Greater celendine (Chelidonium major) Papaveracae.
Lesser celendine (Ficaria verna) Rosaceae.
Soapwort (Saponaria officinalis) Caryophyllaea.

These are, I think, the more important of the herbs on exhibition. Space does not permit the giving of medicinal or culinary details. For these I refer members to the following books:

British Herbs - Florence Ransom - A Pelican Book. English price 2/6. readily available.

Herbs and Herb Gardening - E.H. Rhode (The Medici Society) 7/6.

Herbs Make Food Delicious - A Simple Guide to the Cultivation of Herbs in New Zealand and Their Culinary Uses - by Davina MacQuarrie and Audrey Bellet. (This is an inexpensive little booklet costing I think 1/6.

There is, of course, quite a large literature dealing with herbs and herb gardens, and the above books will give additional references.

We in New Zealand also have plants and trees that are possibly or probably useful in the cure of disease. Recently the Cancer Research Society has asked for the co-operation of the Botanical Society in seeking material for its studies. It would like any or all of the following:

Pimelia longifolia
Pimelia prostrata
Epilobium junceum
Epilobium pubens
Halorrhagis depressa
Halorrhagis incana
Gunnera monoica
Gunnera stigosa

1 lb. each of flowers, fruits, leaves, bark, aerial wood and ground wood or roots of each of species.

In considering the directions of the Cancer Research Society, it must be remembered that they apply more particularly to trees. A very large number of plants and trees are being sought by the researchers, but it was thought best that the Botanical Society should concentrate on a small group. It so happens that most of these are herbs whose bark, roots and leaves can scarcely be dealt with separately by members. Members should simply collect as many whole plants or small shrubs as possible. These should

be addressed to:

Professor Briggs,
Department of Chemistry,
Auckland University College.

It might be advisable to label the packages "Cancer Research - Botanical Specimens".

Members may be unfamiliar with a number of the plants on the required list. It is hoped that before the end of the year, an opportunity will be found to have all required specimens on exhibition with some directions as to locality and habitat.

We trust that members will see their way to co-operating in this important work. As a botanical society, we are, I think, under a special obligation to gather as much material as possible. Let us remember this matter then, in our walks abroad.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

We are to be losing Dr. Millener for a while. He is leaving for England about November, 23rd and will not be back again till towards the end of August, 1958.

He will be working at Cambridge University, where he has, as one would expect, a heavy programme on hand. He proposes to continue his researches on gorse, to continue his work on the vegetation of Rangitoto and also on seedling development and in addition, photo-periodism (influence of day length on plants).

We wish Dr. Millener every success in his work. We also note with pleasure that he leaves armed with his colour camera.

We are happy that Miss J. Dingley is returning to us towards the end of December of this year. Miss Dingley has been away nearly a year carrying further her research into certain groups of our fungi. We have missed her during her absence and shall be very glad to welcome her home again.
