

II. OBITUARIES AND BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES*(continued from page 2741)*

All biographical materials will be highly welcome at the Rijksherbarium library, c/o Dr. M. Jacobs

Portraits of botanists who worked on the Ryukyu Islands, 80 in number, most Japanese, a few Americans, were published in the book by S. Hatusima, *Flora of the Ryukyus*, p. 56-75 (1971).

B a a s B e c k i n g, L. G. M.

A meticulous bibliography, of the former Professor of Experimental Botany at Leiden and later Director of the Bogor Botanic Gardens, was prepared by J. Westenbergh, 20 p. (North Holland Publishing Company, Amsterdam, 1977).

B a k h u i z e n v a n d e n B r i n k, R. C. (1881-1945)

The elder Bakhuizen, collaborator to J.J. Ochse's 'Vegetables of the Dutch East Indies' (1931). In the Asher reprint of this book (1977), a biographical note was inserted, with reference to four other sources, and a list of some of his publications.

B l a n c o, F. M. (1778 or 1780-1845)

A.B. Roces, *Orientalia* (Singapore) 7 (Jan. 1976) 24-35, 7 p. col. reprod., 1 black/white pict., 1 phot. of Blanco, gave some details on Blanco and his work, under the title 'A velum splendor'.

B o d e g o m, J o h n v a n (1910-27.x.1977)

P.Vermeulen: *Orchideeën* 39 (1977) 223. Amateur orchidologist, author of 'Enige Orchideeën in West Nieuw Guinea' (1973).

B o s c h m a, H. (1893-1976)

In addition to the note on p. 2737, see L.D. Brongersma, *Vakblad Biol.* 57 (1977) 174-176, portr., with reference to other sources. In Dutch.

B r o w n, Robert (1773-1858)

Ph.I. Edwards: Robert Brown and the natural history of Matthew Flinders' voyage on H.M.S. Investigator, 1801-1805, in *J. Soc. Bibl. Nat. Hist.* 7 (1976) 385-407. Data on collecting in Australia.

B u c h a n a n - H a m i l t o n, F. (1762-1829)

D.J. Mabberley, *Taxon* 26 (1977) 523-540, gave an important comment on the botanical ramifications of H.'s commentaries to R u m p h i u s, in which many of R o x b u r g h's names were validly published for the first time. The present paper concentrates on Meliaceae, but branches out into other

families (see summary in Bibliography), and also involves Ainslie, Dennstedt, Dillwyn, and Rottler.

Burbridge, N. T.

The prominent Australian botanist, some months before her ultimate date of retirement, passed away on 4 March 1977. Her last work 'Plant Taxonomic Literature in Australian Libraries' had been completed and is now probably in the press. The first issue of the new journal *Brunonia* will carry an obituary and bibliography.

Clemens, M. S.

A request for letters, period 1935-1942.

Dr. Philip W. Holzknicht (P.O. Box 1682, Lae, Morobe Province, Papua New Guinea) is engaged in putting together material on Mary Strong Clemens, for the purpose of writing an historical paper on her work and activities in the Morobe Province from 1935 to 1942.

It appears that the important file of correspondence between her and Dr. E.D. Merrill was destroyed. Fortunately she often sent carbon copies to other people and institutes. In order to collect as much original material as possible Dr. Holzknicht would very much appreciate collaboration of anybody or instance holding letters from her from that period.

Mrs. Clemens was one of the most formidable collectors in New Guinea, and though much of her collections were obviously lost during the war, she fully deserves to be commemorated by biographical means.

All material which Dr. Holzknicht is assembling will be deposited in the Provincial Archives which will be established at Lae.

Corner, E. J. H. (born 1906)

A 'festschrift' to honour the well-known tropical botanist at Cambridge (p. 2536-2538) appeared belatedly on 31 August 1977. It is D.J. Mabberley & K.L. Chang (ed.), Tropical Botany / Essays presented to E.J.H. Corner for his 70th birthday, 1976, Gard. Bull. vol. 29, 266 p. + portr., and available at Sing \$ 31.05 (incl. postage) from the Botanic Gardens, Cluny Road, Singapore 10. It was published by special permission of the Commissioner of Parks and Gardens, Singapore. All 26 papers, on a variety of subjects dear to Corner's heart, are listed in our Bibliography. An Index is given. The execution is good.

Biographical notes are given by H.M. Burkill, Gard. Bull. 29 (1977) 1-2, and by D.J. Mabberley, *ibid.* p. 3-4, with ensuing a list of publications (150 items up to 1 Jan. 1977). In the press is a book on 'The freshwater swamp-forest of South Johore and Singapore'; see Reviews, also p. 3098 bottom.

C r u t t w e l l, N. E. G.

On the occasion of retirement of this amateur-botanist-explorer, who settled in Goroka, Papua New Guinea, with his cultivated Rhododendrons from Agaun, papers were published in *The Rhododendron* 15 (1976) 7-8, 1 phot., and *ibid.* 16 (1977) 7-9, 1 fig.

C u r t i s, Winifred M. (born 1905)

Tasmanian botanist, honored as Australian Natural History Medallionist for 1976; biography by J.A. Baines, *Victor. Natur.* 94 (1977) 214-215, portr., bibliogr.

D a n d y, J. E. (1903-1976)

Botanist at the British Museum, expert in nomenclature, who of Magnoliaceae knew far more than he had published. Obituaries by W.T. Stearn, *Taxon* 26 (1977) 157, and by J.F.M. Cannon, *Watsonia* 11 (1977) 419-421.

D o m i n, K.

