

and flowers resemble those of a pumpkin, but the leaves are a richer green and the flowers are pure white.

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### NEWS OF MEMBERS

A short time ago, in appreciation of services always so willingly rendered to the Botanical Society, members arranged for a sum of money to be placed to the credit of Mr. L.H. Millener, at Heffer's Bookshop in Cambridge where Mr. Millener is at present carrying out research work. The Treasurer has just received the following letter from him, which I am sure all members will be gratified to read.

"The Treasurer, Auckland Botanical Society - Dear Mr. Butler, I have just received your letter of the 10th inst with its very kind wishes and the notification that a sum of money, which I consider more than substantial, has been placed to my credit at Heffer's. You can imagine how pleased I am to receive such a compliment from my many good friends in the Botanical Society. Will you please convey to the Secretary and so to the Society in general, my sincere thanks?

Curiously enough I have been debating for the last couple of weeks whether I could expend precious sterling on books which, although they are to be found in the excellent library here, I shall be using so much that to have them by me constantly would be a great convenience. Now, thanks to the Society, I shall be able to spread myself beyond my original regrettably limited field.

For my part I would like to say that any feeling of having accomplished anything for the Society has always been tempered with the regret that, under the conditions of my one-time position in the Botany Dept., I was unable to do more. Upon my return, since the Department itself is now so much better off generally than it was, I shall hope to be able to make the deed match the intention.

I have been quite unable to resist the temptation to take a series of pictures in colour of this very beautiful and fascinating Cambridge. Perhaps in 1950 or so, the Society would like to see them as slides. I should have no hesitation in including many quite unrelated to Botany, for although the Botany School here is world famous, Cambridge, as you well know, does not live

by Botany, or even Science alone, but in a hundred other most wonderful ways.

Again thanks, and greetings for the coming season to all members of the Society.

Yours sincerely, Laurie Millener."

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### CONGRATULATIONS!

We would like to congratulate Mr. R. Cooper on his appointment as Botanist to the Auckland War Memorial Museum. We are naturally glad that this appointment has fallen to one who is not only a keen botanist, but who has also been an enthusiastic member and committeeman of our Society. Mr. Cooper's botanical interests are wide, and at the moment he is specialising more particularly on research work on our local salt marshes. In this study, he is dealing with the whole subject on a broad base and while giving his attention to reeds and other higher plants, is not ignoring the part played by the ubiquitous and sometimes elusive algae.

Like all keen field botanists, Mr. Cooper is a worker enthusiast for scenery preservation, an interest which his present occupation should give him excellent opportunities to further.

We take this opportunity of wishing Mr. Cooper every success and happiness in his new position.

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We are glad to be able to welcome once more among us, Mr. Eric Godley recently appointed lecturer in Genetics at the Auckland University College. Mr. Godley at one time fulfilled the onerous position of secretary to our Society. Later he left on war service and since the war he has been doing research work at Cambridge, from whence he has now returned "bearing his sheaves with him." We hope that his new duties will still enable him to spend a little time among us.

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At the last moment, Miss Ambler was unavoidably prevented from forwarding her article on tidal pools, consequently I have held back Mr. Hankin's article, so that the two articles on seaweeds may appear in the same number.