

They recently put on a most instructive and charming little show of Australian flowers. They hope that in future they may be able to hold further small shows, illustrating certain specialised plant groups. Congratulations to two very enthusiastic people.

The Society, however, is not merely interested in cut specimens, but under the enthusiastic leadership of Mr. Jollie, is assisting in making a living garden at the section donated by Mr. Butterworth opposite Kirk's Bush. Mr. Jollie is our representative on the Kirk's Bush Scenic Board, and he has already lead two working bees on the property where members have come armed with spades and mattocks, and specimens have been donated. It might be mentioned that Mr. Jollie is always open to receive donations from members of native plants of interest for the section. His address is F. Jollie, 197 Astley Ave., New Lynn.

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REVIEW. NEW ZEALAND FERNS. DOBBIE AND CROOKES.

(Whitcomb & Tombs 40/-).

- Contributed by Nancy Bamford.

Botanists and all interested in New Zealand plants will welcome the new 1951 edition of Dobbie's New Zealand Ferns, edited by Miss Crookes. This book, promised so long by the publishers, is now available and is very well commended in a foreword by Dr. H.H. Allan.

Members of the Botanical Society have come to rely upon Miss Crookes for all information concerning ferns and are very delighted that all her research and study will now be officially recognised in this new edition, combined with the work of H.B. Dobbie.

Those who have studied ferns for years know that information on their classification and characteristics has been expanding greatly, and that the editing of an early work and bringing it up to date is a colossal task, involving accurate scientific knowledge and study in the field.

Those who are just starting to study ferns can now sally forth into the bush to share Miss Crookes' and Mr. Dobbie's enthusiasm, knowing that in this book they have the foundations for future identification and field work.

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