

I. INTRODUCTION

Flora Malesiana Bulletin No. 1 was issued in 150 copies, 112 of which were distributed to cooperating institutes, libraries, botanists and besides, to interested persons. A cardboard holder will be forwarded to libraries through the care of Dr Fr. Verdoorn, Waltham, Mass., U.S.A.

In this number two new headings are found viz the first of a series of contributions regarding the dates of publication of certain botanical works of major interest to Malaysian botany, and a first contribution towards an annotated list of little-known publications which appeared during World War II.

Flora Malesiana Office has reproduced blank maps for the use of drawing the geographical area of distribution of entities in Malaysia and adjacent countries. A copy is supplied with this number. Additional copies can be obtained free of cost on application to the editor of this Bulletin.

The first instalment of volume 4 of Flora Malesiana is ready for the press; it contains, besides a part of the general introduction and a number of revisions of small families, a sample treatment of volume 1 (Cyclopedia of Collectors), a sample treatment of volume 2 (Malaysian Plant Life) and a sample of volume 3 (Plant Geography).

Volume 1, the Cyclopedia, by Mrs M.J. van Steenis-Kruseman, is now retyped and close to completion.

Flora Malesiana will be set in mono-type; proof sheets have already been approved of. Through the war the printers' are unfortunately handicapped by the absence of the bold type. As soon as this is received printing will start. Volume 1 will be in the press onwards of April 1948.

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The Bulletin can only be kept up-to-date by the cooperation of the readers; please forward any notes you think worthwhile.