

II. OBITUARIES AND BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

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A d e l b e r t, A.G.L. (1914-1972)

After finishing his academical studies at the University of Leyden, Loet, as he was known to his friends, revised several families for the preliminary version of Backer's Flora of Java. Then he proceeded to Java to work at Herbarium Bogoriense. Upon his repatriation he started to revise the genus *Lycopodium* for the Flora Malesiana (and as a thesis) but also became a teacher at The Hague, so that this work proceeded only slowly. He died at The Hague, suddenly and unexpectedly, at the age of 57, 26th March 1972.

B a r n e t t, Miss Euphemia Cowan

She was formerly assistant of Dr. W.G. Craib and worked on Kerr's Siamese collections; she wrote on Fagaceae and certain sympetalous families of the Flora of Siam. Miss E. Barnett wrote an obituary note in Nat.Hist.Bull.Siam Soc. 23 (1970) 577-578.

B e c k i n g, J.H. (1890-1972)

Formerly Chief Inspector of Forestry in Indonesia, later professor of Dendrology at the Agricultural College, Wageningen (Fl.Mal. I, 1: 46). Died April 19, 1972, at Arnhem.

B r a s s, L.J. (1900-1971)

The most famous collector of Papuan plants, Dr. Brass, passed away peacefully, in his sleep, at Cairns Base Hospital, Aug. 29, 1971. He had been ill for several months. Though in a feeble state of health he found satisfaction in curating the herbarium of the North Queensland Naturalists Club. His unsurpassed collections and most valuable expedition reports are a permanent tribute to this modest, most distinguished field botanist.

Miss L.M. Perry wrote an appreciative obituary in the J.Arn. Arb. 52 (1971) 695-698, portr.

B u r g e r, H. (1806-1858)

In a book by L.B. Holthuis & T. Sakai, issued by the Academic Press of Japan, 1970, called: Ph.F. von Siebold and Fauna Japonica, a rather extensive biography (pp. 37-42) of this botanical and zoological collector in Japan, in the suite of Von Siebold, is given. It contains a few additions to Mrs. van Steenis's biography. The statement that only one plant was named after him is an error: von Siebold named one plant after him, but others, notably Miquel, have named many plants after Bürger.

This book also contains many interesting biographical notes on Thunberg, Kaempfer, von Siebold and various Japanese botanists.

C a p u r o n, R. (1921-1971)

24 Aug. 1971 this most distinguished of recent taxonomists of the flora of Madagascar died, an irreplaceable loss to botanical science. He had a most remarkable knowledge of the rain-forest flora and had dug out outstanding novelties. The first part of *Adansonia* vol. 12 is dedicated to his memory, with an appreciation by Prof. Aubréville (pp. 7-9), some personal memories by Dr. L. Bernardi (pp. 11-12), and an excellent review of the work by Prof. J.-F. Leroy (pp. 13-38) of the 'Fondateur de la Botanique Forestière de Madagascar', René Capuron.

C a v a n i l l e s.

J.G.Garcia, *Bicentenario de Cavanilles. An.Soc.Brot.* 12 (1946) 9-52.

C l a s o n, E.W.

Formerly of the Sugarcane Experiment Station at Pasuruan, East Java (*Fl.Mal.* I, 1: 107a). Died at the age of 71 at Tynaarlo, Holland, April 14, 1971.

C r e a g h, Charles van de Leur

W.Meijer wrote an account on the site of Creagh's collections in Sabah, 'The contributions of Governor Charles van de Leur Creagh to Botanical exploration in Sabah, 1888-1895' *Sabah Soc. J.* 5 (1969) 67-68.

D e s c h a m p s, Louis-Auguste (1765-1842)

M.Hocquette has published a memoir on this distinguished botanical explorer of Java (*Fl.Mal.* I, 1: 134) in *Bull. Trimestrel de la Société Académique des Antiquaires de la Morinie*, as *Mémoire* 39 (1970) 1-77, 10 pl. The plates reproduced are partly of plants, partly reproductions of sceneries, and 1 map of his travels. As far as this biography concerns his sojourn in Java is based on the same sources as we had, but no mention was made of the coloured plates elaborated by us and not of our two papers on him.

