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FUND FOR THE COCKAYNE MEMORIAL STONE.

It was mentioned in the February "Bulletin" that the Society had decided to contribute to a fund opened by the Forest and Bird Society to erect a memorial stone on Dr. Cockayne's grave at Otari.

Receipt of the following amounts is acknowledged: Mr. A. D. Beddie, £5; Dr. I. V. Newman, £2; Miss M. Peebles, 2s. 6d.; Mr. H. Harris, 10/-; Mr. F. E. Wilkin 6/-; Miss M. M. Johnston, 11/6; Dr. Greta Cone, £1.1.0; Mr. S. Duncan, £1; Dr. Isabel Morice, 10/-; Mrs. I. D. Parsons, £1.1.0; Mr. I. D. Parsons, £1.1.0; Anonymous donations brought the total up to £16.3.0, for forwarding to the Forest and Bird Society. Many of our members contributed directly to the main fund, and their names may be seen in the published list.

Following an announcement in the Forest and Bird Magazine, which was quoted in the daily press, that it was proposed to expend some or all of the fund on the erection of a bird bath at Otari, our Annual General Meeting decided to send a protest and to offer an alternative suggestion for the use of any surplus funds after the main objective had been achieved. A copy of the letter to the Forest and Bird Society follows:-

"At the Annual General Meeting of our Society a resolution was passed that this Society should inform the Executive of the Forest and Bird Protection Society that we are not in favour of the erection of a bird bath as a memorial to the late Dr. L. Cockayne. We believed when we subscribed to the fund that the money would be used firstly for marking the grave by erecting a simple inscribed stone.

We suggest that any surplus funds might be used for establishing a one-roomed museum-library at the Otari Open Air Plant Museum. It was the opinion of the meeting that exhibits and books about native plants displayed in this manner at Otari would add considerably to the educational value of the park, which had been established through the efforts of the late Dr. Cockayne mainly for the purpose of interesting and educating the public in the New Zealand vegetation."

Those of our members who have contributed directly to the Forest and Bird Fund may like to write individually to that Society indicating which suggestion they prefer. Anyone who has visited Otari will know how useful it would be to see there at least Dr. Cockayne's scheme for the development of the Reserve.

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