

III. PERSONAL NEWS
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Mr G.H.A d d i s o n, Curator, Botanic Gardens, Singapore was compulsorily retired under the Singapore Government's policy of malayanisation and left Singapore on April 22, 1959, for the United Kingdom after 21 years service. His future plans are as yet uncertain. The Gardens will have no replacement for him for some considerable time.

Mr José A g a m a retired from For.Dept. North Borneo on June 8, 1957, at the age of 68 years, after 42 years service with the Department (Mal.For. 20, 1957, 180).

Mr A.G.A l p h o n s o, Horticultural Assistant, was appointed Curator of the Singapore Botanic Gardens, March 26, 1957.

Dr R.H.A n d e r s o n resigned the directorship of the Missouri Botanical Garden, Jan.1957; Dr H.C u t l e r was appointed Acting Director. In Sept.1958 Prof.Dr F.W.W e n t was appointed Director, preliminarily for a period of two years.

Mr N.G.B i s s e t, formerly phytochemist in the Treub Laboratory, Bogor, has been appointed Oct.1958 in a similar position on a three-year contract under the Colombo plan in the Department of Chemistry, Kuala Lumpur, Malaya.

Mr J.v a n B o r s s u m w a a l k e s, for several years botanist in the Bogor Herbarium, returned after expiration of his contract to Holland in June 1957; he is engaged in finishing the MS of his revision of the Malvaceae working mainly in the Leyden Herbarium. April 1959 he was granted by the Netherlands Organization for Pure Scientific Research "Z.W.O." a studytrip to Madrid and Paris to study types of Cavanilles etc.

Dr B.L.B u r t t of Edinburgh had to interrupt his studies on the Gesneraceae by a stay of nine months in Pakistan lecturing in the University there.

'C h e B a j u r i b i n S a p p a n, Laboratory Assistant, Botanic Gardens, Singapore, spent 11 months in the United Kingdom from Jan.24, 1958 to Jan.2, 1959 on a Singapore Government Training award to take a course of instruction on cytological work. He was attached successively to the John Innes Horticultural Institution, Dorset Nurseries, and the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew.

'C h e K i a h b i n H a j i S a l l e h, plant collector retired on Dec.31, 1957 after 37½ years service, and 'C h e H a s s a n b i n M o h a m e d R a n i, plant collector, retired on April 9, 1959 after 29 years service at the Botanic Gardens, Singapore.

'C h e M o h a m e d S h a h b i n H a j i M o h a m e d N u r, plant collector, succeeded his father as Herbarium Assistant, Botanic Gardens, Singapore, w.e.f. Nov.14, 1958.

Mr C h e w w e e L e k, a Chinese botany student from the University of Malaya, came to Cambridge, England, Sept. 1957, to work under Mr E.J.H.Corner to attain a degree at Cambridge University. He is revising the genus Poikilospermum. In 1958 he paid study visits to the herbaria of Florence, Geneva, Paris, Brussels, and Leyden.

Mr E.J.H.C o r n e r attended the International Congress for Conservation of Nature in Athens in Sept.1958 and the Darwin-wallace Symposium in Singapore in Dec.1958. Subsequently he planned to visit Brunei, Kuching, and Bogor and attended the Bogor Vegetation Symposium. From March 1-12, 1959, he was staying at the University of Delhi, India, and he returned to England end March.

Mr Richard S.C o w a n has been appointed Associate Curator in the Herbarium, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C. His chief interest is tropical American Leguminosae.

Mr Anwari D i l m y, Director of the Bogor Herbarium (see p.550) visited and stayed in Bangkok, Hongkong, Tokyo, Hawaii, San Francisco, Berkeley, Washington, Harvard, New York, Kew, Leyden, Brussels, Paris, Geneva, Florence, Calcutta, and Singapore.

Dr Bryce D o u g l a s, of M/s.Smith, Kline & French Laboratories, Philadelphia, U.S.A., who was working at the University of Malaya, Department of Chemistry for 2 years on the Phyto-Chemical Survey of the Malayan Flora, returned home in Oct.1958.

Mr J.W.E w a r t, Curator, Botanic Gardens, Singapore, was retired compulsorily under the Singapore Government's policy of malayanisation after 20 years service. He left Singapore on March 26, 1957 for New Zealand where he has established a tomato cultivation business. He is succeeded by Mr A.G.Alphonso, Horticultural Assistant, who was promoted Curator w.e.f. March 26, 1957.

Dr H.R.F l e t c h e r succeeded Sir William Wright Smith as regius Professor and Director of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Edinburgh.

Dr C.X.F u r t a d o, botanist, was on overseas leave from May 8 to Nov.13, 1957, and visited many places of botanical interest in Europe.

Dr Jasper H.B.G a r n e r, of the University of Kentucky, was appointed as Professor of Botany, Faculty of Agriculture, Bogor, Indonesia.

