

this sense to develop unless it takes root in prehension and admiration, in love.

You can have pity on a distorted caricature. For a short time you may be interested in it's caperings and you may admire it's cleverness. You even may fancy that you are beginning to love it, but all the time your heart is really with the other thing: The original.

We are not damning agriculture. We are fully aware of the fact that Humanity cannot do without it under present conditions. And we are distressingly aware of the fact that Agriculture cannot do without Natural History (which is called „ecology” in this connection). The idea that Natural History might have any use for Agriculture, however, is new to us and — if we may say so — dumbfounding.

Editors are by nature optimists. You cannot possibly be optimistic and have three disappointments in succession, without expecting compensations! Here they are:

- a.) Professor Dr. B. POLAK and Mr. S.M. LATIF are joining the board of editors. Miss Polak of course is a botanist of outstanding merit and Mr Latif is an authority on Bahasa Indonesia, as well as an enthusiast propagandist of natural history.
- b.) We are calling attention to a most commendable example, a short discussion of which we insert — under "Korte Mededelingen".

UIT DE AFDELINGEN

MAKASSAR

Het is ons bekend geworden dat de voorzitter van de afdeling Makassar kort na de oprichting van de afdeling werd overgeplaatst. De afdeling liet na de oprichting niets meer van zich horen. Hoe staan de zaken?

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In de loop van Januari zal voorzitter Swanborn uit Nederland terugkeren en de leiding van de afdeling weer op zich nemen. Een versterking van het afdelingsbestuur is noodzakelijk. Eerst dan kan de activiteit van de afdeling worden hervat.