

III. PERSONAL NEWS  
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Dr. J. A. R. A n d e r s o n, Kuching, will go on leave in October 1962.

Mr P. S. A s h t o n, Cambridge (U.K.), has accepted the post of Forest Botanist at Kuching, Sarawak, and will in September 1962 proceed to Borneo.

Mr F. B a l l a r d at Kew has retired early May 1962 on reaching the age limit; he is succeeded by Miss F. M. J a r - r e t t, who will be in charge of the Pteridophytes at Kew.

We congratulate Mr L. J. B r a s s, Lake Placid, Florida, in having been awarded a doctorate honoris causa from Florida University, Tallahassee, Fla, June 1, 1962.

Congratulations are offered to Mr I. H. B u r k i l l, Leatherhead, England, who on May 18th, 1962, reached the age of 92. We are extremely glad that Mr Burkill is, apart from failing eyesight in one eye, very well. We wish him and Mrs Burkill many happy years to come. The third instalment of Mr I. H. Burkill's History of Indian Botany will appear in four subinstalments in the Journal of the Bombay Natural History Society. It is hoped that it will later be printed in book form and that an index to it will be added.

with the assistance of a Guggenheim Fellowship, Dr. James E. C a n r i g h t, Associate Professor to Indiana University, spent five months (Sept. 1960-Febr. 1961) in Bogor, to study and collect material of ranalean families, mainly Anno-

naceae, Lauraceae, Magnoliaceae, Myristicaceae, in the gardens of Bogor and Tjibodas and in Udjung Kulon Nature Reserve, west Java, for his morphological work. From February through July 1961 he worked at the Singapore Herbarium, enjoying much cooperation by Messrs Sinclair and Chew wee Lek. Extensive excursions were made throughout Malaya, and c. 350 numbers collected.

Mr E.J.H. C o r n e r, F.R.S., Cambridge (U.K.), received the Darwin Medal of the Royal Society in 1960; welcome news which shows that medals may roll to persons who really deserve them, but which unfortunately came too late to our notice.

Dr. H. E i c h l e r, Adelaide, is presently acting as Australian liaison-officer at Kew.

Mr P.S. G r e e n, formerly of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Edinburgh, joined the staff of the Arnold Arboretum on Jan. 1, 1961. He will continue his work on Oleaceae, at the same time serving as a horticultural taxonomist.

Dr.T. H a r t l e y is now at Lae to conduct a 3-years phytochemical survey of the Papuan flora for C.S.I.R.O.

Ir. H a r t o n o, formerly head of the Botanical Division of the Forest Research Institute, Bogor, has been appointed Head of the Division for Nature Protection of the Kebun Raya Indonesia.

Mr J.H. K e r n, of the Rijksherbarium, paid a one-week's visit to Norwich, England, where he was invited to attend the annual meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, which was held at the end of August 1961 (see also under Symposia). As a guest of the section K, with Monocots as its special subject, under chairmanship of Dr. R.E. Holttum, he delivered an address under the title "New Look at Cyperaceae mainly from the tropical standpoint". The text of this lecture is now in the press, to appear in Advancement of Science in July 1962.

As an exchange visit following the visit of Dr.Fedorow and Dr.Kabanow to Indonesia (see p.802), Dr.Achmad K o s t e r m a n s means to leave Bogor about April 15, 1962, for a two-month trip to Russia, where he will mainly work in the Herbaria and Libraries at Leningrad and Moscow. with assistance of the British Council and of the Centre Culturel française, he hopes to be able to extend this trip to London and Paris in the summer of 1962. Dr.Kostermans has been appointed as an extra-ordinary professor to the University of Bandung in July 1961.

The Director of the Rijksherbarium and professor of Taxonomic Botany at Leyden University, Prof. Dr. H. J. Lam, held on June 1st, 1962, a valedictory lecture, followed by a reception, which attracted such a large public that it could not be held in the University, but was instead held in the theatre at Leyden. Over 700 persons, native and from abroad, had contributed. He was given a portrait in oil, a beautifully illustrated book containing all signatures, publications by pupils in eight bound volumes, and the substantial remains of the funds for use at his discretion. Foreign guests included Prof. Dr. W. Robijns, who spoke on behalf of foreign colleagues, Prof. Dr. R. E. Holttum, Prof. and Mrs Dr. Ch. Baehni, Dr. and Mrs W. T. Stearn. The oil-painting and books will eventually be deposited in the Rijksherbarium and foreign guests should not miss the opportunity to examine them. Dr. Lam reached the age-limit of 70 in Jan. 1962 and he will retire Aug. 31, 1962. April 30 he was awarded the distinction of a Knight in the Order of the Netherlands Lion.

