

correspondence at Kew. Mr J. G. Baker has given me direct help in drawing up the lists of ferns; Mr Mitten in mosses and liverworts; the Rev. J. M. Crombie in lichens, and Dr M. C. Cooke in fungi; and these gentlemen, together with the Rev. M. J. Berkeley, Dr Nylander, the late Professor G. Dickie, and Dr Reinsch, have between them named all the cryptogams. In some instances I have ventured to add references to descriptions, and to give some of the more important synonyms, as well as the distribution of the species; but I have been careful to discriminate between their work and my own in order that they should not suffer from any errors into which I may have fallen. As mentioned elsewhere, Mr Carruthers and Mr Britten spared themselves no trouble in searching through the earlier collections at the British Museum, especially the Sloane Herbarium, for plants coming within the scope of my work; and I may add that more use might have been made of the British Museum collections of Polynesian plants, but as I had to deal with such a very small fragment of the Flora (Admiralty Islands only) it was not thought necessary, especially as Seemann enumerates, in his *Flora Vitiensis*, all the species he met with in the British Museum Herbarium. His work, however, is in a measure supplemented by a number of unpublished lists of comparatively recent collections of insular plants at Kew, partly in the general Introduction, and partly in the Report on the Botany of the South-eastern Moluccas.

“Finally, it gives me much pleasure to mention that Miss Matilda Smith has taken great pains with the drawings made from dried plants, and especially with the dissections of the flowers.

“With regard to the details nothing more need be said here, as everything is explained that seemed to require explanation in the body of the work. I may repeat, however, that full references are given in only one place for such plants as occur in more than one of the florulas contained in each part of the Reports.”

The dates at which the manuscript of the Reports was received by me are stated after the titles in the contents of the volume.

Conte Abate Francesco Castracane is at present engaged in the preparation of a report on the *DIATOMACEÆ* collected at the surface of the ocean and procured from the deep sea deposits. This report will form Part IV. of the Botanical Series. A fifth Part, on the other pelagic algæ of the open ocean, will complete the series.

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