

Secretary's Notes.

The end of our financial year is getting near. It would assist me and save extra work if those who owe a subscription would give the matter early attention.

To those who are in arrears with their subscriptions, I would point out that, under our rules, a member who is two years or more in arrears may be struck off.

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If you change your address, would you be kind enough to let me know as soon as possible. This will avoid trouble to the Post Office as well as to me and also result in a small saving to the Society.

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The attention of members, especially new members, is drawn to the fact that the Society's publications are available from me at any time. Particulars of the publications and their cost are as follows:-

Jubilee booklet, containing a short history of the Society and a list of the plants of the Auckland district.
Price. 50 cents

Auckland's Orchids. Price 15 cents.

Finding Plant Names. Price 15 cents.

Marine Botany. Price 5 cents.

Local Species of Coprosma, Hymenophyllaceae, Astelia and Collospermum and the Wild Olives. (This contains many diagrams) Price 45 cents.

WHERE HAS ALL THE FLORA GONE?

Colenso made his first ascent of the Ruahine Range in February 1845, and later recorded his impression on reaching the top in these words:-

"When at last we emerged from the forest and the tangled shrubbery on its outskirts, on to the open dell-like land just before we gained the summit, the lovely appearance of so many and varied beautiful and novel wild plants and flowers richly repaid me the toil of the journey and the ascent -- for never before did I behold at one time in N.Z. such a profusion of Flora's stores! In one word, I was overwhelmed with astonishment and stood looking with all my eyes, greedily devouring and drinking in the enchanting scene before me. I had often seen what I considered pleasing botanical displays in many N.Z. forests and open valleys, particularly at the Kerikeri waterfall before it was rudely disturbed by civilisation -- and in the sweet well-remembered glen near the East Cape -- again at Lake Waikare -- and on the mountains of Huiarau and of Ruatahuna, far away in