

papers and bulletins. One very important part of its activities will consist in the holding of shows. It proposes to hold these three or four times a year in the Auckland Town Hall. The first show will open on September 11th., not long before the Cheeseman Memorial Flower Show, consequently the Botanical Society will not be able to make any contribution. We hope, however, that in future shows, the Botanical Society, which is now an affiliated member of the A.H.C. will be able to play its part. It is hoped that the Society will be able to contribute a small exhibition of interesting native plants, suitably labeled, and, if necessary, accompanied by cultural instructions. In this way, it is thought that the Society may be able to make its own contribution towards educating the public both as regards the beauty and horticultural possibilities of New Zealand plants, and the necessity for their protection and preservation.

We would be very happy if any of our members who would be prepared to assist in these "native" exhibitions by the provision of appropriate material, would be kind enough to communicate with the Secretary.

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#### THE SPRING FLOWER SHOW.

Spring will be welcomed this year by the Annual Show of Native Flowers. This Show, held as a memorial to the late Mr. Cheeseman, has been in abeyance since 1941. This year it is being revived and is being organised by the Museum, (Miss Betty Molesworth being particularly active) assisted by the Auckland Botanical Society. We are sure that all our members will rejoice to give whatever help lies in their power. Note that as far as specimens are concerned, contributions of any size are welcome, even one beautiful flowering or fruiting spray will be acceptable,--Remember! "Every mickle maks a mickle."

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It is with deep regret that we record the passing of one of our foundation members, Mr. Ross Tilley of Victoria Avenue Remuera. Mr. Tilley was an enthusiastic botanist, a keen collector and observer, and a most successful cultivator of native plants--as witness his lovely garden in Victoria Avenue. Unfortunately, of late his health did not permit him to play as active a part in our Society as he would have liked. Nevertheless, in his own quiet, unobtrusive way he did good work for botany by frequently keeping the display table at the Auckland Museum well provided with interesting natives. Whenever he made one of his trips to Egmont he also always brought back to the Museum <sup>for exhibition</sup> an abundance of living material so that many could share in the mountain's botanic riches.

It is hoped that some part at any rate of Mr. Tilley's valuable collection of "natives" may find its way into some reserve, where it could serve as a fitting memorial to an ardent nature lover, whose kindness and readiness to help endeared him to all who knew him.

#### WANTED!

Mr. R. O. Green, Puketarata Rd., Kio Kio, Otorohanga, would be very grateful if any members could supply him with specimens of the following species:

Pittosporum crassifolium, var. strictum (Little Barrier I.)

Pittosporum umbellatum, var. cordatum (Haratoanga, Great Barrier Island).

Pittosporum ellipticum (Whangaroa, Whangarei Heads, Coast north of Manakau Harbour, Waitakerei West),

P. ellipticum, var. decorum (Ohinimuri Gorge, Gordon settlement, Hawai River, inland from Opotiki, Aorangi Scenic Reserve, base of Mt. Hikurangi.)

It will be seen that the localities where these plants grow are very scattered. Some of our members, however, may be taking trips in the vicinity of some of them, again some country members may be able to help.

Mr. Green is doing some exceedingly interesting work on a very puzzling genus, and it is very desirable that any members who are able to do so should give him all the assistance they can.

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