

a species from the Belgian Congo.

The 28th list accounts for 26 new species, with the exception of one, *Lagerstroemia Noei*, from the Korat area. They are all in the family Melastomaceae, and include 1 species of *Melastoma*, 3 of *Oxyspora*, 2 of *Allomorpha*, 3 of *Phaulanthus*, 4 of *Sonerila*, 2 of *Marumia*, 3 of *Melinilla*, and 7 of *Memecylon*. The majority of these novelties come from the Peninsula, or the islands off its coast, a region particularly rich in melastomaceous plants. Miss Geddes is the author of three of these species, the rest are by Professor Craib.

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OBITUARY.

ERYL SMITH.

We record with deep regret the death, on January 25th last, of Mrs. Malcolm Smith, as the result of a motor accident in London.

The Medical Directory gives the following particulars of her medical career:—

“Smith, Mrs. Eryl Malcolm (née Glynn), Glyndyl, Bangor, N. Wales, and Bangkok, Siam—M. B., B. S. Lond. 1918; M. R. C. S. Eng., L. R. C. P. Lond. 1918 (Lond. Sch. Med. Wom.); late att. R. A. M. C. Malta.”

Mrs. Malcolm Smith came out with her husband to Siam in the later part of 1921, and soon identified herself with the Natural History Society of Siam, before which she gave, in August 1922, a demonstration on her favourite subject, ferns. Although keenly interested in all branches of natural history, she worked, while in Siam, chiefly at flowering plants and ferns. The following plants have been named after her:—

Rinorea Smithiae Craib.

Miliusa Smithiae Craib

Begonia Smithiae Geddes

She accompanied her husband on collecting trips to Nakon Sritamarat, P. Siam (1922); Hainan (1923); Bockor, Cambodia (1924); Celebes (1925). On all these trips she collected mostly flowering plants and ferns; but in Hainan she also made a small collection of butterflies, two of which (*Taxila dora hainana* Ril. & Godf., and *Tajuria malcolmii* Ril. & Godf.) proved new to science.

On returning to England in 1926 with her husband, she devoted the whole of her spare time to the study of ferns. On the retirement last year of Mr. C. H. Wright of Kew, who had specialised in ferns, Mrs. Malcolm Smith voluntarily took up the work of identifying the ferns in that Institution.

A paper by her “On a collection of Ferns from Kaw Tao, Surat” was published in Vol. VIII No. 1 of this Supplement. Mrs.

Malcolm Smith had got together a very extensive collection of ferns, covering a great part of Siam, and it had been her intention to publish a list of all those known from this country.

Our sympathies go out to Dr. Malcolm Smith and his young family in their great loss.

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