

how our numbers would compare with Auckland's total of 566, exclusive of seaweeds. A few copies have been secured for sale to Society members (at the reduced price of 2/3) and will be available at meetings while they last.

Pukerua Bay-Plimmerton, 6th June.

This is a fine stretch of typical Cook Strait coast, where northern species like *Peperomia urviliana* and southerners like *Senecio geniculata* meet on common ground. The shingle-binding plants alone on the steep slopes are worth the day's tramp.

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Sgt. K. Given, one of the most enthusiastic members in the early days of the Society is on furlough from the Middle East. Even while returning from Tunisia he managed to do some botanizing, about which we hope to hear something later.

Miss Betty Lorimer, also an original member, has been running clubs for Service-women in the Middle East since she left New Zealand. A recent press report states that her special work has been recognized by the award of the M.B.E.

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