## II. OBITUARY NOTES AND BIOGRAPHIES

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Sir Joseph B a n k s. Sir Joseph Banks, the autocrat of philosophers. The Bartch-worth Press. London, 344 pp. 8°. sh.25/.. By H.C.Cameron.

Dr P.J.S. C r a m e r, late director of the General Agricultural Experiment Station, Buitenzorg and extra-ordinary professor of tropical agricultural economy at Utrecht University died at Wassenaar, Holland, March 23, 1952, in the age of 72.

Dr K.W. D a m m e r m a n, 1885-1951.

Obit.: Entom.Ber. 14, 1952, 1-2 by W.M.Docters van Leeuwen; Treubia 21, 1952, 469-480, portr., bibl. by M.A.Lieftinck; Vakbl.Biol. 32, 1951, 1-2 by H.Boschma.

Paul Hermann, the Father of Ceylon Botany (J.Ceyl.Br.R.As. Soc. n.s. vol.2,i, 1952, 1-20, 1 pl.), by E.Peiris

Dr F.W.T. H u n g e r, the well-known expert on old herbals and the history of botany, died, May 1952, at Voorschoten, Holland, in the age of 78.

Dr H.H. J a n s s o n i u s, famous Dutch wood-anatomist, author of the classic wood anatomy of Javan timbers, died at Amsterdam, Holland, Dec. 31, 1951, aged 77.

Obit.: Vakbl.Biol. 32, 1952, 27-28, by C.A.Reinders-Gouwentak.

Dr J.C. K o n i n g s b e r g e r. Obit.: Vakbl.Biol. 31, 1951, 61-62, by W.M.Docters van Leeuwen.

Eugène L a n g l a s s é. The Travels and Botanical Collections of Eugène Langlassé in Mexico and Columbia, 1898-1899 (Candollea 13, 1952, 167-211), by R.McVaugh.

Dr J. M a t t f e l d. Obit.: Nachruf in Bot.Jahrb. 75, 1952, 425-442, photogr., bibl., by F.Markgraf.

Prof.Takenoshin N a k a i, director of the National Museum Tokyo, died Dec. 1952, aged 70. During the Japanese occupation Prof.Nakai was director of the Hortus Bogoriensis, the Treub Laboratory, and the Mountain Garden Tjibodas, which during this period were kept well and intact. He did quite a lot in this capacity towards continuing scientific work and the maintenance of former European staff personnel who are certainly much obliged towards him for his generous behaviour during these difficult war circumstances. Prof. Nakai succeeded in publishing during the war the first part of a new volume of Treubia, a new number of the Annales, and of a (Japanese written) guide to the Botanic Gardens.

Prof.Dr F.W. P e n n e l l, Curator of Plants in the Academy of Natural Sciences at Philadelphia died Febr.3, 1952, in the age of 66. Prof.Pennell was the greatest living authority on Scrophulariaceae, and he had agreed to revise the Malaysian species in 1954.

G.E. R u m p h i u s, 1702-1952. Cf. Taxon 1, 1952, 101-110, by H.C.D. de Wit.

Dr C.A. W e a t h e r b y. Charles Alfred Weatherby. A man of many interests. 1951. By Una F. Weatherby.

Prof.William L. W h i t e, associate professor of botany and director of the Farlow Herbarium, died July 31, 1952, in Emerson Hospital, Concord, Mass.