

# Friends of the Turnbull Library

## *Annual Report 1980/81*

**MEMBERSHIP** The number of financial members was 987 as at 31 March 1981.

**MEETINGS** The Annual General Meeting was held on 25 June 1980, and followed by an address by Dr J.O.C. Phillips of the History Department of Victoria University, called 'Musings in Maoriland: cultural nationalism in the 1890's', which produced a spirited response from the audience.

On 24 September 1980, Dr O. B. Hardison of the Folger Shakespeare Library, Washington D.C., spoke on the funding of cultural institutions in the United States, and of the substantial support given to the Library by its friends.

On 22 October 1980, Dr T. H. Beaglehole talked of the early years in London of his father Professor J. C. Beaglehole, supported by interesting excerpts from his father's letters and early writings.

Mr J. E. Traue, Chief Librarian of the Alexander Turnbull Library, recently back from his overseas study tour, spoke on 18 November 1980, giving his impressions of other research libraries and institutions similar to the Alexander Turnbull Library, and having similar problems.

Mr John Sullivan, Photograph Librarian at the Alexander Turnbull Library, talked to the Friends on 17 March 1981 on the Photograph Collection of the Library. He illustrated his address with photographic prints and slides, demonstrating the close links with the Art Collection by the juxtaposition of photographs and paintings of the same scene.

**TURNBULL WINTER LECTURES** Following the proposal at the 1980 Annual General Meeting to hold an annual series of lectures, the inaugural series was held weekly from 25 May to 15 June 1981. The four lectures on 'New Zealand through the Arts, Past and Future', were delivered at 12.30pm. at Turnbull House. Sir Tosswill Woollaston spoke on Painting (25 May); Jack Body on Music (2 June); Allen Curnow on Poetry (8 June); and Witi Ihimaera on Literature and Maori Life (15 June). One hundred tickets for the series were presold at \$8.00 for Friends and \$10.00 for others, and were quickly sold out; the venue was pleasant and the lectures appreciated by a varied audience, mostly of Friends. If possible the lectures will be published in the *Turnbull Library Record* or in some other form during 1982.