

unique natural history survey of the Chicago area, first organized by Dr. W. K. Higby (now deceased), who for many years was secretary of the academy, was largely carried on by Mr. Baker; the educational installations in the museum of the academy were also prepared under his direction. His address for the summer will be 1555 Highland Avenue, Rochester, N. Y.

THE Croonian lectures before the Royal College of Physicians of London were announced to be delivered on June 17, 22, 24 and 29, by Surgeon General Sir David Bruce, C.B., F.R.S. The subject of the lectures was "Trypanosomes Causing Disease in Man and Domestic Animals in Central Africa."

DR. SHIPLEY, master of Christ's College, Cambridge, gave a lecture for the National Health Society, on flies, lice and minor horrors of war, at the house of the Royal Society of Medicine, on June 16.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS

MR. BARTON A. HEPBURN, of New York, is to present to Middlebury College a men's dormitory costing nearly \$200,000. Mr. Hepburn received his degree of A.B. at Middlebury. The building, on which work is to be started at once, will be five stories of marble or granite, in keeping with the other college buildings.

THE Massachusetts Agricultural College has recently received \$4,000 by the will of Major Henry E. Alvord, formerly chief of the dairy division of the Department of Agriculture.

THE late Dr. W. Aldis Wright, vice-master of Trinity College, has bequeathed the sum of £5,000 for the use of the library of the University of Cambridge.

DR. RUBY CUNNINGHAM has been appointed instructor in hygiene and an infirmary physician in the infirmary of the University of California.

RAYMOND B. ROBBINS, Ph.D., has been appointed instructor in mathematics in the Sheffield Scientific School, Yale University.

AT Western Reserve University new appointments have been made as follows: Arthur Dunn Pitcher, Ph.D., professor of mathematics; Jesse E. Hyde, A.M., associate professor of geology; John M. Stetson, Ph.D., instructor in mathematics; William Henry Weston, Jr., A.M., instructor in biology.

DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE

EDITORIAL SUPERVISION FOR EXPERIMENT STATION PUBLICATIONS

THE *Experiment Station Record* for April, 1914, contains a pertinent plea for the need of judicious criticism of agricultural experimentation. The following is written in order to direct special attention to this need in experiment-station publications. It is furthermore desired to suggest that the general adoption of certain policies now employed in many of the experiment stations would eliminate from publications such glaring features as poor English and poor literary style, loose and inexact statements, improper use of technical terms, failure to recognize the existence of published works of a similar nature or the bearing of the results secured upon related fields of science, drawing conclusions not warranted by the data in hand, and the publication of superficial or inconclusive work. One needs only to consult the recent publications in order to convince himself that all of these offences have been committed and it is logical to suppose that they will continue to be committed unless measures for their prevention are put into operation.

The following quotations, taken at random from scores of their kind, will suffice to illustrate the need of criticism. "The fungus was run on artificial media," "The appressoria were round, black bodies, from an eighth to a quarter inch in diameter," "Infection experiments were tried with cultures in the open and in the greenhouse," "Infected plants can be distinguished by a thin growth," "They (pycnidia) are hollow within," "No peas have been reported to be attacked by the eel worm out of doors." These statements have been chosen only because of my better famil-