

authorities seem to be becoming increasingly rare. As Head of the Plant Diseases Division, Mt. Albert, Dr. Cunningham holds a position of grave responsibility, and it is gratifying to know that his contributions to science have been recognised by the greatest Scientific Society in the British Empire.

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Mrs. Lucy Cranwell Smith, who has been spending some months in New Zealand, has now left again for the United States. It was a source of disappointment both to Mrs. Smith and ourselves that she was unable to make any contact with our Society. We had looked forward to welcoming her, and she on her part before leaving America, had hoped to meet us and perhaps be able to tell us something of some of the more exciting types of the vegetation she had studied. Unfortunately her little son was unwell on the voyage and was quite ill for some time after she landed. After he recovered her husband joined her, and much time was spent visiting old haunts - the National Park, Rotorua, many places in the South Island, etc.

In the end she left without meeting us. We are sorry to have missed her and hope that circumstances will be more propitious on her next visit to this country.

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It is with deep regret that we record the passing on January 26th of Miss Olga Adams, B.Sc., a vice-president of our Society, and one of our foundation members. Miss Adams was a keen member; her Bulletin on Maori Medicinal Plants has been widely appreciated, and she attended our meetings and assisted in our work whenever possible. It is not necessary to remind fellow-workers of her cheerful personality and co-operative spirit. Miss Adams lectured in science at the Auckland Training College but in addition to her exacting duties there found time to make serious studies of Maori matters. She was for seventeen years on the committee of the Anthropology and Maori Race Section of the Auckland Institute. She gave courses of lectures to the W.E.A. on "The Maori Race" and on occasion spoke over the air on aspects of the same subject. But her interest in the Maori people was not only theoretical but intensely practical, and at the Training College her understanding and sympathy made her a tower of strength to the Maori students. During the war she was much concerned with the Maori Battalion, performing innumerable acts of kindness to men on leave, while the extent of her correspondence with those on active service was astonishing - correspondence not

infrequently maintained after the war when rehabilitation brought its own difficulties and problems.

We mourn the passing of an enthusiast in scientific studies and an accomplished teacher, and in addition, of one who played a generous part in that difficult and demanding task of forging the bonds between two races.

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