

III. STATE OF PROGRESS IN MALAYSIAN PLANT TAXONOMY.

(cntd. from p.58).

Dr C.A. B a c k e r is now preparing the MS. on the Orchidaceae for the Flora of Eva on the basis of a MS. by the late Dr J.J. Smith.

Mr J.M o n a c h i n o has finished his revision of the genus Alstonia (Apoc.); it is expected to be published early in 1949 in "Pacific Science", Hawaii.

Prof. W. K o c h, of the Eidgen. Techn. Hochschule, Universitätsstrasse 2, Zürich, Switzerland, has agreed to revise the Lemnaceae for the Flora Malesiana. All material will be welcomed by him.

Dr A.W. K l o o s, Nieuwe weg 40, Dordrecht, Holland, is engaged in revising material of Amaranthus from all parts of the world.

Dr C.A. B a c k e r has started the revision of Malaysian Amaranthaceae for the Flora Malesiana.

Mr P. G r o e n h a r t continues, in the Buitenzorg Herbarium, the sorting and naming of his large private collection of Javan Lichenes.

Dr M.A.D o n k, mycologist in the Herbarium, Buitenzorg, compiles a nomenclatural survey of the generic names of Hymenomycetes, and is making a revision of the genera of Heterobasidiae and Polyporaceae.

Monograph of the genus Digitaria by Dr J.Th.Henrard. - We are informed that Dr Henrard has recently been given a considerable grant by the Ministry of Education in the Netherlands (see the note on p.58 of this Bulletin). This added to the original grant makes possible the printing of the whole work. The size of the book will be 8<sup>o</sup>; it is estimated to contain ca 900 printed pages, and is amply illustrated. It will be edited in parts, part 1 will probably be available at the end of this year.

Mr S.T.B. l a k e informs us that his account of the Brass Cyperaceae is nearing completion. A revision of the Australian and Malaysian species of Scleria necessary for the determination of the Brass collection is well under way. Some type specimens of Scirpus, Fimbristylis, and Scleria described by Retzius, Vahl, Steudel and Gaudichaud have been examined. An early start on the Brass Asclepiadaceae is anticipated.

Pilger's revision of the genera of grasses. - In Austr.Herb. News 2, p.9 it is stated that Prof.Pilger, of Berlin-Dahlem hopes that part 2 of volume 14e of the Natürl.Pfl.Familien (Gramineae) consisting of a revision of the Poideae will be published, as most of the MS. was saved from the Berlin catastrophe, and has since been completed.