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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

There has been a gratifying reaction to the efforts of your new Editor, and I hope that you will find this issue just as interesting, if not more so.

Thanks must go to the helpers behind the scenes, namely Joan Buller for the drawings, and Mr J. Beever for the laborious task of duplicating and assembling nearly 300 copies.

I am pleased to say that my request for more original contributions is beginning to bear fruit and I hope that many more new contributors will be forthcoming, and so regard the Newsletter as the main publication for botany in the Auckland province, which indeed it should be.

EXCURSION NOTES

A Step towards a Regional Flora.

Reports on meetings necessarily take up quite a lot of space, but I firmly believe an accurate record, particularly of field days, is most important. I have before pointed out that the Newsletter should be an important source for a Regional Flora, which must be something more than the general species lists published so far.

It is with this thought in mind that I am personally endeavouring to cover our excursions in the Auckland area, and I will have to rely on other members to contribute on the longer excursions, and on our country members for special local knowledge.

To do this I must therefore have full reports of findings and observations in the course of a field day, together with any subsequent identifications of critical material. I ask for your full co-operation in this matter, and will be requesting you personally to help.

Besides the official Society outings, notes on members' private field days would be most welcome in extending our botanical knowledge. Voucher specimens of new records must be kept for future reference, and one sheet should be deposited in an herbarium. Critical material should be submitted for expert opinion, where workers are known. I will endeavour to compile a list of groups currently being worked on, and you may be able to provide useful specimens for the taxonomists.