

OUR FIRST PRESIDENT SAYS 'GOOD-BYE'

In retiring as the first President of The Heather Society I think of all those members I have called on in Cheshire, Derbyshire, Lancashire, Yorkshire, Notts, Dorset, Hampshire, Surrey, Bucks, Worcestershire, North Wales, Northern Ireland, and the Isle of Man. Also, I was glad to welcome members on holiday in the Isle of Man and to shew them our heather gardens. Unfortunately, my plans to go to Scotland did not materialise. There were those, too, I met at seven successive annual meetings and the cheerful contingency from far-flung abodes which gathered together at Harlow Car, ~~Ness~~ and Nottingham. Wherever I went I enjoyed chatting with members and seeing their gardens. It was very nice meeting our overseas friends, Doctor and Mrs. Metheny from Seattle and to recall in writing these lines their generous gift of slides.

Of the nursery members I visited there were Mr. Leslie Slinger (Slieve Donard, N. Ireland), who introduced me to *Calluna* 'Tomentosa' twenty years ago; Mr. George Hamer (Chisworth, Cheshire), a remarkable agile man who bubbles over with activity and will talk until every cutting roots; Mr. and Mrs. J.F. Letts and their attractive Windlesham garden; Mr. F.J. Stevens running the old firm of Maxwell and Beale of Corfe Mullen, Dorset; Mr. A. Annabel (Ravenshead, Notts), who gave up a commercial career for professional horticulture; Mr. J.L. Russell, V.M.H. and a Vice-President of the Royal Horticultural Society, with his shrub garden centre in Windlesham; and the Sparkes at Gorcott Hill, who love the simple life in the woodlands which they would not exchange for all the money in Threadneedle Street.

Quite apart from growing heathers, - our main purpose - what I really treasure is the most friendly lot of people I have ever met.

Looking back to 1951 and 1952, on the face of it, a Heather Society seemed a feasible proposition. But to get it started, supported and financed was something quite different. A small band in London on February 20, 1963 founded the Society. It was a momentous meeting and I was glad to have been there.

We owe a lot to the pioneers, the hard work of a cheerful secretary Mrs. C. I. MacLeod; an inspiring lead given by Sir John Charrington; and, later, the valuable botanical research by David McClintock; the editing of an informative Year Book by the great veteran, 'Pat' Patrick - a 'Man of Letters' - (not forgetting Mrs. Harper's editorship); John Ardron's 'spadework' in rallying the northern brigade; Mr. Prew's service in housing and distributing the slides - a painstaking task.

Sometimes a farewell brings sadness; this one brings joy.

Fred J. Chapple.

Report on the Annual General Meeting, May 5th 1971

As on the two previous occasions, the A.G.M. was held at 5 p.m. in the Council Room of the Coal Utilisation Council, at 19 Rochester Row, London S.W.1.

Thirty-eight members attended, nine of them for the first time which was encouraging.

Sir John Charrington was in the chair, and in his welcoming speech told the assemblage that it would be his last, as he was resigning.

Election of the Committee: the three standing down, Mrs. Palmer, Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Nicholson having all expressed their willingness to stand again were duly re-elected. One new nomination, Sqn./Ldr. Alan Taylor, proposed by Mr. Patrick was received and accepted.

The Secretary and Treasurer Mrs. MacLeod then presented her report and the Balance Sheet. Satisfaction was expressed at the healthy financial position that existed. Membership, both single and joint husband/wife was increasing and easily made up for the lost members.

In Item 4, put down as "The President to speak", the chairman explained that since the Agenda was drawn up, he had received news of the resignation of Mr. Chapple and that therefore there was now no President. Upon this, Mr. A.H. Bowerman, one of our Foundation members and for two years a member of the Committee, proposed that Sir John, having vacated the chair at the end of this A.G.M., should be herewith invited to step into the position of President. This was received with applause from the members, upon which Sir John expressed his pleasure in accepting and thanked the members.

The Year's Programme:

In Scotland, a display would be put on at the Royal Highland Show on June 22/25 while in the North, plans were well afoot for a visit to Ness, Wirral, on June 27th, and a week-end Conference at Grantley Hall Adult College near Ripon on August 22/25. Applications from members in other groups to attend the Conference were cordially invited. In the south, plans were less well-formulated: a visit to Windsor Great Park would be arranged at the next Committee Meeting on July 14th. when the new Chairman would be elected.

