

of Johns Hopkins University, and Mr. H. H. York, of Columbia University; Ecological Botany, by Dr. E. N. Transeau, of Alma College, and Microscopic Methods, by Mrs. Davenport.

Among the improvements at the laboratory is a new fire-proof dormitory and dining hall, which is promised by the opening of the session. This building is a gift to the laboratory by Mrs. E. G. Blackford as a memorial to Mr. Blackford, the first president of the board of managers of the laboratory.

The laboratory fee, including all privileges, is \$30. Board and room costs from \$6 a week up. The investigations carried on at the laboratory deal principally with an analytical study of the bionomics of plants and animals of the harbor and surrounding country.

Copies of the announcement may be obtained on application to the director, Dr. C. B. Davenport, Station for Experimental Evolution, Cold Spring Harbor, Long Island, N. Y.

Mrs. E. G. Blackford has given to the Biological Laboratory of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences at Cold Spring Harbor, Long Island, a building in memory of her husband, who was the prime mover in the establishment of the scientific community at that place, which includes the Station for Experimental Evolution, Carnegie Institution; The Biological Laboratory of the Brooklyn Institute, and the New York State Fish Hatchery. Mr. Blackford was the first president of the board of managers of the biological laboratory, from 1888 until his death in December, 1904. The building, which will cost \$10,000, will be furnished by Mr. Blackford's daughters. The building will be constructed of reenforced concrete. The main floor contains an assembly room, 32 x 29 feet; a dining room, 32 x 49 feet, and a kitchen and pantry, 20 x 36 feet. The dining room and the adjoining veranda, 18 x 28 feet, command a fine view of the harbor. The second and third floors will be devoted to dormitory purposes.

TESTIMONIAL TO DR. J. BRIQUET.

IN view of the great services rendered by Dr. J. Briquet during the International Botanical Congress of Vienna in questions of nomenclature, a number of members of the congress decided to organize an international demonstration in his honor, and a committee consisting of the following members was formed: Messrs. N. L. Britton, T. Durand, A. Engler, Ch. Flahault, J. W. C. Goethart, H. Harms, H. Hua, C. F. O. Nordstedt, E. Perrot, D. Prain, C. Schröter, O. Stapf, W. Trelease, H. M. Ward, E. Warming, R. v. Wettstein and J. N. Wille.

A circular letter issued by the foregoing body resulted in the subscription of a sum amounting to 2,615 kronen, from the following sources:

	Kronen.
Belgium (by T. Durand).....	94
British East Indies (by D. Prain).....	54
Denmark (by E. Warming).....	102
Germany (by A. Engler and H. Harms)....	372
France (by Ch. Flahault and H. Hua).....	534
Great Britain (by O. Stapf).....	203
Italy (O. Mattiolo).....	10
Holland (by J. W. C. Goethart).....	60
Norway (by J. N. Wille).....	40
Austria and Hungary (by R. v. Wettstein) ..	397
Russia (by A. de Jacewski).....	63
Sweden (by C. F. O. Nordstedt).....	41
Switzerland (by C. Schröter and E. Burnat) ..	242
United States of America (by N. L. Britton and W. Trelease).....	403
Total	2,615

The funds thus obtained were devoted to the purchase of a gold watch with congratulatory inscription in addition to a cheque for 2,000 francs for the furtherance of Dr. Briquet's scientific work and an illuminated address, as a grateful recognition of his labors on behalf of botanists.

The presentation afforded the occasion for a friendly gathering in Geneva on January 13, 1906, arranged by MM. E. Burnat and P. Chenevard; Mr. C. Schröter made the presentation in the name of the committee.

JAMES MILLS PEIRCE.

THE Faculty of Arts and Sciences of Harvard University has adopted the following

minutes on the life and services of the late Professor Peirce:

"The Faculty of Arts and Sciences desire to put on record their sense of the great loss which they have sustained in the death of Professor James Mills Peirce.

"Born in Cambridge within sound of the College bell, a member of the faculty of Harvard College at twenty, serving for nearly fifty years, not as teacher merely, but successively as secretary of the academic council, as dean—and almost as father—of the graduate school, and as dean of the faculty of arts and sciences, he spent the whole of a long life in and for the university.

"He was an admirable teacher, steeped in his subject, not buried in it, and always in close sympathy with his students, to whom he was ever a generous and inspiring friend. Broad-minded and many sided, his scholarship was of that wide, human kind which unites learning with recognition of every accomplishment of grace of life, with interest in every intellectual problem, and with good will to every earnest man. All his work was characterized by thoroughness and finish, and by a kind of fervid loyalty. He had a high and large conception of academic freedom, and, in age as in youth, he looked forward and not back. Of a peculiarly lovable nature, courteous and kindly, he was known to all who met him for his friendly greeting, his earnest speech, at once measured and impetuous, and his scorn of everything narrow, or crooked, or mean."

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS.

NOTICE has been received that Professor Theodore W. Richards has been designated by the German government as Harvard visiting professor at the University of Berlin for the academic year 1906-7. Professor Richard's term of service will probably fall in the second semester.

DR. THOMAS A. JAGGAR, Jr., professor of geology at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and assistant professor at Harvard University, sailed for Europe on April 12 to visit the scene of the present eruption

of Vesuvius. His special object is to study volcanic phenomena along certain lines of observation which he followed at Mt. Pelée in 1902, and to make a collection of rocks, volcanic deposits and photographs. Professor Jaggar has undertaken this expedition at the request of Mr. Alexander Agassiz, and has been granted six weeks' leave of absence for the purpose.

DR. WILLIAM H. WELCH, professor of pathology at the Johns Hopkins University, has been elected an honorary member of the *Gesellschaft der Aertze* of Vienna.

PRESIDENT WILLIAM F. SLOCUM, of Colorado College, has been elected a member of the board of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching in succession to the late President Harper.

THE title of emeritus professor of zoology has been conferred by the University of London on Professor E. Ray Lankester, director of the British Museum of Natural History.

THE Paris Geographical Society has awarded a gold medal to Major C. H. D. Ryder for his geographical work in connection with the Tibet Mission.

WE learn from *The Harvard University Gazette* that the Société Asiatique of Paris recently elected Professor Charles Rockwell Lanman, of Harvard, an honorary member. The society was founded in 1821, and its honorary list numbers twenty-nine. At the same meeting, the like distinction was conferred upon the assyriologists, Delitzsch of Berlin and Pinches of the British Museum, Rhys Davids, the historian of Buddhism, the Sanskritist Pischel of Berlin, and the well-known Bible critic, Wellhausen. The Royal Society of Sciences of Göttingen, Prussia, founded 1751, has also elected Professor Lanman to membership. Four other Americans now share the same honor: Mr. Alexander Agassiz and Professor Gross, of Harvard, Professor Simon Newcomb, of Washington, and Professor Penfield, of Yale.

PROFESSOR RAPHAEL MELDOLA, F.R.S., professor of chemistry at Finsbury Technical College, has been made an *Officier de l'Instruction*