

capense. Along the pleasant, well-graded track to the top of the falls, there was ample time and opportunity to become re-acquainted with old favourites. Ferns in profusion hanging from tree trunks and covering mossy logs; huge masses of Dendrobium cunninghamii high on trees; Coprosma, particularly australis, in flower and fruit; the native olives, Olea lanceolata and montana with Mida salicifolia were all discovered, as well as Ixerba brexioides which in this area, is confined to the tops of the ridges. There was much Metrosideros fulgens in flower and we also saw M. robusta, and the 2 white ratas, M. perforata and diffusa. Among the trees kohekohe, rimu and miro were prevalent, while the small orchid, Acianthus fornicatus sinclairii was plentiful beneath. As the top of the falls is approached the bush changes to kauri forest with its accompanying tanekaha, Corokia and spiderwood. After a scramble down the steep track among the kauri and tawa with the cascading falls on our left, we stopped for lunch above the final fall. Here Miss Crookes gave a very interesting talk on the various plants we had seen and specimens were passed round for identification. A last scramble took the party to the bottom of the falls where the beautiful but rather muddy track followed the stream for some distance before turning uphill and bringing us out on to Mountain Road. After a very special afternoon tea at Miss Crookes' home, another happy trip ended.

THE NEW BULLETIN IS OUT

Our long-awaited, latest Bulletin - containing illustrated keys to the local species of Astelia, Colloospermum, Coprosma, the Hymenophyllaceae and Olea - has at last been published. It has been well worth waiting for, the layout and printing are good, and the illustrations clear, useful and well-drawn. The old boggy nomenclature may be a slight problem for some. Copeland's arrangement of the filmy ferns has been followed - genera which appear in Allan's 1961 Flora as subgenera of Hymenophyllum and Trichomanes.

The section on Astelia and Colloospermum should be compared with Dr. Moore's revision in N.Z. Journ. Bot. 4: #2, June 1966, p. 201. (see also Newsletter, July 1967, p. 5), which revision will, so I have been told, be used in the new Monocot. Flora.

When this Bulletin was first mooted, I put a note on Nestegis in Newsletter (July 1964, p. 8) No definite decision appears to have been made as yet, and until it is made I propose to stick to Olea, which is at least familiar.

This booklet, an excellent aid to identification, is obtainable from Mr. Warren for 45 cents. I can recommend it. E.D.H.

Gleichenia circinnata⁵

Mossnauatua bog