

AUCKLAND BOTANICAL SOCIETY

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The Society held its Annual General Meeting on Wednesday April 19th at 8 p.m. The President's report showed that allowing for limitations imposed by war conditions, the Society has had an exceedingly successful year. After the address the election of officers took place. The Society has pleasure in welcoming to the committee the following new members: Miss B. Menzies, Miss P. Thomas and Mr. N. Theilman.

After the business of the meeting was over, the evening concluded with an attractive exhibition of slides by Prof. Lancaster. While showing many pictures of botanical interest the Professor drew our attention to photos revealing the devastation to native plant formations brought by introduced pests such as deer, chamois etc. The evening concluded with the usual pleasant reunions round the coffee table.

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Unfortunately in our last issue we had not the space to print Miss Thomas' summary of her instructive lecture on Fiji on Sept. 15th 1943. Those who had the pleasure of hearing Miss Thomas last year, will be glad to know that she will be again lecturing to the Society on "Orchids" on June 7th. Miss Thomas was recently appointed to the staff of the Botanical Department, and is at present undertaking a research on that most protean of New Zealand plants, the Lancewood (Pseudopanax crassifolium). Should any members in their wanderings encounter any unusual forms of either the juvenile or mature stages of this intriguing plant, Miss Thomas would be very glad to receive specimens.

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