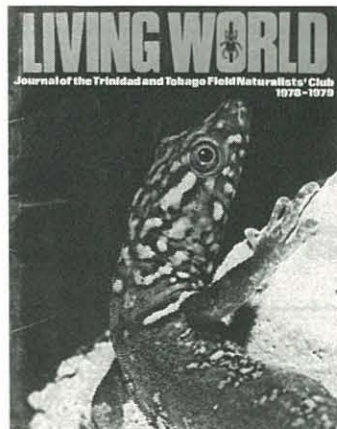

Editorial⁴

WITH this issue we redeem two promises made in the previous issue. We publish an article on the guava especially for those biology students who study it as a part of their syllabus, and it will be followed by other articles similarly catering to the needs of biology teachers and students. We publish, too, an article *What is an endangered plant?* as a contribution to the conservation debate and a spur to action.

We are conscious of the need to publish material that will help local naturalists to identify the plants and animals of their native land and in this issue there are three such articles, one on chitons, and two on butterflies. The remaining articles cover a wide range of topics and there is surely something for everyone.

In the 1977 issue we published a photograph of Theodore Roosevelt and two companions in front of the Oropouche Cave in 1911 with a plea from Dr. Julian Kenny for information about the visit and the men. Subsequently, Dr. Peter Bacon was able to supply some details (published in the 1978-1979 issue) when he discovered an article by Roosevelt himself describing the trip and stating that his three companions were "F.W. Urich, the entomologist, G.B. Rorer, the mycologist, and the solicitor-general, Archer Warner". Roosevelt misspelt an unfamiliar name for the solicitor-general in question as Aucher Warner. We can now complete the story by stating that Urich took the photograph, Warner is the person standing to the right of Roosevelt and Rorer is the person kneeling on one knee in front of them.

Though we try to make each issue free from error, errors nevertheless occur and our preceding issue intended to span the years 1979-1980 masqueraded as 1978-1979. With this issue for the years 1981-1982 therefore we maintain our biennial publication schedule. However, articles from the preceding issue should be cited as from *Living World* 1978-1979.



Cover story

FRONT COVER: Three stages in the life history of the butterfly *Dynastor macrosiris*. Top: Adult. Bottom left: Fourth-instar larva. Bottom right: Pupa. See article by F.C. Urich and J.O. Boos, p. 34. (First published photographs of larva and pupa — Photos by Hans Boos.)

BACK COVER: *Heliconia hirsuta*, a common forest plant. See article on Flowering Behaviour of Trinidad plants by V.C. Quesnel, p. 48. (Photo by V.C. Quesnel.)

The Trinidad and Tobago Field Naturalists' Club

THE Trinidad Field Naturalists' Club was founded on the 10th July 1891. Its name was changed to the present one in 1974.

The objects of the club are to bring together persons interested in the study of natural history, the diffusion of the knowledge thereof and the conservation of nature.

At present the club has an enrolment of over four hundred members comprised of nature-lovers and professional and amateur naturalists.

Monthly lecture meetings are held at the St. Mary's College on the second Thursday of the month while field excursions are held on the last Sunday of each month, except December, when no official club activities are organized.

Membership is open to all residents of Trinidad and

Tobago, of at least fifteen years of age, who subscribe to the objects of the club. The club also maintains an overseas mailing-list.

The club's management committee is: Ian Lambie, President; Frankie Farrell, Vice President; Victor Quesnel, Honorary Secretary; Mary Alkins, Honorary Assistant Secretary; John Hilton, Honorary Treasurer; David Rooks, John Seyjagat, Linda Ahwai. Its editorial committee is: Julian Duncan, Richard French and Victor Quesnel.

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