

arranged out on the lines of a horticultural show, the classes and displays to include: collection of native trees and shrubs in pots with corresponding sample of foliage etc., collection of N.Z. polished and grained timbers; display of manufactured articles made of N.Z. woods; display of photographs of native flora; display of N.Z. ferns; native flora curiosities and freaks; collection of native mosses and fungi; miniature rock-garden; and three competitive classes for school children. This project is expected to bring the activities and objectives of the club more definitely before the general public.

G. Leslie Adkin.

RECENT BOTANICAL PAPERS.

In the September 1941 number of the Journal of the Royal N.Z. Institute of Horticulture Mr. Stirling's diploma thesis on Hedges was published in full. Members who heard him discuss this subject at a study circle will recollect many practical tips about establishing native plants for hedges and will be glad that the general account is now available.

Mr A. D. Beattie is the author of a paper on Natural Root Grafts in New Zealand Trees, in the December issue of the Transactions of the Royal Society of New Zealand. Root grafts are recorded in 30 species and a further six are listed as strongly suspected. Records of interspecific grafts are especially interesting and a number of references are made to accounts of similar phenomena in other countries. Wainui-o-mata hills and Khandallah Domain are mentioned as places where examples can be seen in situ.

The other botanical paper in this publication is by Mrs. E. A. Hodgson, on the New Zealand species of the liverwort genus Schistochila. Mrs. Hodgson acknowledges help from many collectors and would be glad to have further gatherings especially from the South Island.

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