E c k a r d t, Th.

F.Markgraf, *Herrn Professor Dr. Theo Eckardt zum 60. Lebensjahr. Bot.Jahrb.* 90 (1970) 273. - Short sketch on the occasion of his 60th birthday.

F o r s t e r, Johann Reinhold (1729-1798)

M.E.Hoare recently gave a biography in the *J.Soc.Bibl.Nat. Hist.* 6 (1971) 1-8, throwing light on his life, mentioning an unusually great number of sources. Why it is maintained that he was an 'unsettled' man remains unclear, because the three periods in his life were long enough and easily accounted for. Compared with him a large number of contemporaneous botanists would then appear to be nomadic.

G a r d n e r, C.A. (1896-1970)

D.L.S(erventy) wrote a rather full biographical note on the famous former Government Botanist of Western Australia in *The West.Austr.Naturalist* 11 (1970) 168-172, portr. A vivid concise biography of Gardner he gave on the occasion of the Australian Natural History Medaillon Award 1969 in *The Victorian Naturalist* 87 (1970) 173.

G a u d i c h a u d, Ch. (1789-1854)

J.Léandri, *Botanique et marine à voile: Charles Gaudichaud et le Muséum. Adansonia* 11 (1971) 405-424.

H a e n k e, Th.

R.Gicklhorn has published 'Neue Dokumente zu Beginn der Forschungsreisen von Thaddäus Haenke' in *Phyton* 14 (1972) 295-308, in which are cited various letters of Haenke before the start of his journey.

H e r m a n n, Paul (1646-1695)

P.Rauschert, *Hercynia* 7 (1970) 301-328, 3 fig. - An interesting account of the Herbarium of Hermann in the Forschungsbibliothek at Gotha, in which 92 spp. are represented. These are enumerated with adequate references and properly named; all from Ceylon.

H e s, J.W.

Formerly attached to the Sugarcane Industry in Java. Died in 1970.

H e u r n, W.C. v a n (1887-1972)

A former collector of plants and animals in Java, Sumatra and New Guinea (*Fl.Mal. I, 1: 228*). Died at the age of 85 at Wilp, Holland, 6th June, 1972; buried at Voorst.

J a n c h e n, Erwin (1882-1970)

G.Wendelberger, *Ber.Bayer.Bot.Ges.z.Erforschung der heimischen Flora* 43 (1972) 153-154.

J u r a i m i b i n S a m s u r i (1923-1971)

A.G.A. gave an obituary of this artist of the Singapore Botanic Gardens (1942-1971) in the *Gard.Bull.Sing.* 25 (1971) 385, portr.

K u y p e r, J. (1884-1970)

who worked in several positions in Surinam, Java and Sumatra in experiment stations (*Fl.Mal. I, 1: 306*), died in 1970.

N a i r, Mohinder Nath (1909-1971)

who had to leave his post as Lecturer in Botany at Rangoon (1948-1964) because of Burmanisation, with great loss and at short notice, and who accepted a professorship at Lusaka, Zambia, died 28 March, 1971, at the age of 62.

N o r o n (h) a, Francisco

This most promising early Spanish botanist who explored the interior of West Java in 1786-1787, is known to have given over a hundred new generic names for Javanese plants. These names are nomina nuda, except one (*Altingia*). They entered botanical nomenclature because Hasskarl tried to evaluate them by means of the native names attached to them, in a published list.

By means of examining Noronha's original MSS and plates at Paris and London, I have given a precise botanical evaluation which is substantially differing from Hasskarl's unfortunate attempt. We have also compiled a life sketch, as far as possible, in the work dedicated to Prof. Dr. F. Verdoorn, now published as *Regnum Vegetabile* 71 (1970) 353-380.

O o s t s t r o o m, S.J. v a n

A brief life sketch, especially regarding his collecting in and publications on the tropical flora I gave in *Blumea* 19 (1971) 1-2, portr., at the occasion of his retirement from the Rijksherbarium.

