

III. PERSONAL NEWS

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Mr A.G.L. A d e l b e r t, curator of the Botanic Garden 'Setia Mulia' W. Sumatra, went on leave end 1956; he will not return. Mr T. v a n K r e g t e n, curator of the same garden came on leave March 1957.

Mr A.G. A l p h o n s o, Horticultural Assistant, Singapore Botanic Gardens, returned to Singapore in December, 1956, after a two years' study course at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, where he obtained the Kew Diploma.

Mr R.C. B a r n a r d retired as silviculturist from the Forest Research Station, Kepong, in 1956.

'C h e A h m a d b i n H a s s a n, who has completed 55 years' service in the Singapore Botanic Gardens, was awarded the British Empire Medal by Her Majesty the Queen in the Birthday Honours, June, 1956. 'Che Ahmad was first employed in 1901 as Ridley's Plant Collector and accompanied Mr Ridley on many of his historic expeditions of long ago. He is still very active and collects seeds for despatch to tropical institutions throughout the world, in which work his wide knowledge of living plants is a great asset.

Mr C h e w W e e L e k, an Honours Botany Graduate of the University of Malaya, was appointed Botanist at the Singapore Botanic Gardens on 1st October, 1956.

Mr R. C o o p e r of the Auckland Institute & Museum studies the Polynesian forms of *Colocasia antiquorum*, with the aid of a Yale-Bishop Museum fellowship.

In March 1957 Mr E.J.H. C o r n e r paid a visit to the herbaria of Geneva and Florence for his studies on the Malaysian

Moraceae. Mr Corner expects to be in Singapore in June 1958, and to have time to visit Bogor and the botanical institutes of India in the course of the summer.

Dr J.E. D a n d y has succeeded Dr G. T a y l o r as a Keeper of the British Museum (Nat. Hist.), Botany Department.

The Head of the Herbarium Bogoriense Mr Anwari D i l m y, is making a study tour to various institutes in the U.S.A. with aid of a travel grant of the Ford Foundation; he started March 1957 and he will possibly later be joined by Dr K o s - t e r m a n s. He will return via Europe where he will contact various herbaria.

Dr Bryce D o u g l a s of the Smith, Kline and French Laboratories, Philadelphia, U.S.A. arrived in September, 1956 to spend two years at the University of Malaya to carry out a chemical survey of Malaysian plants. He is collaborating Dr Kiang Ai Kim, Lecturer in Chemistry at the University.

Mr A. F l o y d has resigned from the Botanical Division of the Department of Forests, Lae, due to ill health.

Mr L.L. F o r m a n, who had been invited to work for a year in the Botanic Gardens, Bogor, returned to England, Jan. 1957, arriving at Kew in March.

Dr H.B. G i l l i l a n d was appointed Professor of Botany at the University of Malaya in September, 1955, succeeding Professor R.E. H o l t t u m, who has retired to live near Kew. Professor G i l l i l a n d was previously on the staff of the Witwatersrand University, Johannesburg.

Prof. R.E. H o l t t u m has been invited to lecture before the International Orchid Exhibition, Honolulu; he will continue his trip westward to Bogor and will work about half a year in the Herbarium Bogoriense on ferns for the Flora Malesiana.

Mr A. H o o g e r w e r f, Head of the Division Game and Nature Preservation, Kebun Raya Indonesia, Bogor, arrived on leave in Holland, Jan. 17, 1957.

Dr Ding H o u has been appointed botanist in the Foundation Flora Malesiana, Dec. 1, 1956; he arrived in Holland Dec. 23rd.

Mr F. H u y s m a n s, Head of the Photographic Atelier, Kebun Raya Indonesia, Bogor, retired in Dec. 1956.

Miss M.L. J a r r e t t accepted a position as botanist in the Arnold Arboretum, Sept. 1956.

Mr J. L e w i s, formerly assistant in the Kew Herbarium, has been appointed botanist in the British Museum (Nat. Hist.), Botany Department.

Mr H.P.J. van L i e r has retired, Jan. 1957, as a general secretary of the Roy. Institute for the Tropics, Amsterdam; he is succeeded by Mr H. O f f e r h a u s.

Dr W. M e i j e r has been appointed full professor of botany, Faculty of Agriculture, Pajakumbuh, Sumatra West Coast.

Dr H. M e r x m ü l l e r, Lecturer at the University of Munich and Curator of the Munich Herbarium has been appointed successor to the late Prof. S u e s s e n g u t h and director of the Botanische Staatssammlungen.

Miss Dr M.L. P e r r y of the Arnold Arboretum, will come on leave to Europe, sailing April 16.

