

potted specimen displayed at Mr. Martin's lecture. Its natural home is amongst stream-side rocks often in beech-clad gullies but it can be grown at least as far north as Opotiki and is said to be propagated fairly easily from seed. It is closely related to the scutellaries of the northern hemisphere and is the only native representative of a family of 200 species, widely distributed throughout the temperate regions.

This is only one of the treasures of this well-known garden which the Society hopes one day to visit, to see the unique collection of plants and to hear Mr. Aston's tales about them.

AWARD of the HUTTON MEDAL.

On June 25th, at a meeting of the Wellington Branch of the Royal Society of New Zealand, the Hutton Memorial Medal was presented to Dr. H.H.Allan, M.A., D.Sc. F.L.S., F.R.S.N.Z. This medal, which commemorates the work of Capt. F.W.Hutton, one of the pioneers in natural science in this country, has since 1911 been awarded once in every three years "to persons who have made some noticeable contribution in connection with the Zoology, Botany, or Geology of New Zealand." On only three previous occasions has the recipient been a botanist, Dr. Cockayne in 1914, Dr. Holloway in 1920, and Dr. Cunningham in 1935. The Society is pleased to see the name of one of its Vice-presidents added to this select list and congratulates Dr. Allan on the high and well-deserved honour that has come to him.

OBITUARY.

Members will learn with regret of the death of Mr. C.G.Bond of Petone at the age of 74 years. After joining the Society in 1940, Mr. Bond regularly attended meetings and excursions and in the latter especially showed his keen and indefatigable interest in native plants and his determination to learn all he could about them.