

During the Annual Meeting, attention of members was drawn to the 32nd meeting of the Australian & New Zealand Association for the Advancement of Science, to be held in Dunedin from 16th to 23rd of January, 1957.

Apart from the interest of Session Meetings additional pre-sessional and post-sessional tours will be arranged to places such as Milford Sound, Lake Te Anau, Queenstown, Mt. Cook and Rotorua. It is to be hoped that any members contemplating a South Island holiday will be able to join the Meeting. Mrs. Hynes has very kindly agreed that members seeking further information about that Dunedin gathering may ring her. Members are advised to make their decision as soon as possible as bookings must be made in good time.

Prior to the Annual Meeting, Committee members stood in silence to mark the passing of three of our members who in times past have taken an active part in our meeting - Mr. Hannken, Mr. Leonard and Mr. Ward.

Mr. W.P. Hannken, a retired school teacher was a keen horticulturist and nature lover, and we were sorry indeed when illness prevented his further attendance at our meetings.

Mr. F.H. Leonard, also a horticulturist, was for a number of years a member of our Committee. He was well known as the very active Secretary of the Great South Road Beautifying Society. His energy and enthusiasm in this office was such, that on one occasion the Editor remembers the Chairman of that body saying at a meeting - "Mr. Leonard is not only Secretary of the Great South Road Beautifying Society - he is the Great South Road Beautifying Society." Certainly without him the Society could never have accomplished the important beautifying work to its credit.

Mr. R. Ward was always to be seen in the Museum about Cheeseman Flower Show time - invariably ready to give bountifully from his well-stored garden. For he was an able and most generous horticulturist and many an Auckland garden is the richer for some attractive shrub or plant first set on its way by his extremely green fingers.

Mr. E. Earle Vaile's services to his native city are too well known to need comment here. For us it is pleasant to remember that he was a foundation member of our Society.

Wanted! Very Much!

Attractive schemes initiated by the Great South Road Beautifying Society include a plan to adorn the bare clay slopes of parts of the Southern Motorway by a covering of native plants. We need, then, seeds and more seeds for scattering on these unprepossessing banks. Berries, seeds, etc. of any hardy quick growing natives are required. Suitable species of coprosma, Pittosporum and tea tree for instance or spores of such ferns as Blechnum procerum would be in order. But remember, the accent is on quantity. As Mrs. Hynes sadly remarked after a sowing, "A large carton of berries went simply nowhere." So collect seeds and berries and either sow them or deliver them to Mrs. Hynes. Remember-this is a really worth-while cause awaiting the co-operation of members.