Dr G.A. P r o w s e, Botanist-Algologist of the Malacca Fish Culture, Research and Training Institute, worked with the Singapore Botanic Gardens from October 1955, until May, 1956, when he was transferred to the new station at Malacca. During his stay in Singapore he made many interesting discoveries among the fresh-water algae in the Gardens' lake and elsewhere on the island. He is continuing this work in Malacca, where the new station is financed by the United Kingdom Government for the study of fresh-water fish husbandry.

Mr J.W. P u r s e g l o v e, director, Botanic Gardens, Singapore, has been appointed professor of botany, Imperial College of Trinidad; he intends to return from Singapore early March 1957 and will take up his new work August 1957.

Dr E. Q u i s u m b i n g, Director of the National Museum, Manila, was one of the recipients for the year 1954 to be awarded the Distinguished Service Star by the President of the Philippines, for outstanding contributions to systematic botany (cf. Nat. Res. Counc. Philip. Bull. 40, 1955).

Mrs Dr E. R e i n d e r s - G o u w e n t a k has been appointed Professor in Botany at the Agricultural College, Wageningen; March 15 she held an inaugural address titled "Non omnia possumus omnes" dealing with various aspects of wood anatomy.

In Jan. 1957 Prof. Dr W. R o b i j n s, director of the Royal Botanic Garden & Herbarium, Brussels, had been 25 years director of this institute, famous for its contributions to African botany, now being crowned by the new Flora of the Belgian Congo, and the flora of Belgium. The 1957

volume of the Bull. Jard. Bot. Brux. will contain contributions by various colleagues, Belgian and foreign, written in honour of this occasion and dedicated to Dr R o b i j n s.

The director of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, Sir Edward S a l i s b u r y has retired, Oct. 1, 1956. He is succeeded by Dr George T a y l o r, hitherto Keeper of Botany Department of the British Museum (Nat. Hist.).

Mr J. S i n c l a i r, Keeper of Herbarium, Singapore, was on leave in Europe from March-October, 1956. During this period he worked at the Herbaria of Florence, Munich, Geneva, Leyden, Kew, the British Museum, and Edinburgh, studying the Malaysian Myristicaceae and Annonaceae. He saw many interesting and unique specimens of historical value, and some types, thought to be destroyed, were discovered.

Dr H. S l e u m e r has been appointed to the staff of the Rijksherbarium, Leyden, June 1, 1956; he intended to continue his work on Malaysian Ericaceae, having finished the revisions of the genera Gaultheria and Diplycosia.

Dr A.C. S m i t h, formerly of the National Herbarium, Smithsonian Institution, Washington DC., has been appointed in the National Science Foundation, Washington 25, DC. by Aug. 1956.

A grant will be given to Ir R.M. S o e t o m o S o e r o d i h a l k o, of the Treub Laboratory, Kebun Raya Indonesia, Bogor, for research work in agrc-pedology and plant physiology at Berkeley, Cal., and Groningen, Holland in 1957.

Ir F.K.L. S t e u p has been re-appointed professor of Botany at the Gadjaja Mada University, Djokja, Indonesia, for the study-year 1956/57.

Prof. Dr A. T h i e n e m a n n, Director of the Hydrobiological Laboratories of the Max Planck Gesellschaft, Plön, Holstein, former leader of the German limnological Sunda Expedition 1928/29, will retire April 1, 1957; friends and admirers offered him a silver plaquette with his portrait engraved, bearing at the back the inscription: pro singulari de limnologia merito. We wish Prof. T h i e n e m a n n under whose initiative the imposing volumes of the 'Tropische Binnengewässer' were composed a long and agreeable otium cum dignitate.

Dr P.B. T o m l i n s o n, who spent a year at the University of Malaya and the Singapore Botanic Gardens studying the systematic anatomy of palms, left in June, 1956, and has now been appointed to the staff of Achimoto University College, Gold Coast.

Mr T.C. W h i t m o r e, of Cambridge University, arrived in Singapore in December, 1956 on a Colonial Development and Welfare grant to study the systematic anatomy of the bark of Dipterocarpaceae as part of his work for his doctor's thesis. Mr W h i t m o r e will work at the University of Malaya, the Singapore Botanic Gardens and the Forest Research Institute, Kepong.

Mr J.H. W i l l i s, of the Melbourne Herbarium, will come with sabbatical leave to Europe arriving at London, May 3, 1957. He has also intended to study Australian plants described by Gandoger (Lyons Herbarium).

In 1956 Mr G.H.S. W o o d, Forest Botanist North Borneo, was with European leave; at Kew and Leyden (Nov. 22-29) he studied Bornean Dipterocarpaceae.

Mr J. W y a t t - S m i t h has returned to the Forest Research Station as a silviculturist, successor of Mr B a r n a r d, Nov. 1956.