

tant at Havana. A committee on an ecological survey appointed by the Illinois Academy of Science, of which Dr. Forbes is chairman, is associated with this work in an advisory capacity, and the members of the committee will share in its investigations. The station is equipped with a floating laboratory, a gasoline launch and the various apparatus necessary for aquatic collection and investigation. It is the intention of the management to open the station to biological and ecological investigators during the summer of 1910.

THE third meeting of the permanent commission of the International Seismological Association will take place August 30 to September 4, at Zermatt, Switzerland.

THROUGH the kindness of Professor Lambrecht and Dr. Davies, of the University of Leipzig, arrangements have been made for a special room for Americans who visit the celebration at the 500th anniversary of the founding of Leipzig University. This room is at the Goldner Bär, Universität Strasse 11. Americans should register at this place and they will here be given any information that they need for the celebration.

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AMONG gifts to Yale University announced at the recent commencement were \$100,000 to establish a John Sloane memorial fund for the increase of salaries and two gifts of \$20,000 each towards the establishment of a professorship of education. It is further announced that a compromise has been effected in the case of the will of Frederick C. Hewitt, by which the university will receive \$400,000.

THE Drapers' Company have renewed their grant of £2,000 (£400 a year for five years) to the department of applied mathematics in London University under Professor Karl Pearson, thus enabling the research work in statistics and in the biometric laboratory to be continued and extended. The Mercers' Company have made a grant of £500 to the department of physiology.

THE new Institute of Physiology at University College, London, was opened on June 17 by Mr. Haldane, the secretary of state for war.

DR. HENRY B. WARD, of the University of Nebraska, has accepted a professorship of zoology in the University of Illinois.

DR. RAYMOND H. STETSON, of Beloit College, has been appointed professor of psychology at Oberlin College.

DR. FRANK N. FREEMAN, who for the past year has held the traveling fellowship in philosophy and psychology from Yale University, has been appointed instructor in educational psychology in the University of Chicago.

MR. CLINTON R. STAUFFER, A.M. (Ohio State) has been appointed instructor in geology in Western Reserve University.

PROFESSOR CHARLES E. DECKER, now in the graduate school of the University of Chicago, has been appointed instructor in biology and geology at Allegheny College for the coming year.

APPOINTMENTS and promotions in the St. Louis University School of Medicine are announced as follows: Dr. M. F. Engman has been made professor of dermatology in place of Dr. John H. Duncan, resigned. Drs. J. W. Marchildon, J. J. Honwink and R. D. Carman have been advanced from instructors to assistant professors of bacteriology, dermatology and "roentgenology," respectively.

DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE

"THE DAYLIGHT SAVING BILL"

TO THE EDITOR OF SCIENCE: The reference to the bill in SCIENCE for June 18, 1909, page 973, in the interesting letter of "T. C. M." is not quite accurate. The bill was introduced in the Indiana legislature and provided that the ratio of the circumference to the diameter of the circle should be exactly three to one. It was referred to "The Committee on Swamp Lands." The introducer of the bill evidently had never heard of π , and if he had, would probably have considered it a symbol of traditional New England breakfast dish.

The published report of the hearings before the special committee of parliament on the "Daylight Saving Bill," from which the