At this point, under "Any other business" Sir John was about to declare the meeting closed, when the surprise item was divulged. A limited appeal to Foundation members and others who had supported our functions having been launched and well supported, a beautiful decanter and sherry glasses, celebrating the Calluna 'Sir John Charrington' of 1966 had been engraved by Harold Gordon of Forres, Moray, as a parting present to our retiring chairman.

Our Vice-President Mrs. Ronald Gray made the presentation and afterwards, photographs were taken the best of which would be used to illustrate the 1972 Year Book.

After a break for refreshments, conversation and the study of fine pressed specimens, books and papers provided by Mr. McClintock, about half the members went across to the Training Centre, to enjoy in excellent black-out conditions, slides brought by committee members. All were clear of the building soon after 8.30 p.m. thanks being expressed to the C.U.C. caretaker Mr. Day for remaining on duty and to Mrs. Day who saw to the refreshments.

From the Secretary:

Autumn Arrangements in the South.

We are indeed happy to tell our members that Sir Frank Morgan, of Hyde Heath Farm, Amersham, Bucks, has invited us to visit his garden. This will be the first time we have crossed the river for a private garden visit and it should be most welcome to those members in Bucks, Berks and Herts who have found it impossible to get down to the Surrey, Sussex and Kent gardens which we have so often visited.

Sir Frank suggests Saturday, September 4th. which fits in well with our plans. We agreed at the A.G.M. that it was time that we visited Windsor Great Park heather garden again. It would seem an ideal arrangement, particularly for those who come from the south, to make a whole day of it, visiting Windsor Great Park in the morning, taking a picnic lunch or lunching at the Saville Gardens restaurant and then going on to Sir Frank's garden to arrive at about 3 p.m. A glance at the map shows that from Windsor to Amersham is about 30 miles, which should easily be possible. Tea could be booked at one of the tea-houses in the vicinity.

Members who would not wish to go first to Windsor could of course make their way direct to Hyde Heath Farm.

As time is short, the Bulletin having been held up until after the Committee meets, it will be necessary for members who wish to accept Sir Frank's invitation to let me know immediately so that I can send directions for reaching both Windsor Great Park Heather Garden and Sir Frank's, before I leave for the Heather Conference on August 20th.

(My address: Mrs. C.I. MacLeod, Yewtrees, Horley, Surrey RH6.8DF)

On the Tuesday and Wednesday following, that is, on September 7th and 8th, we shall be putting on the usual Calluna Display at the R.H.S. Hall. The Heather Competitions will again be arranged for by the R.H.S. and doubtless will prove as popular as ever. We hope our own members will compete.

Informal garden visits.

Although we know that many members have made happy, informal personal visits to those gardens whose owners' names are "starred" in the Year Book lists, the committee feels that others may be diffident about submitting their names lest their gardens do not bear comparison with others which are bigger and perhaps better. This is not the case at all: enthusiasm and the pleasure of sharing it with others is what matters.

A move has been made by Mr. B.G. London who writes asking any members in Norfolk who would like to welcome visitors to their gardens and to visit others to contact him: Telephone Drayton 141.

Our grouping had of necessity to cover vast areas: thus any one set-up could not possibly function for the whole group. We need other volunteers, throughout the country, to send in their names to the Secretary in the same way as Mr. London has done. These will be published in forthcoming bulletins, thus widening the circle of our acquaintance.

THE SECRETARY TRAVELS

You will have read with regret of the resignation of Mr. Chapple as President, but also with gratitude of his untiring travels and visits to members who might otherwise have felt cut off from the Society's activities.

It is therefore with pleasure that I can now say that I too have gone further afield than the R.H.S. Hall in London! Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. London I drove with them to Norfolk on the Sunday after the A.G.M., visiting on the way Mr. and Mrs. Lacey of Cuffley, Herts, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence of Attleborough, and on the next two days saw several nurseries, that of Mr. Rout a new member at Old Catton, Mr. Le Grice's in North Walsham and Neil Brummage's in Taverham, near to Mr. London's own home. Here I saw the beginnings of another fine garden which in just two years shows Mr. London's wonderful ability as a heather-gardener.

