

our next meeting at the Missouri Botanical Garden, in connection with the twenty-fifth anniversary celebration of the Garden. This celebration will be held Thursday, October 15, and Friday, October 16. It is planned to have a meeting of the Botanists of the Central States for the reading of papers and the transaction of business on Saturday, October 17. It is believed that this meeting, combined as it is with the very important celebration of the Botanical Garden, will be one of the most important meetings of American botanists within recent years.

Members desirous of presenting papers at this session should send to the undersigned as soon as possible the titles of such papers, indicating also the time and facilities needed for their presentation. Such titles must be in the hands of the undersigned by October 1, since it is the intention to mail the final program of the meeting by October 5.

Through the courtesy of the director, Dr. George T. Moore, it is learned that the Botanists of the Central States are to be the guests of the Missouri Botanical Garden at luncheon on Saturday, October 17.

HENRY C. COWLES,
Secretary

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SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

DR. FRIEDERICH VON MÜLLER, professor of medicine at Munich, has been elected rector of the university for the year 1914-15.

DR. GUSTAV A. SCHWALBE, professor of anatomy at Strassburg, celebrated on August 1, his seventieth birthday.

THE sixth session of the Macbride Lakeside Laboratory has closed after a successful summer's work. The teaching staff this year was as follows: In botany, Professor Thomas H. Macbride, acting director, James E. Gow, of Coe College, and A. F. Ewers, of McKinley High School, St. Louis; in geology, J. E. Carman, University of Cincinnati; in zoology, T. C. Stephens, Morningside College, and Wayne Hagan, Clinton High School. L. H. Pammel, of Ames, and B. H. Bailey, of Coe College, gave special courses of lectures.

THE American Fisheries Society will hold its forty-fourth annual meeting in Washington, D. C., from September 30 to October 3, at the new National Museum building. The program includes papers on aquatic biology, parasites and diseases of fishes, utilization of fisheries products, fish culture and commercial fisheries. The society numbers over 700 members. Professor Henry B. Ward, of the University of Illinois, is president, and Professor Raymond C. Osburn, of Columbia University, secretary.

THE British Board of Agriculture and Fisheries has awarded research scholarships in agricultural and veterinary science of the annual value of £150, tenable for three years, as follows: *Agricultural science*, J. Ll. Evans (Wales), S. M. Wadham (Cantab.), J. W. Munro (Edinburgh). *Veterinary Science*, R. Daubney, A. H. Adams. The board has also awarded Mr. E. W. Jeffreys (Wales) an agricultural scholarship tenable for two years to fill a vacancy.

THE president of the British Board of Trade has appointed a committee to consider and advise as to the best means of obtaining for the use of British industry sufficient supplies of chemical products, colors and dyestuffs of kinds hitherto largely imported from countries from which they can not now be obtained. The Lord Chancellor will be chairman of the committee, and the following is a list of the other members: Dr. George T. Beilby, F.R.S., Dr. J. J. Dobbie, F.R.S., Mr. David Howard, Mr. Ivan Levinstein, Professor Raphael Meldola, D.Sc., F.R.S., Mr. Max Muspratt, Professor W. H. Perkin, Ph.D., D.Sc., F.R.S., Mr. Milton Sharp, Sir Arthur J. Tedder, Mr. Joseph Turner, Mr. T. Tyrer, together with Mr. John Anderson, of the National Health Insurance Commission, and a representative of the Board of Trade. The secretary of the committee is Mr. F. Gossling of the Patent Office.

DR. H. FLOURNOY, resident psychiatrist at the Henry Phipps Psychiatric Clinic of Johns Hopkins Hospital and a member of the medical reserves of the Swiss army, has left Baltimore to return to Switzerland, in answer to the call for reservists.

HARRY A. CURTIS, assistant professor of chemistry at the University of Colorado, has returned after a year's leave of absence, during which time he took graduate work in chemistry at the University of Wisconsin, receiving the degree of doctor of philosophy.

MR. GEORGE H. CHAPMAN has resumed his duties as assistant botanist at the Massachusetts Agricultural Experiment Station after a year spent at the University of Prague with Dr. F. Czapek.

DR. WILLIAM J. MILNE, president of the New York State College of Teachers in Albany and author of mathematical text-books, died on September 4, at the age of seventy-one years.

DR. BÉLA HALLER, associate professor of zoology at Heidelberg, has died at the age of fifty-six years.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS

SEVERAL citizens of Toronto have agreed to contribute \$15,000 for five years to enable the University of Toronto to increase its research work.

THE will of Mrs. Josephine A. Binney gives \$10,000 to the Women's College of Brown University.

THE Henry S. Denison Memorial Building, for Medical Research at the University of Colorado, has now been made ready for use. It contains laboratories for research in bacteriology, pathology, physiology, chemistry and clinical methods.

IT is believed that in Oxford and Cambridge the number of undergraduates in residence next term will be reduced by one half.

DR. R. M. STRONG, of the department of zoology of the University of Chicago, has accepted the chair of anatomy at the University of Mississippi.

IN the department of physiological chemistry of the Jefferson Medical College, Raymond H. Miller, B.S. (Pennsylvania State), and J. O. Halverson, M.S. (Missouri), have been appointed instructors. Martein E. Reh-fuss, M.D. (Pennsylvania), after spending three years in study abroad, has been ap-

pointed research associate, and Olaf Bergheim has been promoted to be a demonstrator.

MAXWELL SILLMAN, M.S., formerly instructor in physiological chemistry in Jefferson Medical College, has been appointed instructor in chemistry in the medical school of Baylor University, at Dallas, Texas.

AMONG appointments at the University of Montana are the following: L. S. Hill, assistant professor of mathematics and astronomy; Dr. Fred. H. Rhodes, of Cornell University, instructor in chemistry, and A. W. L. Bray, a graduate of Cambridge and London, instructor in biology.

DR. H. C. STEVENS, associate professor of psychology in the University of Washington, has been appointed associate professor of education in the University of Chicago.

A. VINCENT OSMUN, assistant professor in the department of botany of the Massachusetts Agricultural College, has been made associate professor, and F. A. McLaughlin, of the same department, has been promoted to the rank of instructor.

DR. W. P. GOWLAND, of the University of Liverpool, has been appointed to the chair of anatomy at the University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand.

DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE

A RECENT CASE OF MUSHROOM INTOXICATION

ALTHOUGH it has been stated, in standard works on fungi, that a common and otherwise edible species (*Panæolus papilionaceus*) sometimes has intoxicating properties, it seems desirable to record the recent experience of two persons who ate considerable numbers of this species, unmixed with other kinds.

They were familiar with this species and various others, and had on several occasions eaten it in small numbers, mixed with other kinds, without noticeable effects. This is a small, rather delicate, umbrella-shaped mushroom, which is common on cultivated land, planted to farm crops.

Mr. W., whose narrative is here given, is a middle-aged, vigorous man, strictly temperate in his habits. He is a good botanist, and has made a special study of fungi. The account