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The 349 species collected and described by Solander in New Zealand are contained in 206 Genera and (counting the Filicopsida as a single family) 86 families. Of the genera 130 belong to the Dicotyledones, 48 to the Monocotyledones, 25 to the Filicopsida, 2 to the Coniferae and 1 to the Lycopodiaceae.

When it is remembered that manuscript Floras were prepared also for Tierra del Fuego, Tahiti and the eastern coast of Australia, and that each of them was as coherent as the New Zealand section, and that he wrote in addition on the marine and bird life encountered on the voyage, the genius of the man shines forth, and we begin to understand why the present Flora of New Zealand is dedicated to the Swedish Doctor from the University of Uppsala. Well might Linnaeus write of the ' immortal Banks and Solander ' . E.D.H.

STRANGE EPIPHYTE ON A NIKAU

Plugging home through Waima one afternoon in November, I was astonished to see a mass of yellow decorating the upper section of a tallish nikau. Not quite believing my eyes I hastened to investigate.

In the clutter of moss, fern and orchid which seems to be acquired by most nikau on the edge of the bush, and some fourteen feet from the ground, several fine plants of the common 'dandelion' (Hypochoeris radicata) were flowering profusely. Something new in epiphytes ? E.D.H.

NEWS OF MEMBERS - M.Crookes

In previous Newsletters members will have read how Mrs Haritonidis (nee Pauline Buddle, an erstwhile secretary of our Society) has carried out botanical work ever since she has been in Greece. We are now delighted to learn, that in collaboration with a Greek botanist she has completed a pocket book of photographs of Greek plants with the text in both Greek and English. We hope the publication of this most useful little work will not be unduly delayed.

The flora of Greece is not only beautiful but also varied and interesting, and I was delighted when Mrs Haritonidis kindly forwarded a small booklet on the subject issued by the Royal Horticultural Society. I am sure this little work will be of interest to a number of our members, particularly any who have exchanged seeds with Mrs Haritonidis.