

A few hardy members from Omapere went on to Opononi in the bus and walked the two and a half miles back, arriving just in time for dinner.

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With regret we left Omapere for the return journey home, once again passing through Waipoua Forest, where we stopped to look at some tall spindly trees covered with bloom, which we found to be Phabalium nudum (mairehau).

At Kaihu we pulled up beside a stream for lunch and then went on to Trounson Park which is very different to Waipoua, there being very little undergrowth. Here there are quite a few kauris and one called the four sisters was most interesting, owing to the four trunks growing close together to form one tree. Along the track we noted Pittosporum kirkii, Melicope simplex and high in a tree Griselinia lucida with its large, bright green leaves. Of the ferns we found Hymenophyllum revolutum, H. flabellatum, H. demissum and Dicksonia lanata. The orchid Corybas rivularis was quite abundant here also.

The journey home was uneventful until almost at Waiwera, where we came to a complete halt owing to the density of traffic, 25 miles of bumper to bumper - so we crawled to Silverdale and from there on we were able to travel at a more reasonable speed.

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Worth mentioning in connection with the Kaihu lakes is the abundance of Pomaderris prunifolia var. edgerleyi in the area. This is a semi-prostrate shrub, tending to grow horizontally or downhill if on a bank and particularly attractive when in flower. Its habit and appearance make it worth cultivating, although cuttings are difficult to strike. It is found at North Cape, Scotts Point, Parengarenga, the coast from Maunganui Bluff to N. Kaipara Head and for some miles inland on poor clay hills. - Ed.

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PSILOFUM NUDUM AGAIN.

Some little time ago an article appeared in our newsletter regarding the appearance of Psilotum nudum in unexpected places and asking for a report on other discoveries.

I have now found it growing out of a crack in a brick wall in Benson Rd., Remuera, about 100 yards from my front gate. How did it get there? My guess is that, as the wall faces the south, the spore from which the plant sprang travelled on the wind from Little Rangitoto in Upland Rd or from the Mt. Wellington lava field. Has any other member seen it growing in Remuera?