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“Man in his time plays many parts”:

Life stories of William Jordan



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Abbreviations used in text.

AJHR	Appendices to the Journals of the House of Representatives.
DU:HO	Hocken Library, Dunedin.
NA	National Archives, Wellington.
WJC	Winnie Jordan Collection, Auckland.
WTU	Alexander Turnbull Library, Wellington.

² J.T. Allen, *Parliamentary Portraits*, Christchurch: Caxton Press, 1936, unpaginated.