

"Some Hints on the Identification of Ferns" by Marguerite W. Crookes, M.L.

"The Case for a Botanic Garden" by Prof. T.L. Lancaster, M.Sc.
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"Maori Medicinal Plants" by Olga Adams, M.Sc.

"Some Local Fungi" by Joan Dingley, M.Sc.

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"Those Troublesome Names!" by Prof. Arnold Wall, price 9
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Many would-be students of plants are repelled or rendered nervous by "those awful scientific names." They find it hard to remember a name that often sounds like so much gibberish. Prof. Wall has taken up this thorny topic with his customary enthusiasm. In his pamphlet space has permitted him to deal only with generic or family names, and he has necessarily had to confine himself to the consideration of local plants.

Prof. Wall needs no introduction to members of the Botanical Society, most of whom have (or certainly ought to have!) that admirable little Handbook on the Botany of Auckland, written by him in collaboration with Miss Lucy Cranwell.

As a student of words, both as regards their meaning and pronunciation, he commands the respect of all. In addition he is a noted field botanist. The Society is most fortunate in securing the good offices of so highly qualified an expert, for the initial publication of this series.

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NEWS OF MEMBERS

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. L.H. Millener on the birth of their son.

Congratulations to Miss Betty Molesworth on her appointment to the position of Museum Botanist. Miss Molesworth is well known to

members of the Botanical Society, as she was the Society's first secretary, and brought to her position all that enthusiasm so necessary to the successful launching of a new association.

Miss Molesworth has studied Botany at the University Colleges in Auckland and Dunedin. Recently she has been stationed at the Hobsonville Air Base. We are glad indeed to be able to welcome her back among us, and look forward with pleasure to her presence at future meetings.

Congratulations to Mrs. Lucy Cranwell Smith on her election to a Fellowship of the Royal Society of N.Z. Mrs. Smith is the first woman to receive this honour. We are sorry we cannot congratulate her in person, but she is now on the East Coast of the United States. After periods at Washington, Chicago and New York, Major Smith is now stationed at Orlando, Florida. Botanically speaking, Florida is one of the most fascinating parts of America. There is a fine University at Orlando, and there Mrs. Smith will be able to complete her pollen studies in peace, when she so desires. After much moving about Mrs. Smith seems to be now settled, at any rate for a while. Her present address is:

C/o Captain Lampher,
Orange Court Hotel,
Orlando, Florida.

Miss de Berg, of the University College, is now at work on that beloved of compilers of Christmas numbers, the pohutukawa. She is particularly interested in peculiar root and stem formations. She would appreciate information as to the whereabouts of any unusual forms from any of our members who may be able to supply it.

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