

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1947-1948, ELECTED JULY, 1947.

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NEWS OF OFFICERS AND "OTHER RANKS".

Mr.A.L.Poole, B.For.Sc., F.L.S., N.D.H.(N.Z.), the Society's new President, is Assistant Director of the Botany Division, Plant Research Bureau, Dept. of Scientific and Industrial Research. Published results of his original research work cover a wide range, e.g. many aspects of forest botany, ragwort control, phormium ecology, grass seed trials. Amongst his various duties during his six years overseas he was able to see and learn much of botanical interest, as may be judged from the matter of his talk to us on April 21st.

Dr. Newman was unable to consider continuing as President for a second year because he expects to be away from New Zealand from September, 1947 to May, 1948. The Society's thanks are due to him for his able and energetic leadership during his term as President, and our best wishes go with him on his journey to England and for his work at Cambridge University.

Prof.H.D.Gordon arrived from Tasmania in June to occupy the newly-created Chair of Botany at Victoria University College. He kindly consented to accept nomination as Vice-President, and his attendance at outings and meetings is already much appreciated.

Dr.M.Mayer, our erstwhile Secretary, is now a lecturer in Botany at Canterbury College. Her students there will be fortunate to have her help always ungrudgingly available to them, as it was to us during her term of office.

Dr.Oliver retired from the Directorship of the Dominion Museum at the end of March last. Following a few months of comparative leisure he is now to take the position, temporarily, of Director of the Canterbury Museum at Christchurch. He will be much missed, as he has held one office or another in the Society ever since being the first President at its foundation.

Dr.Allan was one of the official delegates to the Congress of the Australian and New Zealand Association for the Advancement of Science at Perth in August. He will have much to tell of Australian botany and botanists on his return.

Miss Valerie Norman, our first Secretary and one of the prime movers in the formation of the Society, has returned from overseas service. A post-war bursary took her to Great Britain where she studied modelling and display work in the main museums. In her position now in the Exhibition Department at the Dominion Museum she is busy preparing material for the re-opening of the galleries to the public.