

IV. MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION.

Flora of Java. Dr C.A.Backer has been working towards the composition of a Dutch-written Flora of Java since about 1903, at first in Java, and onwards of 1931 in Holland. When the war started it was thought safer to mimeograph the MS. as far as it was finished, in order to save the writers' labours against the chance of complete destruction by bombing or other causes. Prof Dr H.J.Lam managed to get a number of subscribers and funds for a mimeograph edition. This constitutes the "Nooduitgave" (emergency edition) in which up till now 120 families have appeared in 7 folio volumes. The edition was limited to ca 25 copies. It is the intention to edit 2 volumes more, and then stop it. Circumstances necessitate the printed edition to be written in

English to which the author has now consented, and which he will manage himself. Prof. Lam also succeeded in getting a number of temporary cooperators who have assisted Dr Backer in revising some families, viz. Dr A.D.J. Meuse, A.G.L. Adelbert, and H.C. Bakhuizen van den Brink Jr, whilst the specialists Dr J. Wascher, Dr S.J. van Oostroom and Miss Dr G.J.H. Amshoff and the late Prof. Dr B.H. Danser made contributions. The revisions are now nearing completion. Only very few families, mostly sympetalous, are not yet finished. The flora will include the Pteridophytes (more than 500 in Java) and through the consent of Mrs Smith also the Orchidaceae (ca 700!); the latter will be revised on the basis of the MS. revision left by the late Dr J.J. Smith.

In the emergency edition practically all synonyms have been omitted for brevity's sake. It is to be hoped that they will be re-inserted in the scientific edition now aimed at. Endless labours have been spent in identifying the species described under various names, and to a certain extent these synonyms have shaped the specific delimitations and argumentate the present conceptions. They can be omitted in a concise popular flora, but not in the work now prepared.

It has taken a long way to reach the present state to account for the flora of Java, but we are sure that the work will certainly be the most valuable contribution towards the flora of Java ever made, as its author possesses an unsurpassed field knowledge combined with a very critical taxonomical point of view.

Accessibility of the Buitenzorg Herbarium. Recent news from Buitenzorg reveals that the herbarium is again placed under the responsibility of Dr van Slooten. It is assumed that study material for specialists can be soon shipped. It is also assumed that distribution of duplicates will be recontinued.

Bulletin of the Botanic Gardens, Buitenzorg. The last numbers of the Bulletin issued are volume 17, part 1 (August 1941), part 2 (April 1942) and of the supplementary volumes vol. III, part 2 (August 1941). Dr van Slooten is now putting under the press vol. 17 part 3, which will contain mostly papers by Drs van Steenis and de Wit. The Bulletin is again printed in Buitenzorg, at the Archipel Printing Office.

130th Anniversary of the Botanic Gardens, Buitenzorg, May 17th, 1947. This took place under the directorship of Prof. Dr L.G.M. Baas Becking who made an appropriate speech. Five honorary memberships were awarded, viz. to Col. A.A.J.J. Thomson, Military Omdr. of Buitenzorg, Mr J.H. Statius Muller, Resident-Magistrate, Dr Fr. Verdoorn, editor of *Chronica Botanica*, Prof. Dr V.J. Koningsberger (Utrecht) and Prof. Dr H. Boschma (Leiden).

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Sciences generally. Administration: Koningsplein Zuid 11, Batavia-C.

Economisch weekblad. Economic Weekly. Administration: Departement v. Economische Zaken, Batavia-C.

The Economic Review. Economic Monthly. ditto.

Tectona. Forestry Journal. Administration: Molenvliet west 8, Batavia-c.

Landbouw. Agricultural Monthly. ditto

Ned. Ind. Bladen voor Diergeneeskunde. Veterinary Science Journal ditto.

Treubia. Zoological Journal of the Botanic Gardens. Administration: Zoologisch museum, 's Lands Plantentuin, Buitenzorg.

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