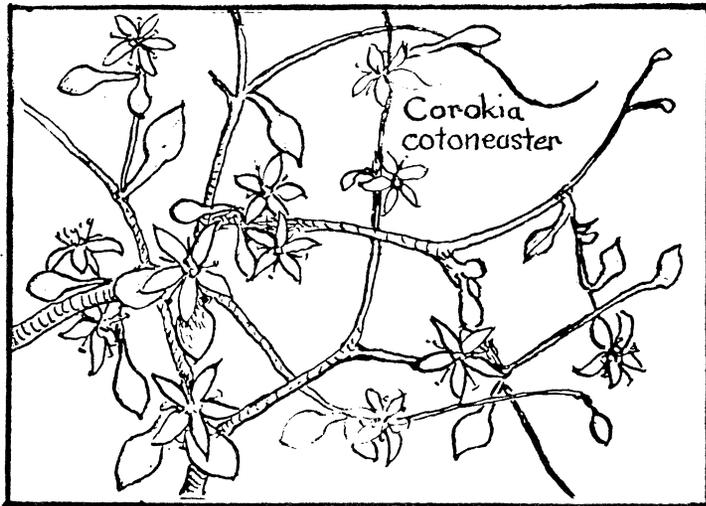


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## O U R P R E S I D E N T C O M M E N T S

Mr Thompson is to be congratulated for his patience and work in bringing into being this first journal of the society. It has long been a goal to produce such a journal, no matter how simple in form. This issue is more elaborate than we dared hope when the decision was made to go ahead with it.

The first aim of the Society is to promote an interest in the study of botany, especially that of New Zealand, and in particular, the native flora of Canterbury. The third aim is to encourage the preservation of New Zealand plants in their natural habitat; the fourth to collect and disseminate knowledge and the fifth to issue publications. It appears that this issue fulfils all these aims well, albeit humbly.

I hope that this is the first of many journals to come and that we have here set a reasonable standard to emulate and improve on as our experience increases. I hope that it will be well received by members and that they will support and encourage the committee and editor to produce more.

Basil O'Connor.

President

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## E D I T O R I A L

When your Committee asked me to act as Hon. Editor and endeavour to produce a Canterbury Botanical Society Journal, it set no policy on the type of Journal it required, or on its length.

For this first issue I have asked a number of our members to write an article, and in some cases, suggested a subject to them. The result is now before you. I hope that at least some of the articles will interest you. Please let me have your suggestions and comments for future

issues.

I feel that there is a place for a Botanical Journal sited somewhere between the highly technical "Journal of Botany" and the type of newsletter which records "Mesdames Blank and Blank provided the refreshments".

Such a Journal could provide useful information on botanical matters written in a manner easily assimilated by the amateur.

I should like to express my sincere thanks to the authors of the enclosed articles, for so willingly and ably acceding to my request.

John Thompson.

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