

could not be spent here and considered that another trip based on Cobb hut would be most rewarding.

The last morning was rather wet again as everyone packed up and walked the five miles down to the dam. Here the Electricity Department provides a shelter for the general public with hot water and even hot showers, if you are quick. In the daylight, we could appreciate the narrowness of the road and some of the big drops and hairpin bends. Several brief stops were made on the way home; at the Cobb power house; at an orchard; at a winery; and at Stoke, where fish and chips were added to the apples and wine. It was indeed fortunate that the flight back to Wellington was smooth.

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A preliminary list of Cobb Valley plants has been prepared and is available to members from the Secretary.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

A list of recent books and bulletins about plants and vegetation in New Zealand.

The Natural History of Canterbury, edited by G. A. Knox. A. H. and A. W. Reed, \$13.50. (1969)

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Guide List to Plants: The Otari Open-air Native Plant Museum, Wellington, New Zealand, by R. H. Mole. (1967)

Forestry in New Zealand: The Shaping of Policy, by A. L. Poole. Hodder and Stoughton, Auckland, in association with The English Universities Press Ltd., London, \$3. (1969)

The Synecology of the Tararua Indigenous Forests, by D. A. Franklin. Technical Paper No. 53. New Zealand Forest Service, Wellington. (1967)

New Zealand Mosses, by S. Natusch. Pegasus Press, 50 cents. (1969)

Biogeography of the Southern End of the World, by P. J. Darlington Jr. McGraw-Hill Book Co., \$2.95 (U.S.A.). (Paperback ed. 1968)

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