Dr. R. Melville of the New Herbarium was in New Zealand on a Research Fellowship; he returned May 1962.

Dr. W. Meijer, Forest Botanist at Sandakan, after completing his first term in North Borneo, went on leave on May 20, 1962, hoped to visit Kuching, Singapore, Kepong, Manila, before travelling to Europe.

Dr. L. J. Nevling Jr has been appointed Associate Curator to the Arnold Arboretum Herbarium.

Dr. E. Quisumbing retired as Director of the National Museum in Manila on Nov. 24, 1961, and spent his terminal leave in Manila. He will resume teaching in June 1962, and will stay in the Philippines, expecting to finish some of the MSS which he has been working on in the past.

Dr. A. S. Rao, formerly at Mercara, was appointed as a botanist to the Botanical Survey of India, Western Circle, at Poona, Bombay State, early in 1961. He is working under the directorship of Dr. R. S. Rao.

Dr. P. H. Raven, currently on the staff of the Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden, will take up a position at Stanford University, Calif., and will be associated with the Dudley Herbarium as ass. prof. of biology, Sept. 1, 1962.

Dr. P. van Royen, after his return from New Guinea, where he made an exploration with Dr. H. Sleumer, accepted a post as ecologist to the Herbarium at Lae, and left Leyden April 2, 1962.

Dr.H. S a n t a p a u, Bombay, has been appointed Chief Botanist to the Botanical Survey of India, 14 Madan Street, Calcutta 13, news that will receive a warm welcome from all who are interested in the progress of Indian Botany.

Mr J. S i n c l a i r, Singapore, will retire by Dec.31, 1962, by compulsion of the Malayanisation scheme. He wants to continue and finish his work on the Myristicaceae.

At the Closing Plenary Session of the Tenth Congress of the Pacific Science Association held in Honolulu in August 1961, awards of Honorary Life Fellows were made to Dr. A.P. Elkin and to Dr. C. S k o t t s b e r g. Dr. Skottsberg, who is noted for his versatile and authoritative researches in taxonomy and plant geography, served as Secretary of the Pacific Science Association's Standing Committee for the Protection of Nature In and Around the Pacific from the time of its inception at the Fourth Congress (1929) until the Seventh Congress (1949). His committee reports were stimulating and remarkably comprehensive. Dr. Skottsberg is also to be congratulated with having been appointed a member of the Royal Society in 1960.

Dr.H. S l e u m e r, of the Rijksherbarium, returned from his successful exploration in New Guinea (together with Dr. P.van Royen, see under Expeditions), where he was from May 21, 1961 to Febr.9, 1962; he also visited Luzon from May 6-21, 1961, and on the return trip during Febr. and March 1962 he called on the Institutions at Lae, Brisbane, Sydney, Honolulu, San Francisco, Berkeley, New York, and Cambridge (Mass.).

Mr S o e g e n g Reksodihardjo took his M.Sc. degree at Harvard University in 1961; he spent nearly four months in Central and South America in order to collect materials for his thesis on Theobroma.

Mr S o e p a d m o of the Staff of the Herbarium Bogoriense completed a training course in forestry in Sarawak under leadership of Dr.J.A.R.Anderson.

Dr.R.L. S p e c h t, formerly at Adelaide, has been appointed at the University of Melbourne, for ecology and taxonomy.

Dr.Benjamin C. S t o n e is now a teacher in a College at Guam. He hopes to continue his botanical activities.

Our sincere congratulations are due to Dr.George T a y l o r, the Director of the Kew Gardens, who has been knighted.

Dr.R.F. T h o r n e, formerly at Iowa City, has accepted a position as taxonomist and curator of the Herbarium with the Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden (Calif.); he will also re-

ceive the honorary title of professor of Botany in the Claremont Graduate School.

Mr. w. V i n k, botanist to the Forestry Service in Manokwari, came on leave to Leyden early in May 1962.

Dr. w a l t h e r has been appointed as Hauptkustos des Hamburger Herbariums, Staatsinstitut für allgemeine Botanik und Botanischer Garten, succeeding Dr. w. Domke.