

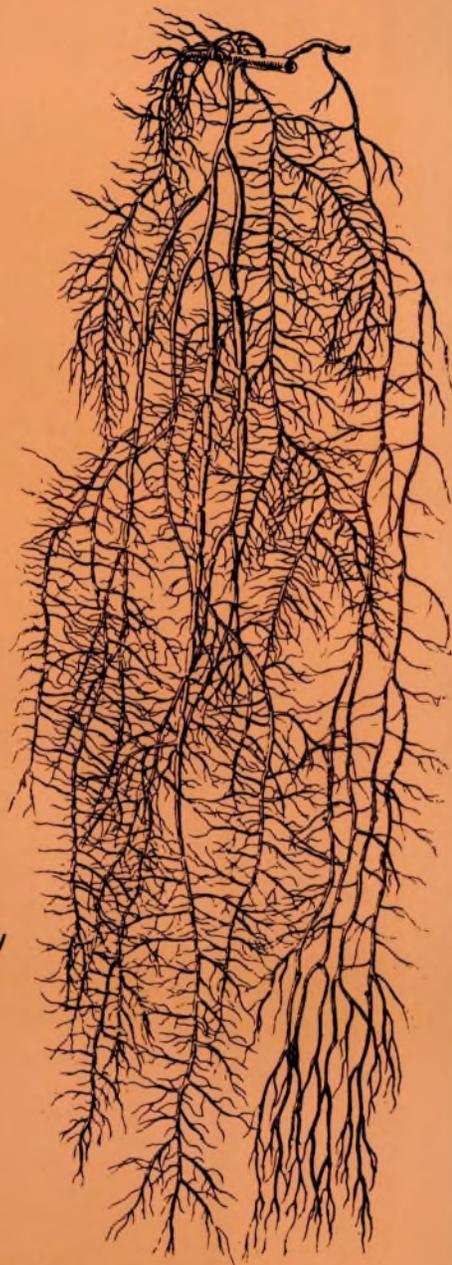
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flustered in any situation. She suffered for years from asthma and from trouble with her neck vertebrae, but always made light of her personal health. She was a rather reserved person about herself, but took a great interest in all her friends, young and old, who enjoyed her warm hospitality at Ford. She took part in the BLS excursion to Brittany in 1970, where her knowledge of French and her tactful manner were as valuable to the party as her knowledge of and enthusiasm for the lichens we found.

She also studied lichens in Italy, where she found Parmeliella atlantica new to Italy near Siena, which I was later able to re-find in or close to her locality. She spent much time in the British Museum working through her collections after field trips. Her microscopes and books have been bequeathed to the B.L.S.

FRANCIS ROSE

E. C. WALLACE: An appreciation

With the recent death of E. C. (Ted) Wallace at the age of 77 the BLS lost one of its founder members and a leading amateur botanist of our time. His knowledge of flowering plants was immense, of bryophytes encyclopedic. It was matched by the detailed trouble he took to help inquirers and the generosity with which he imparted his knowledge to them. Endowed with an equable temperament, a natural friendliness, a quiet though decisive manner of speaking, and an unswerving dedication to botany, Ted enjoyed the friendship - and indeed the esteem - of professional as well as amateur botanists throughout the world. The Linnean Society awarded him the Bloomer Medal in 1965.

An only child, Ted was born on 12 February 1909 at Blackfriars, in London, and when he was 2 the family moved to Sutton, Surrey, where he remained for the rest of his life. Leaving Sutton County School at 16, he went into W. H. Smith's, the newsagents. Apart from war service in a technical capacity in the Royal Air Force (when he visited India and Burma) he remained in that firm till he retired at 65. He never married.

At the age of 5 Ted became interested in wild flowers, and when he was 10 he turned his attention to bryophytes. All his life he enjoyed strenuous walking, and he loved especially the Scottish Highlands, acquiring a detailed knowledge of their topography and flora. Though his knowledge of the vascular plants was remarkable, it was as a bryologist that Ted had an international reputation. But it was based, alas, almost entirely on the riches he poured out in letters to inquiring friends - the leading bryologists of the day - or by the loan to them of specimens he had collected. For Ted published little himself. As a co-author of the Census Catalogue of British Mosses he made an invaluable contribution to bryology; there were also a few shorter papers. On lichens he did not publish, but he attended a number of field meetings of the BLS as well as the inaugural meeting in 1958. In addition he often went on short field trips with lichenological friends. But lichens remained a subordinate interest to bryophytes. Even so he collected several thousand specimens, mostly macrolichens, and he bequeathed these to the Society.

For many years Ted cared for his ageing mother in Sutton, and his travels were restricted in consequence. After she died he got about more, and in his later years he travelled abroad a great deal, visiting Asia, Australasia, and America as well as many parts of Europe. He enjoyed the BLS meeting in Tenerife in 1978.

A day in the field with Ted was always a happy experience. He was unruffled by adversity (and generally by human perversity too), and he inspired his companions with an enthusiasm, based on profound knowledge, for long walks over hill and dale as well as long pauses with the handlens by a tree, a bridge, or a hedgebank. The inspiration of his life was contact with nature. He loved its diversity and its inter-relationships. The minute differences between one plant and another were all fitted together in his mind to form a living tapestry. The understanding of a pattern exhilarated him, and thereby he gained some insight into the meaning of life itself.

T. D. V. SWINSCOW

LICHEN SOCIETY GREETINGS CARD

Sphaerophorus globosus

There are still a few of these cards left. The unusual and attractive design is in black and white surrounded by a blue border. These cards are produced by Claire Dalby exclusively for the BLS, and are blank inside so that they may be used for any occasion. They are sold with envelopes in packets of 10 at £3.00 post free. Proceeds go to the British Lichen Society, to which cheques should be made payable. When ordering by post, send to Mrs A. M. D'Dare,
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