

III. PERSONAL NEWS  
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Mr G.H.A d d i s o n, Curator of the Singapore Botanic Garden, repatriated end 1959.

Mr P.A s h t o n, Forest Botanist, Brunei, will return to England after expiry of his contract early 1960. He obtained a grant for some years to work out his data on various items, Dipterocarps and other trees, of Borneo, as a research student with the "Old Schools", Cambridge, England.

Mr W.H.B r o w n e, Conservator of Forests, Kuching, has left Borneo and accepted a post in charge of the West African Timber Borer Research Unit.

In honour of his 75th birthday Dr E.Potztal has written an appreciation with biographical data of the Berlin taxonomist Prof.M.B u r r e t, who is so well-known for his basic work on Tiliaceae, Palmae, etc. (cf. Willdenowia 2, 1959, 140-142, portr.).

Mr G.L.C a r s o n, Conservator of Forests, Sandakan, returned from leave in Nov.1959.

In honour of her 90th birthday Dr Fosberg and Dr Swallen have jointly written an appreciation of the work of the famous agrostologist Miss Agnes C h a s e (Taxon 8, 1959, 145-151, bibl., portr.).

Mr E.J.H.C o r n e r, Cambridge, England, is to be congratulated with his appointment as Reader in Systematic Botany.

Mr Leslie A.G a r a y has been appointed Curator of the Oakes Ames Orchid Herbarium, Harvard University.

Dr O.H a g e r u p, Curator of the Universitets Botaniska Museum, København, has retired after having reached the age of 70 years; successor is Dr.phil. A.S k o v s t e d.

Prof.J.H e i m a n s, of Amsterdam University, has retired on the age limit of 70 years. His professorate will be split into one for genetics and one for taxonomy and plant-geography. His successor in the latter function is Dr A.D.J. M e e u s e, up till now Senior Taxonomist, National Herbarium, Pretoria, South Afrika.

Dr H.St.J o h n is teaching botany in the University at Saigon, 1959/1960.

After expiry of his contract, Mr C.K a l k m a n joined the New Guinea Expedition to the Sterrengebergte, collecting Phanerogams; returning to Holland he was appointed botanist

in the Rijksherbarium, Leyden, where he will be mainly occupied with educational work

Mr P.W.L e e n h o u t s received a doctor's degree at Leyden University on a thesis: A monograph of the genus *Canarium*.

Dr J.L é o n a r d has been appointed professor of Botany, Université Libre, Brussels.

Dr Robert H.M i l l e r, Associate professor of Botany, University of Wichita, Kansas, U.S.A., will be medio 1960 appointed in the Institut Teknologi, Bandung, Java, for teaching and research, provisionally for a period of two years.

Dr E.Q u i s u m b i n g, Manila, returned Sept.19, 1959 to Manila, having been abroad since July 18, 1958, studying Philippine plants in the herbaria at Leyden, Madrid, Kew, Harvard, New York, particularly those collected by Sebastian Vidal and Father Llanos, and also Née's of the Malaspina Expedition. J.Miller published some biographical data on Dr Quisumbing (Philip.Orch.Rev. 6<sup>3</sup>, 1958, 4-7).

Mr J.S c h u u r m a n, honorary Research Associate of Kebun Raya Indonesia, who has done such excellent services in the Herbarium Bogoriense during the previous years, has, to our regret, for personal reasons, left Bogor and settled at Brisbane, Queensland.

Mr B.E.S m y t h i e s, formerly of the Forestry Institute, Brunei, has been appointed acting Conservator of Forests, Kuching, Sarawak.

Mr S o e g e n g R e k s o d i h a r d j o, Herbarium Bogoriense, has received a grant for three years to finish his advanced study in the Harvard Herbarium, Cambridge, Mass.

Dr C.G.G.J.v a n S t e e n i s received a honorary doctor's degree of the Université de Montréal, during the International Botanical Congress.

Mrs Mona Lisa S t e i n e r, Manila, is pushing a Plant Taxonomic Society in the Philippines. As a first goal its members, including also Dr S a n t o s, M e n d o z a, S a l v o s a, and some graduates, will try to work on a flora of Mt Makiling, based on a MS flora of the late Mr Elmer, which is not up to date and must entirely be revised.

Mr Benjamin C.S t o n e, Hawaii, has by mid-1960 been appointed for 5 years to the Smithsonian Institution, for work on the Flora of Fiji, headed by Dr A.C.S m i t h.

Mr D.W a l k e r, of the Botany School, Cambridge, England, has been appointed Reader in Biogeography at the University of Canberra, A.C.T. He will be leaving England in Oct.1960.

. Mr K.J.W h i t e, assistant-forest-botanist, Lae, has been transferred to a regional forest officer's position. His post is vacant and will be advertized Jan.1960.

Dr H.C.D.d e W i t, Wageningen, is to be congratulated with his appointment as professor of tropical plant taxonomy at the Agricultural College, Wageningen.

Mr B.O. v a n Z a n t e n has been appointed, Jan.1, 1960, botanist in the Department of Prof.R.van der Wijk, Groningen, to assist in the elaboration of Flora Malesiana serie III, Musci. Dr van Zanten joined the Dutch New Guinea Expedition to the Sterrengebergte and was responsible for collecting bryophytes and other cryptogams. Subsequently he made a private collecting trip in New Zealand.