

In his young days, Major Dorrien Smith made two trips to New Zealand, bringing many plants back with him via Cape Horn. All this material had to be very carefully cared for on the voyages and carefully watched after its arrival and he is justly proud of the results. Although all records are kept of the plants, he seldom needs to refer to them for he remembers the history of nearly all.

Although the Major has treasures from many lands, our New Zealand plants are first in his affections. During his two visits he came to know Dr. Cockayne and Mr. Cheeseman very well and feels he has a link with the country still.

Major Dorrien Smith has written to the Botanical Society to ask if they can help him by sending some seeds to replace those plants which he lost during 1947-8. I know the society will be interested in his letter and appeal as this very fine garden, the only one of its kind in the British Isles, is important to us, not only as a corner of New Zealand so far away, but also because it provides valuable data on the behaviour of our native plants outside their natural environment and country.

Yours sincerely,

BETTY ALLEN."

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Major Dorrien Smith has written to the Editor, who would appreciate co-operation from members in obtaining seeds of the following:

Alseuosmia banksii, *A. macrophylla*.
Aristotelia racemosa.
Clematis indivisa & *colensoi*.
Cordyline terminalis.
Coriaria arborea.
Earina mucronata & *suaveolens*.
Nothofagus truncata (or any species)
Freycinetia banksii.
Geranium traversii.
Hedycarea arborea.
Ixerba brexioides.
MERYTRA SINCLAIRII (specially)

- Contd.

Meterosideros floridus & scandens.
Pittosporum kirkii & ellipticum.
Quintinia serrata.
Rhipogonum scandens.
Rubus semidelioides.
Weimannia sylvicola & racemosa.
Leptospernum keatleyi.
Senecio kirkii (broad and narrow leaved forms).
Zeronema callistemon
(Names as in Cheeseman).

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