull in 1976.

The Chief Librarian has been awarded a thirty day International Visitor award by the United States Government to enable him to visit a wide range of research libraries and related institutions in the United States during April 1988. The primary purpose of the visit is to make arrangements to borrow about fifty books from the United States for a major exhibition during New Zealand's commemoration of the sesquicentenary of European settlement in 1990. The books have been selected to represent the culture and ideas of the European heritage. Mr Traue will also take the opportunity to look at techniques for the exhibition of library materials and to improve the Library's contacts with the hand printing movement in the United States.

In late November 1987 Sharon Dell, Keeper of the Collections, visited Australia on a short study tour of research libraries. She visited the National Library in Canberra; in Sydney the Mitchell Library, the State Library of New South Wales, and Fisher Library, University of Sydney; La Trobe and the State Library of Victoria in Melbourne. A range of activities and policies were examined including automated cataloguing of non-book materials, conservation programmes, rare book collections, display techniques, the storage of paintings, drawings and prints, photographs and manuscripts, and the operation of field officers. Australian counterparts gave freely of their time and opinions, making the tour particularly successful, and providing the Keeper with several recommendations for application to Turnbull policy and practice.