

### WHAT SHOULD BE THE NAME OF THIS BULLETIN ?

Ever since the beginning of this Bulletin, it has been felt that the name, as it stands at present, is much too long and should be shortened to one, or at most two words. This shortened title will make it very convenient when references will have to be given to articles published in the Bulletin.

Adoption of such a short name for our Bulletin, would not mean the suppression of the present title ; the latter could go as a sub-title, printed in smaller types than the one-word name, which would go in large block letters at the head of the front or title page of the Bulletin.

The editor would welcome suggestions on the subject, from officers of the Botanical Survey of India or from other Indian botanists.

The name that is being contemplated could be one of the following types :

(a) The name of a distinguished Indian botanist, with or without one or more vowels at the end, to give such a name the appearance of Latin. In this fashion such names as *Lloydia*, *Brittonia*, *Webbia*, *Blumea*, etc. have been constructed. As the main subject of study of the Botanical Survey of India is Systematic Botany, the man to be honoured by the name of our Bulletin should, if possible, be a distinguished Plant Taxonomist.

(b) We could use the scientific generic name of one of our Indian plants, such as *Nymphaea*, *Saraca*, *Adhatoda*, etc.

(c) Or we could use the vernacular or sanscrit name of the plant, thus *Ashok*, *Kamal*, *Razna*, *Chirata*, etc. The plant to be selected should be indigenous in India, and also worthy of attention on account of its beauty, or of its value in medicine, or in social or religious usage.

(d) A name may be made up arbitrarily, provided that the meaning of the component parts is clear, that it is not too long, nor too difficult to spell or to pronounce ; hybrids, that is to say, words made up from two different languages, should be avoided.

The Editor will be grateful for suggestions along these or similar lines.

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