

### THE EDITOR PACKS HER BAG

In December of 1943 the Society began publication of a Quarterly News Letter, so that by the end of 1963 the present editor will have served uninterruptedly for a term of twenty years. She now feels that she will then be entitled to remission of further sentence for good conduct. But in view of the scarcity of editors it is thought that a preliminary announcement of retirement will give the Society reasonable time for the securing of a successor by the latter part of next year.

It is hoped that any member who can undertake this enterprise on behalf of the Society will come forward as soon as possible.

It is perhaps permissible for the soon-retiring editor to make a few suggestions that may facilitate the smooth running of the News Letter.

When publication first started nearly twenty years ago we were concerned a good deal with giving accounts of lectures and more particularly of excursions, with special reference to the more important plants to be found in particular areas.

But in the course of years neighbouring localities have nearly all been described - indeed some have been redescribed. It seems then that there is now more scope and indeed more necessity for short articles of general botanic interest. But where to get them? Obtaining copy is, I imagine, the main problem in editing a little journal such as ours. To ease matters for the new editor I make the following suggestions.

1. Contributions could be promised. If only twelve members would come forward and promise one contribution a year, that would give three articles for each News Letter, or four if it is decided to reduce the News Letters to three a year.
2. One member has suggested that some members might be willing to contribute a series of articles on some particular subject. For instance we might have a series on, say orchids or Pittosporums or some general subject such as hybrids. Doubtless many subjects for "continued" articles will suggest themselves to members.

The matter of the format of the News Letter might well be considered by the Society. I understand there has been consideration in the committee of the advisability of reducing the number of News Letters in view of our somewhat slender finances. In these circumstances it might be worth while going very carefully into the whole question of format. It might perhaps be possible to have one printed News Letter and one cyclostyled one a year. A printed bulletin is easier to read and much more permanent and members might feel more encouraged to make contributions to it.

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