

Our New Secretary.

Prior to the Annual Meeting, our retiring President, Dr. Millener, spent a considerable time on the depressing task of ringing up various members in the hope that they might be induced to take on the onerous duty of secretary. After repeated refusals it was the more gratifying to find that so suitable a person as Mrs. Arthur Coyle (known as Ruth Coyle in local art circles) was prepared to accept the position, which she did with diffident cheerfulness. Mrs. Coyle is a lady of parts. Those who attended the last "Cheeseemsn" will remember a charming piece of fabric printing by her as well as some intriguing lino-cuts. Works by her in both oil and water colour have been exhibited in our local art exhibitions. She has also turned her hand to modelling. Incidentally, we think it very sporting of Mrs. Coyle to take on the secretaryship when she is working hard preparing for a "one man show" opening in the Society of Arts Show Room on September, 24th.

We are glad that Mr. Butler consented to be re-elected treasurer, and we all appreciate the conscientious and unassuming way in which he has carried out this work for us for a number of years.

We welcome to the committee two new members, Mr. Coyle and Mr. Holt. Some of Mr. Coyle's beautiful coloured slides have already been exhibited to the Society, and Mr. Holt is an old friend of ours, though this is the first time he has held office.

Following the business, the Society enjoyed a show of coloured slides taken by Mr. Coyle, Mr. Beatson, Dr. Millener and Dr. Rattenbury. After these, we repaired to supper.

Wanted - Recipes.

Just now our new Secretary's interest in plants has taken a nutritional turn, and she is at work preparing a small book dealing with the use to be made of wild plants (or occasional garden plants) native or introduced, as desirable additions to our menus. She is at present extremely recipe-conscious along these lines. Some of our members may be able to help her here. She has to hand, of course, such readily accessible books as Ransome's British Herbs (Pelican Books) and Dr. Buck's relevant writings. But it sometimes happens that either by accident, observation, experiment or tradition, people acquire unusual or unexpected recipes. For instance, the other day someone told me that the Mexicans have an excellent dish in which the Yucca figures prominently. Of course, it may be that Mexican insides are tougher than ours, or maybe it is one of those dishes to be served when people-one-would-rather-not-see-too-often suddenly arrive to tea. Anyway our members have great scope for providing Mrs. Coyle with suitable material and I am sure they will be eager to co-operate. The book is to be illustrated with the author's own line drawings and this should add much to its usefulness and charm.