On Saturday, September 4th, the Society visited Mr. Powell's property at the entrance to the Wade River. The weather was fine but a keen wind was blowing and it was a somewhat chilly group that eventually arrived at Mr. Powell's delightfully situated cottage. But we soon revived on being entertained at a bounteous tea, served in the warm and pleasant living room where we were able to enjoy the view and Mrs. Powell's excellent cooking at the same time.

We descended to the seashore and were ferried over to the other side of the river in various large and heavy groups, and were ferried back in the afternoon after we had had a pleasant day exploring the coastal forest. The day was now calm and fine and the water journey was much enjoyed by all - with the possible exception of Mr. Powell and his son who did all the rowing. Mr. Hally Powell led the excursion. Some of our members were interested in Coprosma areolata which was a very common small Coprosma growing in the bush and near the sea shore. It is addicted to swampy places, particularly the swampy forests by the banks of many of the larger rivers. The leaf is somewhat pale in colour with very well marked veins. Cheeseman, who studied the plant carefully noted a peculiarity about its fruiting habits. Whereas with most lowland Coprosmas the flowering season is in the early spring and the fruiting season in the following autumn, C. areolata though flowering in September or October does not mature its fruit for fifteen months-it is not till the December of the following year that its small black drupes may be seen ripened on the tree



(From Plate 81, Cheeseman's Illustrations of the N.Z.Flora)

We take this opportunity of thanking Mr. and Mrs. Powell for their kind hospitality, and we much appreciate the trouble Mr. Powell and his son went to to enable us to see as much as possible of the area.
