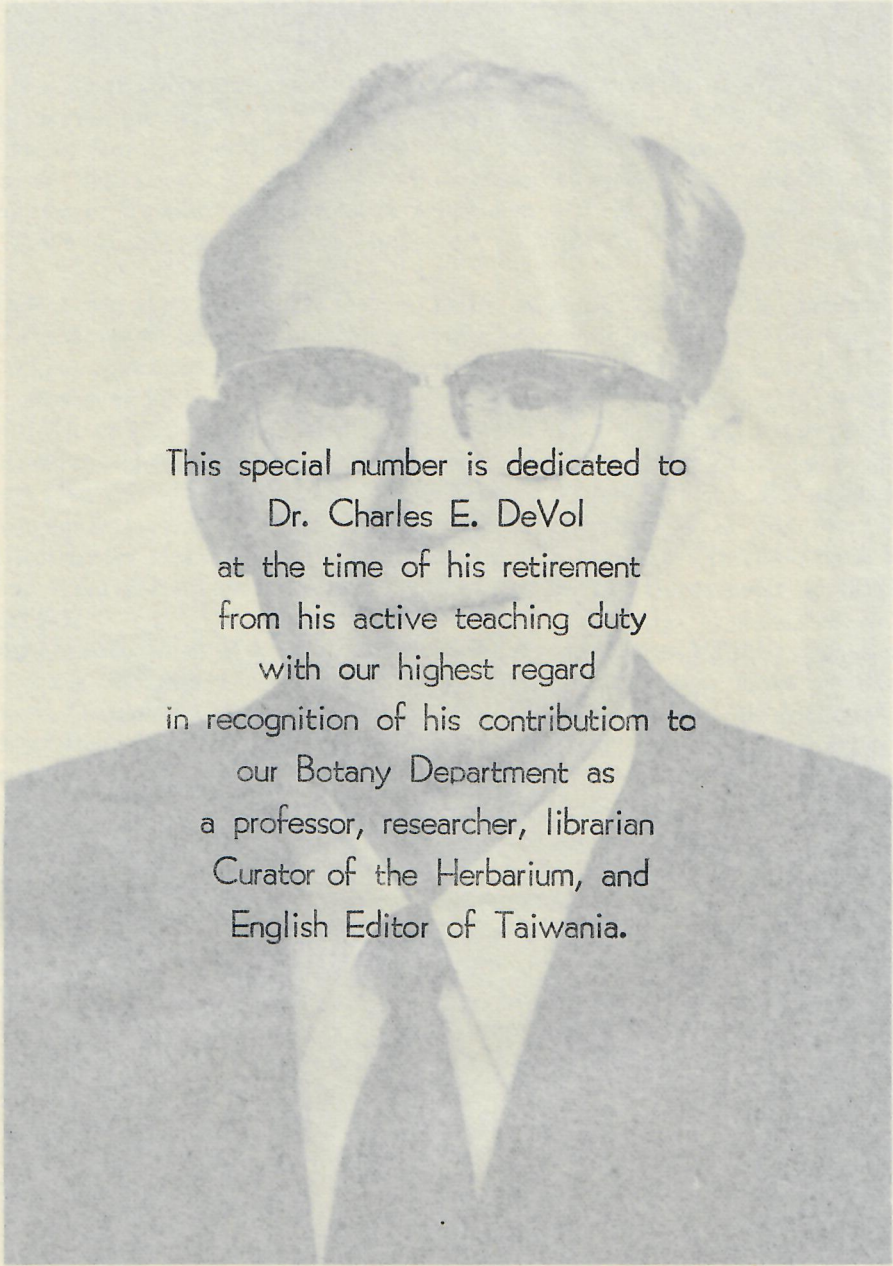


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Memorial issue to
Dr. Charles E. DeVol
on his retirement
from active teaching
in August, 1973.

A black and white portrait of Dr. Charles E. DeVol, a man with glasses, wearing a suit and tie. The portrait is centered on the page and serves as a background for the text.

This special number is dedicated to
Dr. Charles E. DeVol
at the time of his retirement
from his active teaching duty
with our highest regard
in recognition of his contribution to
our Botany Department as
a professor, researcher, librarian
Curator of the Herbarium, and
English Editor of *Taiwania*.

Portrait of Dr. Charles E. DeVol, 1973



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CHARLES E. DEVOL

This is a brief statement regarding the life of Dr. Charles E. DeVol, who is one of our senior professors in the Department of Botany at NTU. Dr. DeVol is going to retire from his active teaching duty this coming August, he will then remain in our department on the research staff to complete his research on the "Pteridophytes of Taiwan" because he is serving as one of the editorial members for the "Flora of Taiwan" project sponsored by US-China scientific cooperative program.

Dr. DeVol was born on Oct. 2, 1903 in Luho, Kiangsu, China. His parents belonged to the Friends Church and were stationed there as medical doctors. His primary school education was mostly received in China: in Kuling, Shanghai and Nanking. However he received his AB in 1926 from Marion College, Marion, Indiana; and MA in 1939 and Ph. D in 1946 from Indiana University. In July 28, 1926, he was married to Leora Van Matre, and went to China as a missionary under the Friends Church, where he taught in the Friends Academy, Luho, Ku. from 1932 to 1949, whenever he was in China. His academic experience is as follows: Professor of Botany in Marion College from 1928 to 1931, from 1937 to 1939, from 1944 to 1945, and from 1949 to 1957, he then came to the Botany Department of NTU in September 1957.

