

## II. PERSONAL NEWS.

(contd from p. 85).

Father G. P e e k e l died Febr. 19, 1949, in the Bismarck Arch. He is known as a plant collector since 1908 when he was stationed in the Bismarck Archipelago. In this Bulletin (p.44) the rescue of his MS. Flora of the Bismarcks was announced. Many of his specimens formed the subject of contributions to Malaysian phytography (cf. "Beiträge zur Flora Papuasiens" in Engler's Bot.Jahrb. since 1912, and "Plantae Peekelianae" by L.DIELS). Peekeliidendron SLEUMER, and numerous plant species commemorate his name.

Prof. Dr R. K a n e h i r a died at Tokyo on November 27th, 1948. During the Japanese occupation of Java he was Head of the Herbarium and of the Library ("Bibliotheca") at Buitenzorg. See also under "Miscellaneous".

Prof. Dr K.B. B o e d i j n, Professor of General Botany in the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences of the University of Indonesia, resigned as a Professor on this subject in the Faculty of Medicine. He lectures also in the Faculty of Veterinary Sciences.

Mr M.R. H e n d e r s o n was appointed Assistant Director of the Botanic Gardens at Singapore. During Mr E w a r t's absence on leave he replaced him as Agricultural Officer. He arrived at Singapore mid-Nov. 1948.

Mr R.E. H o l t t u m has been appointed Professor of Botany, Raffles College, University of Malaya.

Mrs J.M.C. K l o p p e n b u r g h - V e r s t e e g, authoress of a popular book on Indonesian medicinal plants (3rd Edition 1909, with atlas), died October 4th, 1948, at Malang (Java).

Prof. Dr L.G.M. B a a s B e c k i n g resigned as Director of the Botanic Gardens, Buitenzorg (Dec. 31st, 1948) and accepted appointment as Director of Research of the SPacific Region (UNESCO), stationed at Nouméa (New Caledonia).

Since Nov. 1rst, 1948, Dr D.F. v a n S l o o t e n is Acting Director of the Buitenzorg Botanic Gardens, now "Koninklijke Plantentuin van Indonesië".

Dr M.A. D o n k is Acting Keeper of the Buitenzorg Herbarium since November 1948.

Mr L.J. B r a s s returned from the R.Archbold Cape York Expedition, Dec. 6, 1948 (cf. this Bulletin p. 60, 92). From the end of December he expected to stay at the Archbold Station in Florida.

The Revd N.E.G. C r u t t w e l l, of the Anglian Mission, Menapi (Papua, New Guinea) is stationed there since 1947. He gathered collections in the Menapi district and collected about October 1947 on the 10,000 ft high Mt Simpson.

Miss Dr C.K. A l l e n resigned as Botanist in the Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University.

Dr D. C h a t t e r j e e has been appointed Curator of the Herbarium, Roy. Botanic Gardens, Calcutta.

Dr K. B i s w a s has been appointed Director of the Botanical Survey of India with H.Q. in Delhi.

On the anniversary of the Roy. Botanic Gardens of Indonesia at Buitenzorg, May 18th, 1949, Prof. Dr L.G.M. B a a s B e c k i n g has been nominated honorary co-operator of the Gardens.

Mr E.J.H. C o r n e r has been appointed Lecturer in Taxonomy at the Botany School, Cambridge.

Dr P.W. R i c h a r d s has been appointed to the professorship of Botany at the University College of North Wales, Bangor, England, Sept. 1st, 1949.

Dr F.H. E n d e r t returned to Buitenzorg May 3rd, 1949; he will devote himself in preparing a work on the anatomy of Indonesian timbers, at the Forest Experiment Station, Buitenzorg.

Dr J. L a n j o u w returned from an expedition to Surinam, May 1949; he has been appointed Professor of Botany in the University of Utrecht, as successor to Prof. Dr A. P u l l e.

Mr J.H. K e r n has been appointed botanist in the Herbarium of the Roy. Botanic Gardens of Indonesia at Buitenzorg; he will arrive there mid-1949.

Dr S. B l o e m b e r g e n has been appointed botanist in the Forest Research Station at Buitenzorg and temp. Lecturer in Botany at the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Indonesia at Batavia.

Prof. Dr C.E.B. B r e m e k a m p has been appointed member of the Roy. Academy of Sc. at Amsterdam.