In mid-June I was off on my travels again, to attend the Royal Highland Show at Ingliston near Edinburgh, from June 19/23. The display was put on by our nurseryman-member Mrs. Gordon Black of Sheriffston Gardens, Elgin. I must here explain that such a venture could not have been attempted without Mrs. Black's personal attendance. In London I have the willing co-operation of my Committee members and a few trusty ordinary members who help to man the stand thus relieving Mr. London and me of non-stop attendance. This I could not have in Scotland. I was most grateful to Mrs. Black and her gardener, Mr. Murray.

The display was excellent, though once more I felt that judges show a certain reluctance to give sufficient credit to heathers! We had, besides the fine Sheriffston Gardens plants, some which could never have been on display before, collected on St. Kilda by Mr. R.J. Brien of Pitcairngreen Nursery, Perth. He was given permission to collect callunas on St. Kilda on condition that the plants he would take from cuttings would be the property of the National Trust for Scotland, to be sold only by them and not through ordinary nurseries, the proceeds to go to the St. Kilda Fund. All those he collected, 17 pink and 70 white had the same characteristic prostrate habit, with long curving sprays, evolved during centuries of wind-swept, salt-sprayed conditions. We were shown three, St. Kilda Nos. 17, 56 and 70. No 56, a small white one in full flower easily beating 'Caerketton White' as regards earliness. Another collected on Cape Wrath was only slightly less forward.

I found among the visitors to the stand the same delight and interest that always greet our

heather displays, and we gained five new members. No less gratifying was the fact that 12 existing members signed the Attendance Sheet I provided, though to my great regret I missed Mr. MacFarlane of Kilsyth and Mr. Crabbie of Eddlestone.

Although our Society cannot claim any share in the project, by a most fortunate chance, immediately next to the Flower Show tent, the Scottish Agricultural Colleges put on a demonstration of heather propagation, going through all the stages from the preparation of the cuttings to the complete heather garden, built up with peat blocks. I advised many of our visitors to be certain to visit this exhibit. It was supremely practical, and did not feature mist-propagation, which to be truthful, does not apply to the small private heather garden. Many of us have taken cuttings successfully for years without it.

Now that our Scottish membership has reached 60, we do hope that an active group can be organised, meeting for lectures, borrowing slides, visiting one another's gardens etc. Fife and Renfrewshire together with Dunbartonshire and Glasgow seem to offer the best possibilities. We can help by getting circulars prepared and sent out, but the impulse must come from you. Who will be the organiser?

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I now look forward to my last "peregrination" this year, to the weekend conference, August 20th/22nd at Grantley Hall Adult College, near Ripon, Yorkshire.

Mr. Ardron's latest letter tells me that a few vacancies still exist for the whole week-end at the cost of £5. The programme has just reached me, and we are expected at 6 p.m. to register with the Bursar and to pay the fees, on Friday August 20th. The first lecture will be at 8.30 p.m. that evening, and is entitled "Heathers for all Seasons". Saturday morning is fully occupied mainly on "Propagation". The afternoon is free and many will like to visit the moors. With my personal knowledge of Ripon, I can say that the cathedral is beautiful, and the lovely Fountains Abbey ruins within reach: but this is a heather conference! After tea at 4 p.m. two hours will be spent on a Brains Trust and Discussion. After dinner, the Society's slide library will entertain us. On Sunday morning, from 10 till lunch at 1 p.m. with the coffee break at 11, the talks will be on Maintenance and Garden Design. At 1.45 we leave for Harlow Car, so we must be all packed up and ready to disperse after that, not returning to Grantley Hall.

Mr. Ardron suggests that even if members living near by do not want to attend the whole course, they might like to come daily for some of the sessions. He does not mention fees, but I should think they would be charged. But there is no limitation to the invitation to join us at Harlow Car, for our visit there on Sunday afternoon.

C.I. MacLeod.

THE ROYAL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY. WISLEY TRIALS 1971

The following awards have been made by the Council of the R.H.S. after trial at Wisley.

To cultivars of ERICA CARNEA

As a Winter Flowering and Foliage Plant.

AWARD OF MERIT TO ...

ANN SPARKES ... Raised, introduced and sent by Mr. J.W. Sparkes, Beechwood Nurseries, Gorcott Hill, Beoley, Redditch, Worcs.

