

Todea barbara, growing on the open hill-side, Coprosma parviflora, Coprosma acerosa in an unfamiliar situation (two miles from the sea and at 300' to 400' elevation) Hibiscus trionum, H. diversifolius, Hebe diosmaefolia, the hybrid Coprosma kirkii, Cordyline pumilo, which always looked sickly and out of step with its environment, and the beautiful mauve Ipomoea palmata. Asplenium obtusatum was growing on the sea-cliffs. Conclusions reached by the party were that both Hibiscus were in danger of extinction and that Leptosperum lineatum was worthy of general cultivation and a place in any garden.

The party returned via the Ninety Mile Beach (which by the way is nothing like that length) and liked its salty freshness, its restless surf, and an indefinable sense of mystery as though the "wairua" of brown people long dead still linger in its endless dunes. "

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We record our regret at the passing of Mr. F.A. Davis. Mr. Davis was a keen member of our Committee and we take this opportunity of expressing appreciation of his past services and extending sympathy to his friends and relatives.

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CORRECTION: In our previous number we stated that Mrs. Lucy Cranwell Smith was the first woman to be elected to a Fellowship of the Royal Society of New Zealand. Actually Kathleen M. Curtis, M.A., D.I.C., D.Sc., F.L.S., was elected to a Fellowship in 1936. Apologies to both ladies!

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NEWS OF MEMBERS.

Miss Betty Molesworth has at last been successfully extricated from the Air Force, and has commenced work at the Museum. Miss Molesworth's botanical interests are wide, but her special enthusiasm is mosses. We look forward to having a Bulletin from her on our local species one of these days!

One of our country members, Corporal E.D. Hatch, now stationed at Waiouru Military Camp, has taken up the study of our

native orchids, with very great enthusiasm. Mr. Hatch is of the opinion that this important group needs revision and he is at present hard at work collecting and classifying material. All is fish that comes to Mr. Hatch's orchid net and he would be very glad if any members who collect orchids would communicate with him, if they come across anything of interest. It must be remembered that it is usually quite impossible for one person to collect all over the country, therefore material must necessarily be obtained from other students. Mr. Hatch's address is: 64979, Cpl. E.D. Hatch, Quartermaster's Section, Headquarters Staff, Waiouru M.C.

Mr. Thomas W. Mellor would be very grateful if any member could send him any pressed specimens of New Zealand species of *Helichrysum*, *Raculia* and *Cotula*. He would like flowers and foliage, and would be willing to defray any expense involved. Mr. Thomas's address is C/o Spa Hotel, Taupo.

Details have now been arranged in regard to the presentation to be made to Mrs. Lucy Cranwell Smith, on behalf of the Botanical Society. The presentation takes the form of pictures. The choice of these was left to Mrs. Buddle, assisted by Mrs. Turbott and Miss Olive Lloyd of the War Memorial Museum, old friends of Mrs. Smith's well able to know what type of picture would be likely to appeal to her most. In choosing they sought something that should be in itself good and at the same time be of special interest to Mrs. Smith. They finally selected two water colours by well-known New Zealand artists. One painted by Mr. Lee-Johnston with characteristic gusto, showed Piha in typical stormy mood. The other by Miss Gwynneth Richardson, was, in contrast, a quiet study on toned paper of the intriguing and rugged scenery in the vicinity of the Whangarei Heads. Mrs. Smith has had many a ramble in both these places and we hope that these charming water colours will transplant a little scrap of New Zealand to the walls of her American home.

The editor is at present engaged in revising and re-editing Dobbie's "New Zealand Ferns." If any members have any information in regard to peculiar and unusual forms of any native species, or news of any species found growing in localities or situations not specified by Mr. Dobbie or in Cheeseman's Manual, the Editor would be most grateful if they would communicate with her.

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