

III. PERSONAL NEWS
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Mr J.A.R. A n d e r s o n of Kuching, Sarawak, has been awarded the degree of Ph.D. by the University of Edinburgh, in absentia, on July 6, 1961. The title of his thesis is: The ecology and forest types of the peat swamp forests of Sarawak and Brunei in relation to their silviculture. It is a privilege to insert a summary of it in this Bulletin under VII. For a reference to a preliminary paper, see Bibliography.

Mr I.H. B u r k i l l was congratulated on attaining his 90th birthday, May 18, 1960, and, as we learnt from Dr. Holttum, he in the meantime celebrated his 91th in excellent health. In honour of his birthday the Gardens' Bulletin, Singapore, vol.17, part 3, was dedicated to him and filled with some special articles by Dr.H.Santapau, Mr C.X.Furtado, and Prof.Dr.R.E.Holttum dealt with his activities in India and Malaysia.

Dr. James E. C a n r i g h t, Associate Professor of Botany, Indiana University, Bloomington, in July 1960 went with sabbatical leave for a year, and spent this time at Bogor and Singapore..

Miss C h a n g K i a w L a u has in 1959 been appointed mycologist at the Singapore Botanic Gardens.

Mr C h e w W e e L e k received a Ph.D. at the Botany School, Cambridge, England. His thesis, a monograph of the genus Poikilospermum, prepared under supervision of Mr E.J.H. Corner, will be published in Gardens' Bulletin Singapore. He returned to the Singapore Botanic Gardens August 1960.

Succeeding the late Prof. A. C h i a r u g i, at Florence, Mrs Prof.Dr. E. C o r t i (olim Miss Francini) has been appointed Director of the Botanical Institute and Herbarium; she is mainly interested in embryology, cytology, and in ecology.

Dr. P. D a n s e r e a u, Dean of the Faculty of Science and Director of the Botanical Institute of the University of Montreal, has been appointed Assistant Director of the New York Botanical Garden, April 1, 1961.

Dr. W. D o m k e, Lecturer in systematic botany, Hamburg, has been appointed Director of the Botanischer Garten und Museum, Berlin-Dahlem.

Dr. C.X. F u r t a d o, Pensioner, re-engaged Botanist, ceased to work for the Botanic Gardens Singapore in August 1960. He has continued to work, however, at the Botanic Gardens on an assignment for the Sarawak Government.

Prof. H. G o d w i n, the well-known ecologist and palynologist, has succeeded to the chair of Botany at the University of Cambridge, England.

Dr. H s u - a n K e n g, Ph.D. of the University of California (under Dr. Lincoln Constance), spent a year working under Dr. H.L.Li (Philadelphia); he has made a study of Theaceous anatomy in relation to taxonomy. He has been appointed Lecturer in Botany at the University of Malaya (under Prof. H.B.Gilliland), and arrived at Singapore end 1960.

I n c h e M o h a m a d Y a k i n b i n L o n g, Assistant Conservator of Forests, has taken over duties as State Forest Officer, Brunei, on secondment of the Forest Department, Malaya.

Our friend, Prof.Dr. O. J a a g, has been offered a "Festschrift" on attaining his 60th birthday, edited as special volume 22 (1960) 1-562 of the Schweiz.Zeitschr.f.Hydrobiologie; a biography was composed in it by Dr. G.Huber-Pestalozzi (p.9-17, portr.).

Prof.Dr. H.J. L a m has been elected a member of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Sciences, Amsterdam, May 1960.

We are pleased to congratulate Mr H.S. M a r s h a l l, librarian to the Kew Herbarium, who on May 28 was awarded the Order of the British Empire.

Mr R. S c h o d d e has been appointed taxonomist for the flora of New Guinea at the Canberra Herbarium of C.S.I.R.O. (leader Dr. R.D.Hoogland) early 1960. He considers to work on the Monimiaceae, which will enable him to obtain a Ph.D.

Prof.Dr. C. S k o t t s b e r g, Göteborg, is to be congratulated in receiving the Gold Medal of the Linnean Society; he was elected a Foreign Member of the Royal Society.

Mr W.T. S t e a r n received a honorary doctorate at the University of Leyden, Holland; the promotor was Prof.Dr. C.G.G.J.van Steenis. The speeches held on this day, including that by Dr. Stearn, are issued under the title "Early Leyden Botany" published by the Leidse Universitaire Pers no 37 (1961) 64 pp. Dfl. 3.50.

Dr. C.G.G.J.v a n S t e e n i s has been elected a Foreign Member of the Linnean Society of London.

Mr Kasin S u v a t a b a n d h u has been appointed as Lecturer in Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok. As a Curator of the Kerr Herbarium he is succeeded by Miss A.Yongboonkird.

Mr W. V i n k, Forest Botanist, Manokwari, and Mr V.W. M o l l, assistant, visited Papua and New Guinea June/July 1960.