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The stricken cries of the Editor have been heard, and copy has flowed in enabling the News Letter to be produced as such a publication should be, that is as a co-operative effort recording, not only the doings of the Society, but observations of members and requests for information and material. We earnestly thank all members who have forwarded articles and cherish the heartening thought that they will be followed by others. We are of the opinion that some members really having worthwhile contributions to offer are restrained by undue modesty. Remember you need not be a professionally trained botanist to make observations of interest and value. A plant noted flowering out of season, one recorded from a new locality, or behaving in an unusual way, or forming fresh relations in regard to other plants and animals, or accounts of growing of our native plants from seeds or cuttings, all these matters are of concern to some or all of our members. Remember a contribution does not have to be long, only a few lines is sufficient.

It was delightful to have an article from our old friend, Vivienne Cassie (née Dellow) who is now working along with her husband at the N.Z. Oceanographic Institute, Wellington. She has published a number of papers dealing with marine biology, of which the best known is - Marine Algology of the Hauraki Gulf. Trans Royal Society, Vol. 83, pt. 1, pages 1-91 (Issue 1955). She says, "I am at present working on the diatoms and dinoflagellates in Auckland and Wellington Harbours and Cook Strait." These organisms, discussed by Mrs. Cassie, form an important part of our phytoplankton (from the Gk., phuton, a plant and planktos, wandering) and constitute some of its most fascinating and beautiful representatives.