

## I. EDITORIAL

Owing to shortage of time, this most precious element in the life of a taxonomist, nearly two years have elapsed since the last number (10) appeared (Febr. 1953). It should not be understood that our interest in editing this Bulletin has waned; we still regard it as a useful bond between Flora Malesiana Foundation, its collaborators, and its sympathizers. It also aims to chronicle some selected miscellaneous news to many people in Malaysia who are far from libraries or have only limited facilities to keep informed about progress. It tries to assemble data on activities of botanical work in the wide sense performed in the Malaysian area. Much work that is done in the field or is going on in establishments of forestry and botany in the Malaysian tropics is often locally known or published in technical reports which hardly reach the scientific botanic world. There is, hence, a field of mutual interest which this Bulletin tries to cover.

It is of special interest to learn of the intensive exploration which is still taking place, specially in Indonesia and New Guinea. It seemed worthwhile to arrange the special explorations under a new heading instead of merging them under miscellaneous news.

Among the Trustees of the Foundation mentioned on p.282 Drs van Oppen has been replaced by Mr Wadri, as representative of the Ministry of Finance, Djakarta.

Since Bulletin no 10 was issued parts 4 and 5 of vol. 4 have been published of the Flora Malesiana, thereby finishing volume 4, which has been dedicated to the memory of Dr B.H. Danser. The major treatment contained in these parts are revisions of the Convolvulaceae, Combretaceae, and a list of works with precise Dates of Publication supplementary to Pritzels Thesaurus.

Part 1 of volume 5 is in the press and will appear about simultaneously with this Bulletin; the major subjects treated therein are a Botanical Bibliography of Malaysia and a revision of the Flacourtiaceae.