

Zealand Trees and Flowers". Another of his "converts", Captain J.D. MacComish, made a most valuable contribution to the knowledge of the plants of Tahiti, Norfolk and Lord Howe Islands.

I have placed some of Mr. Scott's botany books in the library of the Auckland Museum so that works on his favourite botanists, Carl Linnaeus, Allan Cunningham, George Forrest, Reginald Farrer, Kingdon Ward, etc., may be appreciated by a wider circle of readers.

ROBERT COOPER.

Ferns Once More.

Members will be interested to know that two new fern records were established for the Waipoua forest during the Society's summer excursion there.

Craspedophyllum armstrongii. This minute fern was discovered by Mrs. Barr and Dr. Hastings.

Mecodium atrovirens. This little dark-coloured filmy fern was unearthed by the indefatigable Mrs. Hynes.

Congratulations.

Our congratulations to Mr. Carrick Chambers on gaining his Master of Science with First Class Honours in Botany. We would also like to congratulate him on his appointment as a Lecturer to the Botany Department of the Auckland University College. Mr. Chambers took for the subject of his thesis a study of the genus Blechnum, and he has pursued the various species of this large fern genus with relentless enthusiasm from one end of New Zealand to the other. He has also carried out genetic work and cultivated some hundreds of plants.

Mr. Chambers is well known to us as a member of our Committee. He has also played a very active part in the Auckland University Field Club. He is at present an editor of their Journal, Tané; a Journal which many of our members have found extremely useful as it publishes species lists, etc. of various localities, keys and studies of some troublesome plant and animal groups and altogether has added much to the knowledge of the natural history of our area. Probably its most important number is Vol.6 1953-1954 entitled "Studies of Three Offshore Islands", edited by T.C. Chambers and R.L. Bieleski. This deals with the Flora, Fauna and geologic character of Little Barrier Island and Hen and Mayor Islands. The number was well illustrated by line drawings.

In conclusion we congratulate Mr. Chambers on all his good works and trust he will long remain a member of our Society.
