

Botanists. It was obviously very closely allied to the Lycopods (club mosses) and earlier investigators concluded they had found an archaic form of lycopod, a primitive type that had, so to speak, lingered on in a state of arrested development. Recent research, however, has shown that its apparent simplicity is, on the contrary, the result of specialisation and adaptation to the tuberous perennial habit.

Mr. Bartlett's other treasure, the moss Eucamptodon, is remarkable in that it has never yet been discovered in a fertile condition. It is a large moss, and though fairly widely spread it is somewhat local. In the vicinity of Auckland it usually occurs on clay soil in scrubland.

A correspondent draws my attention to a very interesting article by J.L. Harrison-Smith recently published in the N.Z. Journal of Forestry. While stationed in the Waipoua kauri forest he climbed various large kauri trees and investigated the plants found growing thereon. He states "as many as 36 species (flowering plants and ferns) were found on one tree. Altogether a total of 53 species belonging to 37 genera were numbered." He also tells us "it is quite easy to spend a couple of hours 'wandering about' in the head of a large kauri." Space forbids further quotation. It is hoped that members will consult the original article.

The same correspondent, a keen collector, sends us the following observations:

"Regarding the note in the first number of the News letter as regards *Asplenium hookerianum* being found at Piha, this little fern is fairly plentiful round the lake at Te Henga (Bethells) where I first saw it many years ago. This suggests that it may be found up and down the West Coast in situations where the soil is sufficiently sandy, and members of the Society may care to keep a look-out for it and report any other localities.

Would it be of interest that I collected *Doodia caudata* at Swanson. This is the first time that I have seen this fern so may have passed it on other occasions not knowing it. Cheeseman says local and often absent from large areas."

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