PINK SPANGLES ... Raised by Mrs. P.H. Davey; introduced and sent by Messrs. Treseders' Nurseries (Truro) Ltd., The Nurseries, Truro, Cornwall.

To cultivars of ERICA VAGANS

As a Winter Foliage Plant

VALERIE PROUDLEY .. Raised by Mr. Brian Proudley, formerly Aldenham Heather Nursery, Round Bush, near Watford, Herts.; introduced and sent by Aldenham Heather Nursery.

TO USE THE SAME LANGUAGE

Our Heathers are not plagued by so many outlandish names as are suffered by many genera and we should be able to arrive at an agreed standard of pronunciation. But I have tried to cajole, persuade and even entreat some erudite member to write an article for the Year Book, setting down the correct or at least widely accepted, standard of pronunciation and literal translation of the names we use.

But so many languages contribute to the word sources that even learned linguists hesitate to pontify on pronunciation of plant names. So, with the aid of "The Standard Cyclopaedia of Horticulture English Equivalents of Latin" (L.H. Bailey) and A. T. Johnson's "Plant names Simplified", I venture to submit the following glossary for consideration and constructive comment from members.

arborea	ar- <u>bor</u> -e-a	tree-like	X coccinea	kok- <u>sin</u> -e-a	scarlet
argentea	ar- <u>jen</u> -te-a	silvery	gracilis	<u>gras</u> -i-lis (short a)	graceful
aurea	aw- <u>re</u> -a	golden	Praegerae	<u>Praa</u> -ger-ay	of Mrs.
australis	aws- <u>tra</u> -lis	Southern, not		(ae as in baa)	Praeger
	(short a)	Australian	Praegeri	<u>Praa</u> -ger-ee	of Dr. Robt.
alpina	al- <u>pine</u> -a	alpine		(ae as in baa)	Ll. Praeger
	(long i)		Silberschmelze	Silber- <u>schmel</u> -za	molten silver
Beoley	Beeley	village near	speciosum	<u>spee</u> -si- <u>o</u> -sum	showy
		Redditch		(long e long o)	
Bruckenthalia	Bruck-en- <u>ta</u> -lia	(long a & no	tetralix	te- <u>tra</u> -liks	four leafed
		"th" sound in		(all vowels short)	crosswise
		German)	umbellata	um-bel- <u>la</u> -ta	radiating
carnea	<u>kar</u> -ne-a	flesh pink		(long a)	from stem
Cevennes	Se-venn	the French	vulgaris	vul- <u>gar</u> -is (long a)	well known,
		mountains			common
ciliaris	sil-e- <u>ar</u> -is	hair fringed			
		(leaves)			
cinerea	sin- <u>er</u> -e-a	ashen, under			
		leaves			

Watsonii) The genitive singular names ending in ii are heard variously as " i -i "

Williamsii) "ee-ee" "e-i" or "i-e" but Johnson's "Plant names Simplified" throws them all out of the window and boldly pronounces one i only. What do you favour?

Will members please examine these interpretations and advise alternatives preferred? or add any other names to the list. From your correspondence we might well publish a revised list in the Year Book so that we shall more nearly use the same language.

The aim has been to establish conventional English pronunciation rather than Academic, thus coccinea is usually kok-kin-e-a to the Latin scholar, the Rule in English is that c is soft when followed by e, i or y, giving us kok-sin-e-a as usually heard.

All this is written in the spirit of the Chinese proverb :- "If every man confined his observations to subjects on which he was qualified to speak, there would be throughout the world a deathly silence."

J. P. A.

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BOOK REVIEW

Das Heidegardenbuch by Eckart Miessner (V.E.B.Deutscher Landwirtschaftsverlag Berlin; 23 Marks.