Dr H.H a r a, Lecturer in Botany in the Botanical Institute, Faculty of Science, University of Tokyo, has been appointed Professor of Taxonomy, in charge of the Herbarium, end 1956.

Mr E.E.H e n t y, who was previously an animal husbandry officer of the Department of Agriculture at Lae before taking up a cocoa plantation, joined the staff in a temporary capacity as Technical Assistant to cover the period while the Chief of Division of Botany, Mr J.S.Womersley, was overseas on long leave and duty. Mr Henty will continue with the Division of Botany for some time yet. He works particularly on the herbaceous plants brought in for identification.

Prof.Dr.R.E.H o l t t u m made a world tour in the later half of 1957, being invited to lecture at the International Orchid Exhibition in Hawaii. He then proceeded to Singapore and Java and worked for half a year in Herbarium Bogoriense (see chapter VIII). He paid several visits to Leyden; in April 1959 he visited the Paris, Basel, and Geneva herbaria.

Dr R.D.H o o g l a n d was allowed to have a study furlough from C.S.I.R.O. for visits to various herbaria in Europe and U.S.A. He arrived in Holland mid-1958 and spent his time until March 1959 partly at Leyden, partly at Kew and the British Museum, visiting also Paris, Florence, Geneva, Berlin, etc. He returned to Canberra via the U.S.A. March 1959.

Dr C.E.H u b b a r d was appointed successor to Dr W.B. Turrill as Keeper of the Herbarium & Library, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, in 1957.

Prof.H.H u m b e r t, Director of the Laboratoire de Phanérogamie, Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris, retired. He was succeeded by Mr A.Aubréville, the well-known expert on the African flora and vegetation.

Mr M.J a c o b s returned to Holland after expiry of his contract with the Indonesian Government (see also chapter V). Since Feb.1959 he is assistant on the staff of the Flora Malesiana working on a thesis on the ligneous Capparidaceae of continental Asia.

Mr J e r m y has been appointed successor to Dr Alston as pteridologist of the British Museum (Nat.Hist.), Botany Department.

Mr A.W.J e s s e p, Director of the Melbourne Botanic Gardens and Herbarium, retired 1957 and was succeeded by Mr R.T.M.P e s c o t t, M.Agr.Sc., entomologist, formerly Director of the National Museum in Melbourne.

Dr D.K e c k, Curator of the New York Botanical Garden & Herbarium, has been appointed Program Director of Systematic Biology, National Science Foundation, Washington, D.C.

Dr A.J.G.H.K o s t e r m a n s, Bogor, started March 1959 on a world tour for study of material of several families of the Malaysian flora, via Bangkok, Hongkong, Japan, Hawaii, the U.S.A. to Europe. He was awarded a grant from the Ford Foundation towards that aim.

Mr K w i t o n J o n g, B.Sc. Hons. (Rand.) has joined the Department of Botany, University of Malaya. Mr Jong's interests are in the fields of anatomy, cytology, and cytogenetics.

In Oct.1958 it was commemorated at the Rijksherbarium at Leyden that Prof.Dr H.J.L a m had been 25 years Director and Professor of Systematic Botany. He was offered a Jubilee volume, Supplement 4 of Blumea, containing contributions in

honour of this occasion by his staff and that of the Flora Malesiana and by his former pupils.

Mr L a m H i n C h e n g, a graduate of the Serdang College of Agriculture, was appointed Horticultural Assistant, Botanic Gardens, Singapore, on July 1, 1957, and he left on Sept. 24, 1957, for the United Kingdom to study for the Kew Diploma at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, on a Singapore Government Scholarship.

Mrs L. E. L y n a s, Librarian, Botanic Gardens, Singapore, resigned on June 30, 1957, and is now working at the Cambridge University Library. This post remained vacant till April 1, 1958, when Mr Tan Kim Ho, a graduate of the University of Malaya, was appointed to the post. He left on Feb. 20 1959 on a Colombo Aid Programme fellowship awarded by the Australian Government to study librarianship under the C.S. I.R.O. in Melbourne and elsewhere in Australia.

Prof. Dr F. M a r k g r a f, formerly at München, has been appointed Director of the Botanical Garden & Museum, Zürich, Switzerland, as a successor to the late Prof. Däniker.

Mr H. S. M c K e e went for a year to Burma on a FAO assignment from Oct. 1957.

Dr W. M e i j e r, formerly Professor of Botany in the Faculty of Agriculture, Universitas Andalas, Padjadjaran, Sumatra, retired March 1958 to Holland. He has accepted a post as Forest Botanist with the Forestry Service, North Borneo, March 1959, on a 3-year contract. After studying for some months at Kew he departed in May 1959 to Borneo.

Mr Ch. M o n o d d e F r o i d e v i l l e, Leyden, has almost finished the revision of the Gramineae for Backer's Flora of Java.

