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The Auckland Botanical Society once again draws to the close of a successful year. An innovation this year has been the introduction of two study evenings instead of lectures. During these evenings small groups of local plants were discussed in detail and specimens (in many cases of living material) were arranged in the laboratories. The evenings were voted a great success, and certainly many tricky matters as regards identifications were straightened out to the satisfaction of everyone. The account of these study evenings has not yet been recorded in the News Letter, but it is hoped shortly to issue a bulletin in which the keys constructed by different leaders of the identification groups will be published, together with a few appropriate line drawings.

As the holidays commence and members will, one hopes, have opportunity for many botanical adventures, we would remind readers of suggestions made by Dr. Godley (Page 6) that individual members might take up a special plant for study, noting its habits, localities etc. I understand a member is taking up the study of Phylloglossum drumondi, and it has been suggested that some other member might care to deal with Drosera binata. Any member who has any special interest in any wild plant is recommended to deal with it in this way. The investigation need not be elaborate. A definite study of this type would make no undue demand on members, and would certainly add to the interest of their botanical excursions. Results of say a year's observations, would then be summarised in the News Letter.

To the accompaniment then, of these exhortations, the editor takes the opportunity of wishing all members happy and interesting holidays.

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