

I. INTRODUCTION

The second instalment of the Flora Malesiana was published in December 1949. It contains pp. xli - cxli and 41-140, and c. 160 illustrations. The total issue is fixed at 1000 copies of each instalment. At the present moment more than 550 subscriptions have been received. It seems that the future of Flora Malesiana is assured.

The second instalment of volume 4 contains the final part of the 'General Considerations', by the general editor, 'A short history of Malaysian phytography', by Dr H. C. D. de Wit, and revisions of Malaysian plant families by Dr C. A. Backer, Dr P. Buwalda, and by Dr C. G. G. J. van Steenis.

The proof-reading of Volume 1 is progressing steadily and at the end of 1949 was advanced to page 534. It may be assumed that in 1950 this 'Cyclopaedia of Malaysian Collectors and Collections' will be published. The 'Cyclopaedia' will cover c. 700 pages written by Mrs. M. J. van Steenis-Kruseman. No other parts of Flora Malesiana are to be published in 1950 in order not to tax our subscribers too heavily.

The following reviews or announcements of Flora Malesiana have come to our notice:

Chronica Naturae 105(1949)155 --by Dr H. R. Sinia

Die Naturwissenschaften 36(1939)352-353 --by Prof. Dr F. Markgraf

Economisch Weekblad voor Indonesië (1949)675 --by Miss Dr B. Polak

Journ. N. York Bot. Garden (1949)214 --by Dr H.N.Moldenke
Kew Bulletin (1949)146 --by Dr W.B.Turrill
Landbouw 21(1949)407-415 --by Dr H.C.D. de Wit
Malayan Forester 12(1949)94-95 --by Mr J.Wyatt-Smith
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--by P.H.
Science & Culture 15(1949)40 --by Dr D.Chatterjee
Tectona 39(1949)117-118 --by Ir F.K.M. Steup
The Gardens' Bulletin 12²(1949)408-409 --Anonymous
Tijdschrift Kon. Ned.Aardr. Gen. 66(1949)587-589 --by Prof. Dr H.J.Lam
Vakblad voor Biologen 29(1949) --by Prof. Dr A.A.Pulle