The author says he wrote this book because he so enjoyed heath-like gardens that he wanted to interest others in them too. His actual German expression was "Gartenanlagen mit Heidecharakter" and the fact that there seemed no equivalent to the phrase in English emphasises the value and originality of his book. For this is not primarily a book on heaths, the plants, but on all plants that like heathery or moory conditions; and he tells us how to enrich the natural associations there, with all the proper precautions for conservation of plants we might wish to bring in from the wild. In the 223 pages of text are 51 colour plates (some blurred in my copy) and 84 black and whites, many of them of full page size, and 49 drawings. These exemplify the sort of formal layouts and informal groupings he so skilfully describes. Clearly he has the feel of the ecologist, of the man who knows what grows with what, where and why, which is the only sound basis for satisfactory natural, or natural looking, plantings of any sort. Those who consider his choice of plants somewhat limited, must realise he writes not just for German, i.e. Continental climates, but for the even severer East German one. Only a few hardier clones of Erica cinerea can be used (and even there he says are taken from Maxwell & Beale's catalogue) and then only with winter protection. E. ciliaris is unmentioned. But this rigorous experience has practical value here for our own harsher areas. The earlier pages cover every manner of aspects on the philosophy and the practical side of the subject, and the book concludes with 78 pages of discussion of different genera, species and cultivars of plants suitable for these sorts of gardens. That heathers of all sorts - Andromeda, Bruckenthalia, Daboecia and four Ericas - get under a dozen pages is an indication of the breadth of his outlook and the extent to which the interest of a heather garden can be happily extended. He does mention, en passant, Erica "mediterranea", with 'Silberschmelze' as a hardy variety of it, in this following Krüssmann (although he is not included in the bibliography): there is no mention of E. x darjevensis. E. x Williamsii gets a paragraph. He mentions between 40 and 50 cultivars but perhaps this reflects on the paucity of the choice behind the Iron Curtain. I wonder what his E. carnea 'Compacta Alba' and 'Purpurea' are - and I was surprised that he mentioned the pink flowered Calluna 'Elegantissima' with no hint of its tricky tenderness. What a fresh light on life behind the Iron Curtain this agreeable book on so civilised a subject throws! But can we attribute to the difficulty of contact with the West such old errors as calling E. x "Mackaii" the natural hybrid of E. Tetralix x E. ciliaris to be found freely in Spain, Ireland and England, with 'Dawn' as one of its varieties, or ignoring Ireland for E. "mediterranea" where more grows than anywhere else in the world? And whence comes his idea that E. vagans grows wild as far north as Scotland? indeed he assumes that all the early cultivars of the species will have come from the Scottish moors, wherefore, so he claims, it is known as the Scottish Heath. Other slips should have been avoided, such as calling it Calluna 'Searlii' on page 50 and three pages later 'Searlei'; nor should plates have been mis-labelled, e.g. E. ciliaris is twice called E. Tetralix, Rosa rugosa is twice called R. rubiginosa and Lonicera Caprifolium is called L. periclymenum.

But what book is ever error-free? What matters is that this is a thoroughly useful and refreshing book, recommended for all those who can read German, and even those who cannot should get ideas from the plentiful photographs.

D. McClintock.

Heaths and Heathers, Calluna, Daboecia and Erica. Terry L. Underhill. 256 pages.

(David & Charles: £2.50)

Let me say straight away that if any members have not yet got this book, they should certainly do so. There is not one of us who would not find at least something, probably a great deal, of value in it. It is the culmination of the series of standard works on heathers by D.F. Maxwell, A.T. Johnson, F.J. Chapple and D.F. Maxwell & P.S. Patrick, building on the ever-widening basis they provided, bringing the story and facts up to date and extending the

cover. For example, this is the first book in English to include distribution maps of the species, brave enterprise, for an infinity of checking is required to get these accurate. In fact only two are seriously out, that for E. arborea omitting entirely its remarkable areas right into Central Africa - perhaps there was a special map of this which got omitted?; and that for E. "mediterranea" the fact that the plant reaches the south of Spain. The book extends the cover also in its chapter on Heaths in the Glasshouse, an introduction to the growing of Cape Heaths, in which the late Dr. Ronald Gray features happily. Yet another fresh chapter discusses the differing growth forms of heathers and ends with a key to the hardy species. The appendix includes a page on plant collecting and others on the meaning of Latin and cultivar names, and a general glossary.

Otherwise the contents are much as in earlier works, although fuller, freshly written and based on personal knowledge. Here are the history and uses of heathers, planting cultivation, propagation and so on. Just about half the book lists and comments on the various species, hybrids and cultivars of the genera it includes, leaving out very few, but the publishers have done the author, and readers of the book, a dis-service in setting up the text without any clear headings at all to the sections on the different species, a particularly poor piece of layout. For comprehensiveness we have had nothing like this before, although I daresay many of us could add or amend the odd detail. But I wish he had been clearer how to tell similar cultivars apart; and would there had been comments on some of the misnamings prevalent in some sections of the Trade.