Dr A. Geoffrey N o r m a n has been appointed Director of the Botanic Gardens & Institute and Professor of Botany, Ann Arbor, Michigan, since July 1955, when Prof. Dr H. H. B a r t - l e t t entered upon his final sabbatical leave before retiring a year later.

Dr L. M. O l a h, formerly Head of the Treub Laboratory, Bogor, left Indonesia and went via India and Europe to his new post in South America.

Dr R. P i c h i - S e r m o l l i had in 1957 accepted a Professorship in the University of Sassari, Sardinia. He is now attached to the Istituto Botanico Hanbury, Università degli Studi, Genova. Dr Guido Moggi is the present Curator of the Herbarium at Florence.

Dr G.A.P r o w s e, Botanist-Algologist of the Fish Culture Research Station, Malacca, has been on 5 months overseas leave and returned to Malaya on April 24, 1959. He visited centres of algological research in Australia, U.S.A., and Britain.

Dr L.D.P r y o r, Canberra, has been appointed Professor of Botany in Canberra University College.

Mr J.W.P u r s e g l o v e, Director, Botanic Gardens, Singapore, opted to retire under the Singapore Government's policy of malayanisation after 21 years colonial service of which the last 2¼ years were at Singapore. Mr Purseglove left on March 8, 1957, to take up the Chair of Botany at the Imperial College of Tropical Agriculture, Trinidad, and is succeeded by Mr H.M.B u r k i l l, Assistant Director, who was promoted Director w.e.f. that date. Mr Burkill was overseas from April 5 to Nov.3, 1958, and attended the Nice Horticultural Congress and the 2nd International Seaweed Symposium at Galway, Eire.

Dr E.Q u i s u m b i n g has been awarded a Guggenheim grant for studies on old Philippine collections in Europe and the U.S.A. He was Head of the Philippine Delegation to the 1958 Expo in Brussels; following this he visited various herbaria: Leyden one month, Madrid, and then went to the U.S.A.; he expects to return to Manila mid-1959.

Prof.Dr P.R i c h a r d s has been an extraneis Examiner at Singapore Dec.1958; afterwards he was in Brunei working in the swamp forest with a former student of his. He returned mid-April 1959.

Mr H.K.Airy S h a w has resumed work in the Asiatic Division of the Herbarium of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew.

Mr J.S i n c l a i r went on leave to Europe on March 31, 1959, with a week to Ceylon and then on to London. He hopes to visit Leyden, Paris, and Brussels again, probably about August or the end of July.

Dr Mor S i n g h, B.Sc. (Malaya), D.Phil. (Oxon) is now working with the Phyto-Chemical team of the University of Malaya.

Dr A.C.S m i t h, former Program Director of Systematic Biology of the National Science Foundation, Washington, D.C., has been appointed Director of the Smithsonian Institution, Washington.

Mr R.S o e d j o n o succeeded June 1958 M.Sutarmo Hardjowasono as Head of the Forestry Affairs Service in Indonesia.

Prof. Dr W. C. S t e e r e has left California and has accepted the Directorship of the New York Botanical Garden, succeeding Dr R o b b i n s who has retired.

Prof. Dr H. S t . J o h n is planning to spend, after the International Botanical Congress at Montreal, a year in Italy to study type specimens of Pandanus at Florence.

Mr W. V i n k was appointed to succeed Mr C. K a l k m a n as Forest Botanist, Manokwari, West New Guinea. The latter will join the first part of the New Guinea Expedition and subsequently will return to the Rijksherbarium, Leyden.

Mrs M. E. w a l s h, an ardent collector of plants and insects, lately Librarian of the Forestry Research Institute, Bogor, retired Feb. 1958; she is now living in Switzerland.

Mr K. J. W h i t e joined the staff of the Papua and New Guinea Division of Botany in the second half of 1957 as Assistant Botanist and Plant Ecologist. He comes from Queensland where he has experience in the tropical forests of North Queensland.

Mr T. C. W h i t m o r e spent 1957 working on bark characteristics of the Dipterocarpaceae on an U.K. Government Colonial Development and Welfare Grant. He spent part of his time at the Botanic Gardens, and at the University of Malaya, Department of Botany, in Singapore, at the Forest Research Institute, Kepong and in field work in Malaya, and in the Borneo territories. He returned to Cambridge early in 1958.

Dr H. C. D. d e W i t has been appointed Professor of Systematic Botany at the Agricultural College, Wageningen, April 1959.

Mr J. S. w o m e r s l e y, Forest Botanist, Lae, went on a year's leave Aug. 1957, arriving in Europe early 1958.

Dr w o n g H e e A i k, B.Sc. Hons. (Malaya), Ph.D. (Lond.) has returned to Singapore from Great Britain and has joined the Department of Botany, University of Malaya. Dr Wong's principal interests are in plant physiology, especially respiration.

Prof. Dr R. E. W o o d s o n has been appointed Curator of the Herbarium, Missouri Botanical Gardens, St. Louis, U.S.A.