P r i j a n t o, Botjah

M.A. Rifai published in *Reinwardtia* 8 (1970) 1-2, portr., bibl., an 'In Memoriam' for this promising Indonesian botanist who met a premature death by a car accident while on a tour in Celebes.

R a f f l e s, Stamford (1781-1826)

Dr. John Bastin published a paper under the title 'Raffles the Naturalist' in the *Straits Times Annual* for 1971, pp. 58-63, with portr. & fig., partly in colour. This is a richly illustrated historical review; it contains also the first published photograph of *Th. Horsfield*.

R a h m a n b i n M o h a m e d A l i, Enche Abdul (1925-1969)

An appreciation and brief obituary of this Malaysian forest officer is given by K.D. Menon, *Mal. For.* 33 (1970) 3-6, portr.

S c h w e i n f u r t h, Charles (1890-1970)

An obituary of this prominent orchidologist was composed by R.E. Schultes, *Bot. Mus. Leafl. Harvard Univ.* 23 (1971) 93-99, pl. 10-11.

S e a v e r, Fred Jay (1877-1971)

Shortly before Christmas Dr. Fred Jay Seaver, Curator Emeritus of the New York Botanical Garden, died in Winter Park, Florida, where he had lived since his retirement in 1948. Dr. Seaver was born in Webster County, Iowa in 1877, joining the Garden in 1908 as Director of Laboratories. Four years later he became Curator of Cryptogamic Botany, and then Head Curator. He was editor of '*Mycologia*' for almost forty years,

editor-in-chief for twenty-one. He collected in and/or published extensively on fungi of the United States, Bermuda, Trinidad, British West Indies, Puerto Rico, St. Croix and St. Thomas. He was not only a keen scientist but an astute businessman, steering 'Mycologia' on an even and profitable course. Some years after the death of his first wife, Dr. Seaver married an early school chum, then widowed. Finetta Seaver predeceased him by many years. In the late '50s he accepted a teaching position at Orlando Junior College because "It is inspiring to work with young people. It does not keep one young, it only helps one to forget how old they really are."--Otto & Isa Degener, Jan. 1971.

S l e u m e r, H.O.

A rather full life sketch with special stress on his work on the Malesian flora I gave in *Blumea* 19 (1971) 197-210, portr., bibliogr., on the occasion of his retirement from the Rijksherbarium.

S t e u p, F.K.M. (1898-1971)

Ir. Steup, formerly of the Forest Service in Indonesia, after the war Head of the Higher Forestry School at Bogor and Professor of Forestry of Gadjah Mada University at Djokja in Java (until 1956), died when on holiday in France 29 Mai 1971. He was one of the few forest officers who, like De Voogd, had a broad view on vegetation and flora and paid attention to plants which were not just timber producers. A dear friend of us and of all the people who had the privilege to come into contact with him. His essays on the fascinating flora of Celebes are most instructive.

S u e s s e n g u t h, Karl

An obituary of this German botanist, formerly professor at München, best known to Malesian botanists by his treatments of Rhamnaceae and Vitaceae in the *Pflanzenfamilien*, ed. 2, was written by his successor, Prof. H. Merxmüller, *Ber. Bayer. Bot. Ges. Vereinsnachr.* 1954 (Nachtr. z. Bd 30) (1955) xix-xxxi, portr.

W a t e r s t r e d t, Johannes (1869-1944)

H.S. Barlow gave an interesting account of the work of this Danish collector (*Fl. Mal.* I, 1: 561) from his diaries in *J. Mal. Br. R. As. Soc.* 42 (1969) 115-129, 1 pl.; Waterstredt collected mainly zoological.

W o r t h i n g t o n, T.B.

private botanist at Kandy, Ceylon, died in 1970. He had a singular knowledge of living plants supplementing his fine herbarium and wood collection. He was a bachelor with no relatives and we can only hope that his unique achievement will remain available to botanical science.