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The Annual Meeting of the North Queensland Naturalists' Association was held on Monday, 11th September, in the Girls and Infants' State School, when election of officers for ensuing year took place.

Dr. Flecker was unanimously re-elected President, a position all felt only he could fill adequately at this juncture.

Also re-elected were:—Vice Presidents: Miss Hooper and Capt. Fish; Librarian Secretary and Editor: Mr. Kennedy; Treasurer: Mr. Gorton; Secretary: Mr. Wyer. New members elected to the Committee were Messrs Askew and Walsh. Mr. Walsh was appointed Assistant Secretary and Miss Hooper, Assistant Editor.

Mr. Evins was unanimously elected to membership of the Club, and new members proposed were Messrs McVilly, Orchard, Morris, Murphy and W. James.

The Treasurer's financial statement showed a balance of £25/14/9.

The President's report dealt principally with the activities of the Club during the past twelve months.

The membership is satisfactory from the point of numbers and members have been regular in attendance at the monthly meetings at each of which an interesting lecture has been given covering varied topics such as Great Barrier Reef, forests, plants, etc.

In contrast, our field meetings have been poorly attended and it is hoped the coming year will see an improvement in this respect.

Our most successful effort was the Wild Nature Show held in the Oddfellows' Hall during August. The general public showed keen interest in this venture and attended well. One object of our Club is to educate the public and local organisations to appreciate the beauty of our local flora and fauna, and as 98 per cent. of our exhibits were purely native to North Queensland we feel that the Wild Nature show accomplished much in this direction.

The Club's chief objective is the formation of a museum in Cairns. So far our efforts have been rewarded by a fine collection of specimens, and we shall very shortly be in possession of three show cases. This year we intend to push on with our scheme and hope that a building to house our collection will soon be found.

Up to date our journal has been typed. With better funds on hand we are now venturing on printed copies. We trust the year will see an improvement in every branch of our activities. We want the journal to be as informative as possible and ask members who can assist in any way to come forward with copy.

In addition to our work for the Museum and Club, we intend in the future to—

(1) Assist the Main Roads Board, Shire Council and Government to beautify the road between Woree and Cairns by planting suitable and attractive trees.

(2) Protect the native flora and fauna with special reference to life on the sand cays of Cairns.

(3) To urge the stamping out of dynamiting of fish and other marine life.

(4) To co-operate with the City Council in beautifying the city area and in the matter of Botanical Gardens.

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Our next meeting should be very interesting as Mr. Knusel has promised to lecture on Lizards, a subject on which Mr. Knusel has given years of study. A good attendance of members is requested.

Members are reminded that the subscriptions are now due.

Addenda and Corrigenda

- Vol. 1
 No. 9, p. 6—Insert before *Polyalthia*,
Unonia (Linn.)
wardiana, (Bail.), *Niadora*
Mapoon (J. F. Bailey)
Palmeria scandens, insert locality, Wild
 River (J. F. Bailey).
 p. 8—*Cassytha glabella*, insert locality,
 Mapoon.
 Insert before *Adeliopsis*, (L.) *esiangkara*
 (Bail.) *Esiangkara*
 Mapoon (J. F. Bailey)
 No. 10, p. 7—For *Bredemeyera*, (*Comesperma*), (should be transferred to p. 6)
secundum, read B. (C) *secunda*.
 p. 6—For B. (C.) *praecelsum* read *praecelsa*.
 p. 7—*Boronia bowmani*, insert locality,
 Percy River.
 Insert before *Melicope*,
Bosistoa, (F. v. M.)
sapindiformis, (F. v. M.), *Towra*
 Mount Dryander
 p. 8—*Geijera salicifolia*, insert locality,
 Brigalow Scrub on Burdekin (F. v. M.)
 No. 11, p. 4—After *Erythroxylon* insert
australe, (F. v. M.), *Brigalow Scrub* on
 the Burdekin River (F. v. M.)
 p. 5—*Hibiscus divaricatus*, insert locality,
 Newcastle Range.
 p. 8—*Phyllanthus elachophyllus*, insert
 locality, Newcastle Range.
 No. 12, p. 5—*Antidesma dallachyanum*,
 insert locality, Dunk Island.
- p. 6—*Aleurites moluccana*, for *Candle* read
Candle Nut.
 Delete *Nut* on next line.
Croton verreauxii, for (Bailey) read
 (Baill.)
 After *C. arnhemicus*, var. *urenaefolius*,
 insert (Baill.)
 On next line for (M'Gillivray) read
 (M'Gillivray).
Baloghia lucida, for *Scrub Blood* read
Scrub Bloodwood.
 On next line delete *Wood*.
 For *Mallotus philippensis* read *M. philippinensis*.
 p. 7—*Macaranga involucrata*, for (Bailey)
 read (Baill.)
Tragia novae-hollandiae, for (Twining
 Nettles) read *Twining Nettle*.
 For Family *Balanophoreae*,
Balanophora (Forst), read
 Family *Balanopseae*,
Balanops, (Baill.)
Celtis philippinensis, insert locality,
 Sunday Is. (A. Cunn).
Malaisia tortuosa, for *Deng-ul* read
Deng-ul-ka.
 On next line delete *ka*.
 Insert locality, *Mapoon* (Roth).
 p. 8—*Ficus infectoria*, insert locality, *Mapoon*.
F. platypoda, var. *petiolaris*, insert locality,
 Cape River.
 After *F. platypoda*, var. *subacuminata*,
 insert (Benth.).