During his association with us in the Botany Department of NTU, he has offered several courses including: General Botany, Plant Morphology, Plant Anatomy, Microbiology, Taxonomy of Pteridophytes and of the Grasses. He has been in charge of seminars and been a graduate student adviser (see Table 1). Since he was born and grew up in China, his spoken Chinese is excellent, and much better than most of our Botany professors. He offers his courses in a clear and orderly way. They are well organized so his students can easily grasp the materials he presents. I have always been confronted with a difficulty in finding enough laboratory assistants for him, as usually more than a hundred students wanted to take his microbiology laboratories, although there are several microbiologists in NTU. In addition to teaching, he has served our department as Librarian, Curator of the Herbarium and English Editor of our Botany Journal "Taiwania". The number of our books and journals have been increased from year to year because of the donation of his salary to purchase books. The English in our "Taiwania" has been improved greatly by his editorial assistance.

Dr. DeVol also offered scholarships for students of Botany. Not only has he made these academic contributions, his Christian life and conduct has greatly affected and improved the moral standards of everyone working around him—He gives his best to others.

Dr. DeVol has held membership in the American Fern Society, British Fern Society, AIBS, and AAAS. In 1958, Dr. DeVol cooperated with Dr. A. N. Steward of the University of Nanking in the preparation of the Flora of the Lower Yangtze Valley and wrote the section on the Pteridophytes. Other publications are listed in Tables 2 and 3.

Table 1. Students who obtained their MS. degrees from Charles E. DeVol.
Chien-chang Hsu, (許建昌), 1961. The Paniceae of Formosa. Co-advisor with Dr. T. S. Liu.

- Chao-shieung Feung, (馮朝勳), 1962. The *Athyrium* of Taiwan.
- Tsang-pi Chang, (張蒼碧), 1966. Studies on thermal algae of Taiwan.
- Charles Shi-chung Chang, (張世重), 1972. The effects of chewing betel nut on the mouth and on oral bacteria.
- Wen-hwei Hsui, (許文輝), 1972. Use of fluorescent antibody techniques to define mating reactions in the Basidiomycetes. Co-advisor with Dr. S.H. Wang.
- Chen-meng Kou, (郭城孟), 1973. The Thelypteridaceae of Taiwan.
- Tai-ying Yang, (楊台英), 1973. The anatomy of *Isoetes taiwanensis*. Co-advisor with Dr. Su-Hwa Tsai Chiang.
- Cynthia Shan-yuan Liang, (梁上元), 1973. Identification of fungi obtained from mushroom composts. Co-advisor with Prof. Bao-yu Yang.
- Nancy Hsiau-mann Ho, (何小曼), 1973. Mucorales from Yang Ming Shang. Co-advisor with Prof. Bao-yu Yang.

Table 2. Botanical papers written by Charles E. DeVol.

1. A new fern from Lushan. Lingnan Sci-Journ., **21**: 79-81, 1945, Pl. 5.
2. Ferns and fern allies of East-Central China. Musee Heude Notes Bot. Chin., **7**: 1-154, 1945.
3. *Ceratopteris deltoidea* disappears from the type locality. Amer. Fern Journ., **46**: 131-133, 1956.
4. The geographic distribution of *Ceratopteris pteridoides*. Amer. Fern Journ., **47**: 67-72, 1957.
5. A key to the genera of the pteridophytes found on Taiwan and adjacent areas. Quart. Journ. Taiwan Mus., **12**: 55-65, 1959.
6. The Gleicheniaceae of Taiwan and adjacent areas. Taiwania, **7**: 17-31, 1960.
7. Additional observations on the Gleicheniaceae of Taiwan. Taiwania, **9**: 93-94, 1963.
8. Some new records for Taiwan. Taiwania, **9**: 95, 1963.
9. The pteridophyta of Taiwan. Taiwania, **10**: 89-104, 1964.
10. Unexpected new finds on Taiwan. Taiwania, **10**: 151-154, 1964.
11. The pteridophyta of Taiwan-2, Lycopodiaceae. Taiwania, **11**: 41-55, 1965.
12. The pteridophyta of Taiwan-3, Selaginellaceae. Taiwania, **12**: 65-90, 1966.
13. The pteridophyta of Taiwan-4, The aquatic ferns of Taiwan. Taiwania, **13**: 1-12, 1967.
14. *Selaginella* stem anatomy and additional notes on Taiwan species. Taiwania, **13**: 13-14, 1967.
15. The pteridophyta of Taiwan-5, Hymenophyllaceae: *Trichomanes*. Taiwania **14**(1): 89-132, 1968.
16. The pteridophyta of Taiwan-6, Hymenophyllaceae: *Hymenophyllum*. Taiwania, **15**(2): 271-299, 1970.
17. *Isoetes* found on Taiwan. Taiwania, **17**(1) 1-7, 1972.
18. The *Plagiogyria* of Taiwan. Taiwania, **17**(3): 277-292, 1972,
19. A correction for *Isoetes taiwanensis* DeVol, Taiwaia, **17**(3): 304-305, 1972.

Table 3. Botanical Papers by M. T. Kao and C. E. DeVol

1. Notes on "The woody flora of Taiwan". Taiwania, **9**: 97, 1963.
2. The Primulaceae of Taiwan. Taiwania, **15**(1): 51-72, 1970.
3. The Gesneriaceae of Taiwan. Taiwania, **17**(2): 142-169, 1972.
4. The Valerianaceae of Taiwan. Taiwania, **18**(2); 1973, (in press).
5. The Campanulaceae of Taiwan. Taiwania, **18**(3): 1973, (in press).