Indeed, what defect there is in this book is the odd detail that needs adding or amending. Any author gets easily benumbed by his own text, insensitive to slips and misprints obvious to others, and a compilation, production, such as this, needs vetting by many eyes and advice from a wide circle of friends and sources. Nevertheless, these errors can be readily and unobtrusively corrected in the next edition, and meanwhile the essence of the book remains excellent. It has already had the compliment of a quite remarkably large print order, which I hope will soon be exhausted, not only because irritating inaccuracies can the sooner be eliminated, but much more because it fills an important gap very well indeed.

D. McClintock.

FROM YOUR LETTERS

1. This is a letter I have had in my files since last December, but a good idea never grows stale. Mr. Tunncliffe of Nottingham wrote, too late for the autumn Bulletin, the following:

"I would be grateful if you would consider publication of the following in the Bulletin:

May I make an earnest plea that the articles and letters appearing in the bulletins be reprinted in the Year Book. And may I ask that the Year Book be enlarged to accommodate them.

Many of the articles and Members' Forum contributions are worthy of permanent record. The Bulletins, welcome though they are, become a growing pile of papers that never lend themselves to the same ease of handling or invite repeated reference. They have a habit of finishing off all over the place, read and appreciated on the day of arrival and then put "safely" away in their envelopes. The Bulletins serve an excellent purpose in keeping us together and bridging the months, but how nice it would be, I submit, if at the year's end we could have just one cherished record of all that has been of interest. A Year Book section entitled "The Best of the Bulletins" would achieve just that."

Now, how would we set about this? Who is to decide what is the best? By a referendum? Shall we invite our members this time to write in to the Editor, not their own experiences as we did last year, but what they have most enjoyed or found most useful in the Bulletins? And how far back would they suggest that we go? We are now on No. 13, but new members have received perhaps only two.

I must leave the decision to you. To have a source of ready material would certainly make Mr. Patrick's task much simpler, but would the long-standing members who have looked

after their past Bulletins and do refer to them not find repeats of past articles boring?

As regards an increase in size: at one time we were told that the Year Book had reached its limit in size for stapling, and that the next size would mean sewing, a very much more expensive affair.

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2. Mrs. Shirley Flanagan of West Cornwall writes:

"In reply to Mrs. C. Richards of Church Stretton, I have found that bracken put in the spaces between heathers has helped me to get rid of stone-crop, and other weeds pull up more easily."

I replied to Mrs. Flanagan, telling her that Mr. London had said on no account should one use dry bracken. The spores will germinate and before long, it is an infestation of bracken that will need to be dealt with.

3. Mr. H. J. van de Laar of Boskoop writes to tell me that there is a newly formed Dutch Heather Society called "Eri cultura" and that their first Bulletin, called "Mededelingenblad" has been published.

We wish the new Society well and hope that there will still be sufficient in ours to make our Dutch members remain with us, while joining their own. Affiliation is of course possible, but only one copy of the Year Book and one copy of our Bulletins would be available. How many "affiliated members" ask to be sent either the R.H.S. Journal or the Northern Gardener which I hold! A great many prefer to be Fellows in their own right; hence too, the very few requests I get for Chelsea or Great Autumn Show tickets.

4. Mrs. Pamela Harper writes from the U.S.A. that she and son Nick will be in England for another short visit in July and August, when some of us hope to be able to meet her. Her next move will be to Virginia where we know she will continue to make the same success both as gardener and writer as she has done in Connecticut and Maryland. We shall look forward to hearing more from her about her new experiences.

5. Finally, a letter from Mr. Patrick :

"Soon I shall have to start writing to people for contributions to the 1972 Year Book. I should like one article at least on Cape Heaths by a knowledgeable grower, amateur or pro. Please make mention of this in the next Bulletin, an article and black and white prints (not necessarily connected) on any heathery subject at home or overseas. Prints will be looked after and carefully returned.

New Members March 31st -- July 14th

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Mr. & Mrs. F.A. Parfitt, Lingmill, Branscombe Close, Colyford, Colyton, Devon.

Maj. & Mrs. H.F. Parker, Torlochan, Gruline, Isle of Mull, Argyll, Scotland.

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