

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - - - 3 March 1965

A peaceful election resulted in the following officers for 1965 -

President Mr. Lediard.

Vice Presidents Mr. Butler, Mrs. Hynes, Dr. Rattenbury.

Secretary-Treasurer Mr. Warren.

Assistant Secretary Mr. Beever.

Committee Messrs. Glasson & Hatch, Misses Platt & Seagar.

Mr Mead gave a most interesting talk, illustrated by slides, on the activities of the Wellington Botanical Society. The mountain ranges running north from Wellington provide for the botanist, a fine variety of hill and dale, forest and scrub, shingled river beds, lagoons and sea cliffs. While I like the forest and the coast I must confess to being fascinated most by the river beds. In part I suppose because we have nothing like them around Auckland; but I feel also that there is something basic or fundamental about them; rather like the open fire in the hearth which comforts as well as warms. Mr Mead's colour photography is excellent and he describes his wanderings with a quiet enthusiasm that is quite contagious. Among his shots were some fine photos of Ourisia macrophylla var meadii under cultivation at Otari. I had not seen this before and it is certainly distinct from the type form which is common on Egmont, and from the larger var robusta with which I was so familiar on Ruapehu during the war years.

Subscriptions !!! Mr Warren asks me to remind you all that subs are now due for the 1965-6 year. It will be helpful to get these in as early as possible.

Publications - We still have a few copies of the following -

Silver Jubilee list of native plants of the Auckland District. F.M.Warren, prefaced with a short history of the Society by Miss M.W. Crookes. ( 5/- )

Auckland's Orchids. E.D.Hatch, with 6 plates of line drawings illustrating some 25 species. ( 1/6 )

Name changes in the Flora of N.Z. F.M. Warren, compares Allan's 1961 Flora with Cheeseman's 1925 Manual. ( 9d )

Finding plant names. M.W.Crookes, illustrated by K. Wood. Jolly useful for the beginner ( 1/- )

Marine Botany. Prof. V.J.Chapman ( 6d )

There is also another Bulletin coming up which should be both interesting and useful. If I remember rightly it comprises Ferns, Coprosmas and Olives and is illustrated by line drawings. E.D.H.