

The Cheeseman Show

The criticisms of Messrs. H. McCail Geddes and H. Smith and Professors E.M. Blaiklock and L.H. Millener have aroused public opinion regarding the collection of plant specimens. If we ignore their opinions we will have to answer further complaints. Personally, I cannot accept responsibility for organising another Show unless I have assurances that those taking part in the Show can obtain plant specimens without damage to the bush and without breaking the laws for the protection of the native flora. Will members please give thought to this problem, and let us have their suggestions.

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One sympathises with the Museum Botanist. A Cheeseman operating to the accompaniment of cries of "Vandalism" is not a pleasant prospect. It is to be hoped that this unhappy matter will be clarified as soon as possible.

Perhaps the Botanical Society and other interested bodies could approach local authorities with the suggestion that certain small areas might be set aside for collecting and study. I understand that "Educational Reserves" have been highly successful overseas. Further private owners might be approached to permit some specified school or schools or group of young people in whom they are interested, to collect under suitable conditions in their bush.

As a start, the Editor would be willing for girls of the Auckland Girls Grammar School to collect in her property, Mountain Road, Henderson. One does not like to see keen young people discouraged.

The subscription of 7/6 (country members 5/-) for the year ending 31st January 1964 is now due. It would save the Acting Secretary considerable time and the Society expense if subscriptions were paid without the necessity of a notice.

It is sincerely to be hoped that members will take due note of this appeal by the Acting Secretary. As we all know, Mr. Warren is also our Treasurer. In a Society like ours this

involves a great deal more than merely collecting expenses. In addition to our evening meetings there are our day trips and also the week-end and trips of a week undertaken by the Society through the year, consequently the office of treasurer alone involves heavy burdens. To add to that the work of Acting Secretary as well is more than most people would be prepared to undertake. In these circumstances we feel that members are under an especial obligation to spare Mr. Warren any work they possibly can.

The attention of members is drawn to the Society's publications. These are obtainable from the Acting Secretary at the following prices:

Auckland's Orchids	Members 1/6
	Others 2/-
Finding Plant Names	Members 1/-
	Others 1/6
Marine Botany	6d.
Name Changes Occurring in Flora of New Zealand (Allan 1961)	9d.
Jubilee Booklet containing History of Society and List of Native Plants of the Auckland District	5/-
