

many shrubs and orchid species are found. Both *Leptospermum* and *Melaleuca*, which look very similar, are known as "tea-tree."

Beyond Stanley, on the north-west coast of Tasmania, many bright-coloured flowers, including a butterfly-like *Utricularia*, grew on the old dune-system, now partly peat-covered. Round the coast a rust-coloured lichen made a wide brilliant band.

A number of interesting slides and specimens were shown. Miss Moore was thanked on behalf of the audience by Prof. Gordon, who mentioned especially the quality of the herbarium specimens collected.

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#### LODER CUP AWARD FOR 1949

Miss Noeline Baker has been awarded the Loder Cup for 1949. The cup is presented annually to a person or body of persons for outstanding work in protecting and cultivating New Zealand plants. Before Miss Baker handed over her property, "Moturau Moana," to the Minister of Lands in 1948, she had established a botanical garden containing almost every plant native to Stewart Island. The Loder Cup committee, in recommending Miss Barker, made special reference to the high standard of the nominations received for 1949.

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#### RECENT PUBLICATIONS

*Local Species of Astelia, Collospermum, Coprosma and Hymenophyllaceae*; Auckland Botanical Society Bulletin, No. 4. Copies obtainable from Miss Crookes, 31 Maungauhau Road, Epsom, for a small charge.

*Sand-Dune Plants*, by Lucy B. Moore, with illustrations by Nancy M. Adams; Post-Primary School Bulletin, Vol. 3, No. 4. A limited number of copies are available from Information Bureau, D.S.I.R., Wellington.

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#### DEATHS

With deep regret the Society records the death of two of its members, Mr. W. W. Samson and Mrs. A. Morris Jones; also the death of Mr. W. J. Jamieson of the Collingwood district.