A. Kanis, Karel Domin's collection of Australian plants. *Austral. Syst. Bot. Soc. Newsl.* no 10 (March 1977) 2-4. Some details of his collection of Phanerogams at Prague.

F o r s t e r, J. R. (1729-1798)

A biography of the elder Forster, by M.E. Hoare, *The tactless philosopher*, x + 419 p., Hawthorn Press, Melbourne, A\$ 15.95, was favourably reviewed by P.I. Edwards, *J. Soc. Bibl. Nat. Hist.* 8 (1977) 190-191. See also *Taxon* 26 (1977) 120.

H o l t t u m, R. E. (born 1895)

Volume 30 of the *Gardens' Bulletin*, dated 15 October 1977, published by the Botanic Gardens, Cluny Road, Singapore 10, at Sing \$ 48.00 excl. postage, was 'A special issue to mark the eightieth birthday of R.E. Holttum, 1975'. It has 312 pages, and frontispiece photograph. Four papers set forth Dr. Holttum's merits, one by B.M. Allen, *Gard. Bull.* 30 (1977) 1-3, is mainly on ferns; one by H.M. Burkill, p. 5, mentions that by 'Ordre du Régiment' of 20 January 1919, Holttum was awarded the 'Croix de Guerre' (Cross of War) for service with the French Army in Flanders and northern France. It also adds a bibliographic item two years earlier than the others, on his war experiences; one by A.C. Jermy, p. 7-8, on the celebration at Kew; and one by K.C. Cheang & A.G. Alphonso, p. 9-12, on horticulture. For the other papers, see the *Bibliography*.

Curtis's *Botanical Magazine* 180 (1975) was dedicated to Dr. Holttum.

H o o g e r w e r f, A. (29.viii.1906-5.ii.1977)

In addition to the words in his memory on p. 2738-2739, we are happy to mention that his library has been bequeathed to the Netherlands Commission for International Nature Protec-

tion, secretary Dr. P.J.H. van Bree, Mammalia, Plantage Kerklaan 36, Amsterdam. It contains very much valuable material, including educational items, many of which could easily be adapted for re-use. Dr. J.H. Westermann (who also deposited his library there) wrote an 'In memoriam' of 2 pages typescript, which is in the Rijksherbarium biographical file.

L a b i l l a r d i è r e, J. J. H. d e (1755-1834)
J. Apfelbaum, Taxon 26 (1977) 541-548, wrote on c. 24 specimens from W. Australia and Tasmania in PH; names given, and many details.

L a m, H. J. (1892-1977)
C. Kalkman, Blumea 23 (1977) 203.

L e a k e, H. M. (28.x.1878-29.iv.1977)
British agriculturist, who in 1901 came to Bihar, India, later became head of the botany section at Kanpur, left for Sudan in 1923. Author of several books on tropical agriculture. Mr. N.C. Shah of Lucknow prepared a 2-page memoir in his honour, in the Rijksherbarium biographical file. It is not clear if Dr. Leake collected plants.

N e l s o n, David
Went with the 'Discovery' on one of Cook's voyages, botanized in Hawaii; H. St. John, Pacific Sc. 30 (1976) 1-5.

O c h s e, Jacob Jonas (1892-1970)
Tropical agriculturist, main author of 'Vegetables of the Dutch East Indies' (1931). In the Asher reprint of this book (1977), a biographical note was inserted, with reference to four other sources, and list of 7 main publications.

O h w i, Jisaburo (1905-22.ii.1977)
Author of the Flora of Japan, specialist on grasses and Cyperaceae, obituary in Japanese by Y. Satake, J. Jap. Bot. 52 (1977) 27-28, portr.

P e r s o n, C. H.
The 19th century mycologist is subject of a paper by R.H. Peterson, Kew Bull. 31 (1977) 685-698. At the Rijksherbarium, Dr. W.F.B. Jülich is working on a biography, to be concluded in the course of 1978.

S m i t h, John
R.E. Holttum, John Smith's Historia Filicum. A centenary retrospect. J. Kew Guild 9 (1977) 392-393.

T a g a w a, M. (1908-1977)
On 19 July 1977 the well-known pteridologist died in his home at Kyoto. He spent his botanical career in Kyoto University, and was an emeritus Professor after a retirement in 1972. He made three botanical trips to Taiwan during September to Oc-

tober 1934, November 1938 to February 1939, and January to April 1940, and three botanical trips to Thailand during February to April 1965, October 1965 to February 1966, and July to October 1967, in addition to numerous collecting trips throughout Japan. Most of his published papers are concerned to the taxonomy of the pteridophytes, especially in East and Southeast Asia. His most famous book is 'Coloured Illustration of Japanese Pteridophyta' (1959) including a comprehensive Index Pteridophytarum Japonicum. Obituaries are to be in J. Jap. Bot. 52 (1977) with a photograph and in Acta Phytotax. Geobot. 28 (1978) with a photograph and bibliography.

T h o r e n a a r, A. (1894-13.x.1977)

Forest officer, silviculturist, soil scientist, who worked for a long time in Palembang, collected plants in Java and S. Sumatra (Fl. Males. i 1: 527). In his last years he lived at Voorburg, near The Hague. He was keenly interested in seedlings, and helped the RUL/4 project and Mr. E.F. de Vogel by giving good advice. We gratefully remember him.

V e r m e u l e n, P. (born 28.viii.1899)

Amsterdam orchidologist who in 1956 spent half a year in Indonesia, commemorated for his 75th birthday by L. Paul, Orchideeën 36 (1974) 132-133, portr.

W e s t e n b e r g, J. (1905-1977)

A. Dral, In memoriam Dr. Jacob Westenberg, Vakblad Biol. 57 (1977) 216-219, portr.