Census of North Queensland Plants (Continued)

- Ficus opposita*, (Miq.), *Murn-tyul*.
 Palmer R.; Fitzroy Is.; Rockingham
 B. (Dallachy); Pt. Denison (Fitzalan);
 Estuary of Burdekin, (F.v.M.)
scobina (Benth.)
 Lizard Is. (Cunn.)
hispida, (Linn.) *Wo-o*
 Johnstone R., (Harding); Tully R.
 (Roth.); Rockingham B. (Dallachy);
 Edgcombe B. (Dallachy).
mourilyanensis (Bail.)
 Mourilyan Harbour, near Esmeralda
 Plantation (Mugford).
esmeralda (Bail.). *Pandara*.
 C. Grafton; Mourilyan Harbour, near
 Esmeralda Plantation, (Mugford).
casearia, (F.v.M.)
 Endeavour R.; Fitzroy Is.; Rockingham
 B. (Dallachy).
pleurocarpa, (F.v.M.). *Kar-pe*.
 Barron R.; Johnstone R.; Atherton
 crassipes, (Bail.)
 Scrubs, Harvey's C.; Scrubs, Russell R
glomerata, (Willd.). *Cluster Fig*.
 Cooktown; Rockingham Bay (Dallachy);
 Pt. Denison, (Fitzalan).
trichostyla, (Warb.)
 Cairns, (Warb.)
setistyla, (Warb.)
 Lower Russell River, (Diels)
- dielsii*, (Warb.)
 Central Barron (Diels)
subinflata (Warb.)
 Upper Barron (Diels)
Cudrania
javanensis, (Trecul.) *Cockspur Thorn*
 Stewart's Creek, (Bowman); Rockingham
 Bay (Dallachy).
Laportea, (Gaudich.)
moroides, (Wedd.) *Stinging Tree*
 Edge Hill; Mungana; Rockingham
 B., (Dallachy); Mt. Elliott, (Dallachy)
 Pt. Denison, (Fitzalan).
Boehmeria, (Jacq.)
nivea, (Hook) *Jalcan-Jalcan*
 Johnstone R., (Harding)
Pouzolzia, (Gaudich)
indica, (Gaudich)
 Rockingham B. (Dallachy)
quinqueneris, (Benn.)
 Upper Lind R., (Leichhardt); Lagoons
 Rockingham B., (Dallachy).
Pipturus, (Wedd.)
argenteus, (Willd.) *Thil-la-wo*.
 C. York, (Daemel); Fitzroy Is.; Rockingham
 B., (Dallachy).
- (To be continued)

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The usual monthly meeting of the N.Q. Naturalists Club was held in the Girls' School Room, Cairns, on Friday, October 9th, the President being in the chair.

A most interesting paper on Molluscs was given by Dr. Flecker (President), who illustrated his lecture with upwards of 40 different local specimens representative of the four Orders of Molluscs.

Other exhibits were: Moth (*Xylentes boisuvale*), Spider (*Atrax*) by Mr. Allen (Gordonvale) and orchid in flower (*Calanthe veratrifolium*) by Dr. Flecker.

Notes on specimen of "Wood Moth" obtained by Mr. E. Allen, Gordonvale:—

Family COSSIDAE. *Xylentes boisuvale*. According to Mr. F. P. Dodd, of Kuranda, these moths are amongst the heaviest known. The caterpillars of these exist in trunks and branches of trees, but mostly in forest kinds of hardwood, such as wattles and eucalypts. The moths pass a foodless existence, living but a few days, although the grubs live for nearly three years before pupating. It is recorded in Tasmania that since the extinction of the native race of aboriginals from that colony, immense damage is done to wattle forests owing to the fact of there being no check to the moths' depredations, as hitherto the grubs were cut out of trees for food, apparently supplying an article of diet for the larder.

Under the auspices of the Club, a public lecture by Mr. V. Kennedy on the Great Barrier Reef profusely illustrated by numerous beautiful slides, was held at the City Council Chambers on Thursday 19th October.

The Club's outing to Gadgarra State Nursery under the guidance of Mr. Tardent, silviculturist and Forest Factor, of Atherton, was one of the most interesting and instructive yet held.

At the Nurseries are about 150,000 young trees in various stages of growth. These include Hoop Pine (*Araucaria cunninghamii*), Bunya Pine (*A. bidwillii*), Kauri (*Agathis palmerstoni*), Maple Silkwood (*Flindersia brayleyana*), Satinwood (*Eugenia gustavoides*), Northern Grey Teak (*Gmelina fasciculiflora*), Beef Oak (*Grevillia striata*), White "Oak" (*Stenocarpus sinuatus*), Flame Currajong (*Brachychiton acerifolium*), etc.

The first plantation visited was of *Grevillia robusta* and the next of Maple Silkwoods. On the side of the road between the two plantations were many beautiful trees—Mexican Cedars, pines of various kinds, as well as some of the old giants of the scrub left standing.

Our guide explained the system of shelter planting, a cross between clearing the ground wholly and using the uncleared scrub land.

The Club greatly appreciate the sacrifice of time and the trouble taken by Mr. Tardent and assure him of our sincerest thanks.

The thanks of the Club are also offered to those who loaned cars for the occasion.