

IV. MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

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It is advised to address all mail with destination Royal Botanic Gardens, Buitenzorg, in future as 'Royal Botanic Gardens, Bogor (Buitenzorg)'

The present number, Flora Malesiana Bulletin No. 6, concluded the 1st volume. The second volume of the Flora Malesiana Bulletin begins with no. 7.

Facilities of transport for specimens of natural history in Malaysia to the Royal Botanic Gardens, Buitenzorg (Bogor). The Royal Packet (K.P.M.) will accept the transport by steamer of consignments of objects of natural history when addressed to the Royal Botanic Gardens at Buitenzorg (Bogor). This transport will be free of charge like before the war, but consignments must not exceed 2 cub. m. or 2000 kg. Costs involved with loading and unloading will be charged. No special applications or papers are needed. Agents and captains have been informed of this regulation.

Permission has been obtained from the Board for the Sugar Industry in Java to reproduce whenever desired in Flora Malesiana drawings published or intended to be published in the Atlas belonging to C.A. Backer's Onkruidflora der Javasche Suikerrietgronden (Weed-flora of the Javan Cane-fields).

Dr C.A. Backer had assembled during the war years, for his private use, a card-index of Dutch words and phrases relating to phytography and plant-geography, and their English equivalents. This file, consisting of c. 3500 entries was stencilled and covered 225 half-folio pages. The issue was 125 copies and this Dutch-English Taxonomic-Botanical Vocabulary is to be regarded as a joint publication by the Ryksherbarium, Nonnensteeg, Leyden and Flora Malesiana. It appeared in December 1949.

The Vocabulary is primarily intended to be a guide for Dutch students to be used together with B.D. Jackson's 'Glossary'. Backer's 'Vocabulary', presented as a first step towards a definite publication, is obtainable at the Netherlands Office (Flora Malesiana) in the Ryksherbarium Nonnensteeg, Leyden. Price Fl. 4.- (excl. postage). The issue is limited to 150 copies.

Tropical woods no 95, contains the first report on a comprehensive study of the properties of 25 tropical timbers.

'Nieuw Guinea'. A new edition is prepared of 'Nieuw-Guinea', a three-volumed work which appeared in 1935 under the editorship of Dr C.W. Klein and Ir A.J. Beversluis. It is planned to be printed in 1950; like the original edition, this second edition will be in Dutch.

Bulletin of the Botanical Society of Bengal. In 1947 volume 1 appeared of this new botanical journal containing 80 printed pages. In April 1948 the first part of volume 2 appeared. Subscription rate Rs 10 (or 15/-). Address 35, Ballygunge Circular Road, Calcutta.

It is intended to publish an instalment twice yearly (April and October). The title of this new journal suggests that it will serve first of all the interests of local Bengal botany but from its contents it appears that the journal covers the same ground as the much older and still flourishing Journal of the Indian Botanical Society.

Acta Botanica Taiwanica. This is the official medium of publication of the Institute of Botany in the National Taiwan University; it deals with botany in general. The first part of volume 1 appeared in October 1947 and further parts are to be issued at irregular intervals.

This first number contains a description of *Limbia*, a new genus of *Fagaceae* (based on *Quercus uraiana* HAYATA) by G. M a s u m u n e & T. T o m i y a, and a rather extensive article on Cyanophyceae of Tsjingtao entitled 'Blauialgen und Lebensraum' by G. H. S. c h a w b e.

Taiwania. In May 1948 this new journal of plant taxonomy and geobotany particularly as regards the floras of eastern Asia, Indo-Malaysia, the western Pacific, and related regions began to appear (1st volume, 1st inst.). It will be published by the Laboratory of Systematic Botany, Dep. of Botany, College of Science, National Taiwan University, Taipei, Taiwan, at irregular intervals. Each number will contain c. 100 pp. and is priced at \$ 2.00. Dr Hui-Lin Li is editor.

The Sarawak Museum Journal. In May 1949 appeared the first post-war number (vol. 5 = no 16, Old Series; no 1, New Series) of this interesting Malayan Journal. Mr T o m H a r r i s o n, Government Ethnologist and Curator of the Sarawak Museum, Kuching, Colony of Sarawak, is the editor. The annual subscription is \$ 6.00 Straits. The journal had been last issued in 1937. It will chiefly deal with the social sciences (incl. anthropology, ethnology etc.) but contributions to the natural sciences will be admitted. The present, lavishly illustrated, number (173 pp.) covers a wide field.

Nova Flora Japonica. Editors T. Nakai and M. H o n d a. Nine instalments of this Flora have been published (1938-1943). The last (no 9) contains *Ardisiaceae*. The series includes *Juncaceae*, *Eriocaulaceae*, *Saxifragaceae* (s. str. *Polypodiaceae-Dryopterioideae*, *Myxomycetes*, *Gastromycetes*, and some Lichens.

Botanical Institutes of Harvard University. The funds required for a new building, housing all the biological laboratories of Harvard University, has been appropriated to the University. It was expected that the building would be started in autumn 1949; the Harvard Herbaria (Gray Herbarium, Arnold Arboretum, and Farlow Herbarium) and Oakes Ames Biological Laboratory are to be moved into it.

Index Kewensis 1941-1950 incl. will be issued in a double supplement volume.

De Nuttige Planten van Nederlandsch-Indië by K. H e y n e, 2nd edition (1927) is being reprinted verbatim, the stock of this standard work was exhausted.

Forest Research Station, Buitenzorg (Bogor), Java. Soon after the capitulation of the Japanese, the library, certain files, and part of the collections were removed by unauthorized persons. At present, these extremely valu-

able records and materials have been re-assembled and returned to the F.R. S.; comparatively little has been lost.

Botanische Jahrbücher. In 1949 the Jahrbücher were resumed by a part of volume 74.

Wayside Trees of Malaya by E.J.H. C o r n e r (1940) is now being re-printed as the stock is exhausted.

Botanical work and collections at Berlin-Dahlem. The Kew Bulletin (1949) 172-175 contains an abstract of a report by Dr H. S l e u m e r (dated Nov. 1, 1948) on the material which had escaped destruction, news on journals resumed and planned, data on the state of the buildings, a list of Staff members etc.

Dictionary of Economic Products of India by G. W a t t, written some sixty years ago, is now being replaced by a new work under a team of Indian scientists in Delhi who are said to have chosen I. H. B u r k i l l 's Dictionary as a model.

It seems that the assembling of Part 2 of the great Dioscoreaceae monograph by D. P r a i n and I.H. B u r k i l l, dealing with the species which twine to the right and which appeared in the Annals of the Royal Botanic Garden, Calcutta in two volumes (one text and one plates) meets with considerable difficulties. In the whole of England are only two whole copies (in London) and there is only one other whole copy known to the Editors, this being in the Library of the Herbarium at Leyden. Probably most of the text volumes are in India while the majority of the volumes of plates are in London.