

DEDICATED TO BRIAN LAURENCE BURTT IN CELEBRATION OF HIS NINETIETH BIRTHDAY

This Festschrift also pays tribute to his numerous (c.450) wide-ranging publications, the first dating from 1932, and the very great influence he has had on the scientific work of the Royal Botanic Garden since he came to Edinburgh from Kew in 1951.

His retirement from the scientific staff of the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh in the mid-1970s signalled the start of another period of much botanical productivity and wise guidance to younger botanists.

The Garden and the international botanical community owe 'Bill' Burtt a huge debt of gratitude for over 70 years of contributions to botanical knowledge and his long-term encouragement of taxonomic research in Edinburgh and elsewhere.

'Intellectual eminence and scholarship sublime' W. S. Gilbert