

VI. DATES OF PUBLICATION OF MALAYSIAN PHYTO-TAXONOMICAL LITERATURE 6.
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Blume, C. L., Bijdragen tot de kennis van de Flora van Nederlandsch Indië. Reprint of part 4 (1850).

Dr M. A. DONK draws attention to the fact that part 4 of BLUME'S Bijdragen was reprinted in 1850, at Batavia. The printers were VAN LANGE & Co, not the Landsdrukkerij this time. A copy of this second edition is in the Bibliotheca at Bogor. The letterprint is different from that of the original and the paper is of inferior quality. The numbering of the pages is kept as much as possible in agreement with the original edition. At Bogor there is an other copy of the Bijdragen in which part 4 is in MS; this indicates that at some time no stock was available of the original edition.

Some copies of the Bijdragen have a separate cover for each fascicle, bearing the title 'Kruidkundige Waarnemingen' (Botanical Observations). It is unknown whether this cover was used for personal copies or if this had some other aim.

The Philippine Journal of Forestry.

The issue was delayed due to a fire which destroyed the press proofs, original MSS, and the facilities of the Bureau of Printing towards the middle of 1948. The 1948 volume is skipped and in 1949 the series is continued (vol. 5²⁻⁴, 1947 (1949). 143 - 285).

The Chemist and Druggist (Melbourne).

Many articles by Baron Ferdinand von Mueller were published in 'The Chemist and Druggist', a very obscure periodical. This induced me, during my stay in Australia, to trace some data establishing the rather intricate dates of publication of this journal.

Up till 1878, 'the Chemist & Druggist (London)' was a widely distributed monthly among Australian pharmacists. Gradually the need was felt for local news relating to Australia, Tasmania, and New Zealand. To meet this demand a separately paged supplement for the colonies was added to the London issue, the 'Chemist and Druggist with Australasian Supplement' came into being. This monthly was published by the Pharmaceutical Society of Victoria and sent free of charge to all members (if not in arrears!) and to non-members at 15/-. For this reason this periodical is sometimes cited as 'Victorian Chemist & Druggist'. It was printed at Melbourne. It is therefore sometimes cited as 'Melbourne Chemist & Druggist'; the first Supplement appeared May 1878.

In this manner publication was continued until an independent journal, the 'Australasian Journal of Pharmacy', began to appear.

In 1881 the subject of publishing an independent journal in Australia was discussed but a decision postponed. In March 1883 the periodical still bore the title 'The Chemist & Druggist with Australasian Supplement' but the supplement of April 1883 was titled 'Australasian Chemist & Druggist' and there was no further change in procedure. There existed, in these years, it seems, some friction between the publishers of the (London) Chemist & Druggist and the Australian pharmacists who wanted, apparently, more freedom to shape their technical paper.

On July 1, 1884, the Society changed their name into 'Pharmaceutical Society of Australasia', and the contract with the Chemist & Druggist (London) was discontinued.

In 1883 another pharmaceutical journal began its career in Australia 'The Australasian Journal of Pharmacy'. From January 1, 1886, the 'Australasian Chemist & Druggist' was merged in it. At the same moment, however, a new journal started to appear, 'The Chemist & Druggist of Australasia', which exists to the present day. It is property of the owners of the (London) Chemist & Druggist. Some disagreement arose concerning the claim in this title 'The Chemist & Druggist of Australasia' as the Australasian Society submitted that it was designed to suggest that the new journal was the same as the periodical formerly issued by the Society (cf. No 1, Jan. 1886, The Chemist & Druggist of Australasia).

Although the Chemist & Druggist with Australasian Supplement was issued in parts forming volumes, there is, even in the rich Public Library at Melbourne, no complete copy. In the Catalogue of the Scientific and Technical Periodicals in the Libraries of Australia, by E. R. Pitt, an extremely useful book published in 1930 by C. S. I. R. O., a complete copy in the National Herbarium at Melbourne is cited but this entry is, unfortunately, wrong.

In many cases, apparently, the subscribers have had the copies of the Australasian Supplement bound together with the London issue. In total 9 volumes have been issued, each covering about 100 pp.

Through the courtesy of the Public Library at Melbourne and extremely effective help of Dr Dadswell, Mr Ingle, and Miss Hulme of the Division of Forest Products of C. S. I. R. O., a number of photostat copies have been made of VON MUELLER's contributions which are available at cost price on application to the Flora Malesiana, Netherlands Office, National Herbarium, Nonnensteeg, Leyden.

Of volume 6 I could only consult the part issued in February 1884.

Wing's Southern Science Record.

Wing's Southern Science Record contains many (small) contributions by F. VON MUELLER but is a very rare item in the libraries of the northern hemisphere. It is, perhaps, appropriate to publish some dates of publication of this periodical which was issued in parts, sometimes covering 16, mostly 24 pp. From a letter glued in the copy of the Mitchell Library, Public Library, at Sydney, written by Mr W. H. Ifould, Principal Librarian of the Public Library of New South Wales, to Mr E. Cheele Botanist and Curator of the Botanic Gardens, Sydney, I abstracted the following:

vol. 1, Nos 1-13, publ. 1880-1881, pp. 1-216.

vol. 2, Nos 1-12, publ. 1882, pp. 1-303

vol. 3, Nos 1-12, publ. 1883, pp. 1-280.

New Series.

vol. 1., Nos 1-3, Jan.-May 1885.

vol. 2., No 1, Jan. 1886.

Starting from vol. 3, p. 280, WING intended to reorganize his serial and to add as a sub-title 'The Southern Naturalist & Journal of Science' (Jan. 1885). The object was to publish news, memoranda, notes, biographical data and the like on zoology, botany &c, and to give abstracts from the activities of the Royal Societies of Tasmania, South Australia &c, with the assistance of the Field Naturalists Club of Victoria, in short, the new Series was to be a chronicle of current science.

This new Series is very scarce; it seems to be preserved only in the library of the Royal Society of Victoria. A complete copy of the original 3 volumes is in the Mitchell Library.

Photostat copies of MUELLER's papers on Papuan plants will be made available to collaborators in the Flora Malesiana.

B u e r l e i n, W i l l i a m, The voyage of the Bonito.

An account of the Fly River Expedition to New Guinea. Delivered as a lecture under the auspices of the Agricultural Society of Shoalhaven and printed at their request, Sydney 1886. Gibbs, Shallard & Co. Hosking Place. 38 pp. small 8^o.

In the numerous libraries Mrs van Steenis consulted in the northern hemisphere, when writing volume 1 of the Flora Malesiana, not a single copy of this rare pamphlet appeared to be present. I was able to see a copy in the Mitchell Library of the Public Library of New South Wales at Sydney.

The little book contains not many precise data or dates, and it is mostly a description of a rather eventful expedition. June 10th the ex-

pedition left Sydney in the 70 tons steam launch Bonito. At Thursday Island many weeks were spent in waiting for a definite start of the trip, which was joined by the well-known missionary MACFARLANE, and Professor KAAKE. Also by a German-born gardener of a Queensland nursery, who appears to be HARTMANN; he collected mainly Orchids. The technical leader was Capt. EVERILL. After the Fly River tour had come to an end, some Malays were sent back to Batavia; Dec. 3, Sydney was reached. Who the Malays were is not mentioned; apparently they were collectors. It is not stated whether they were officially sent by Dutch or Javan authorities. The account of the flora is very popular and perfunctory (pp. 36-37). The occurrence of bush fires is mentioned for the Fly River area.

Bauerlein's collection is for the greater part represented by a set at Melbourne.

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