

BOOK REVIEWS
OF PUBLICATIONS RELATED TO BOTANICAL WORK
IN THE NETHERLANDS

STOFFERS, A. L., *The Vegetation of the Netherlands Antilles*. Schakels, Vol. 1962, NA 36, p. 1-32. Published by the Vice Prime Ministers Colonial Department, The Hague.

In this booklet a number of broadcast talks on the vegetation of the Dutch West-Indian Islands have been collected, translated into English. It contains, moreover, excellent photographs.

The chapters give an impression of the great differences between the vegetation of the Windward Islands (St. Maarten, Saba and St. Eustatius) and the Leeward Islands (Aruba, Bonaire and Curaçao). The considerable influence of man is amply discussed. Though the author — an authority on flora and vegetation of this region — addresses himself to the general public rather than to botanists, some of our readers may be interested especially as the booklet is written in English. Free copies are obtainable on request; address: Radiorubriek "Suriname en de Nederlandse Antillen", P.O. Box 115, The Hague, the Netherlands.

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RECENT ADVANCES IN BOTANY. From Lectures and Symposia presented to the IX International Botanical Congress Montreal 1959. 2 Vols. University of Toronto Press 1961, 1766 pp. With preface by D. L. Bailey, Chairman Publications Committee. Price \$ 40.00 set.

These two volumes comprise the Public and General lectures as well as 2000-word résumés of Sectional lectures and Symposium papers which were presented at the IX International Botanical Congress in Montreal, Canada, in August 1959. Citing the preface the two volumes emerge as an exciting prospectus of world botany near the middle of a century that has seen phenomenal advances throughout the whole field. In this respect it is a pity, however, that Russian and E. European botany as well as E. Asiatic botany are only poorly represented in this world-prospectus. Nevertheless we agree with the preface that the volumes may be valuable in directing the attention of research workers to the problems discussed and we only regret that the two volumes are too expensive for the private libraries of the members of this congress.

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