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It is a pleasure to take over as Editor, but in doing so I would like to extend to the former Editor, Mr E.D. Hatch, the sincere thanks of the Botanical Society for a job well done, and express the hope that he will continue to contribute his original notes to the Newsletter.

Being relatively new to Auckland I have relied on local members to fill gaps in my knowledge of the area and of our members, and have found them most helpful. It is however difficult to get members to put pen to paper and make their due contribution to the Newsletter. Meetings can generally be covered easily, but there is a dearth of original material, and the Editor has been relying for much of his material from a few stalwarts, and having to write the rest himself - and very creditably.

I hope to receive much more from our country members in future, as this is often their only contact with the Society. We have over 60 country members who must have many interesting botanical notes tucked away - record them NOW - don't let them get lost! From our town members (185), there must be some hidden talent somewhere. Let's make an effort and turn out a Newsletter which is both useful and stimulating. I look forward to your support.

Shortly we hope to have the new booklet out, which includes several useful keys. Delays in printing have meant long periods elapse before much sought-after keys are available. I would ask therefore that material urgently wanted by members should appear here.

Please note that contributions should be sent to the Editor at the above address (preferably typed if possible - but don't let this deter you), and I will undertake any necessary checking of course (nomenclature, etc). Articles can also be handed in at any meeting. Any suggestions for improving the Newsletter will be most welcome, and I hope I will not have to dwell at length on the subject of contributions again. I look forward to hearing from YOU!