

had deposited her large collection of reprints in the department library now completely destroyed. Those to whom correspondence should be addressed are Alma G. Stokey, botany department; Mignon Talbot, geology department; Samuel P. Hayes, psychology department; Abby H. Turner, physiology department; Ann H. Morgan, zoology department, Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, Massachusetts.

THE main laboratory of the United States Fisheries Biological Station at Fairport, Iowa, was destroyed by fire in the early morning of December 20, only the office furniture and records being saved.

That station is the center of most of the scientific work of the Bureau of Fisheries in the Mississippi Basin, combining the functions of mussel propagation and fishery investigation and experimental work. It is the only station of the bureau equipped and employed for continuous fish-cultural experiment work. Fortunately, the water supply, the large series of ponds, and the smaller buildings are unharmed, and many phases of the work will continue without interruption. Nevertheless, the loss of the laboratory, with its excellent equipment for biological and chemical studies, will serve to retard some investigations of immediate importance to the best utilization of the products of fresh waters.

Not the least significant loss was the library which, though not large, had been assembled with much care. It comprised many rare books and a large number of separate pamphlets contributed by authors or gleaned from the second-hand book stores of America and Europe. Many of these can not be replaced.

As steps are now being taken looking to the prompt restoration of all facilities for investigation, the cooperation of authors is particularly invited. Those having separates relating to the subjects of fresh-water biology, ecology, limnology, biochemistry and the chemistry of foods will render a valuable service by forwarding papers to the station or the Commissioner of Fisheries, Washington, D. C.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

THE officers elected at the Pittsburgh meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science are given in the account of the meeting published elsewhere in the present issue of *SCIENCE*. Professor John M. Coulter, of the University of Chicago, the newly elected president of the association, was also elected president of the American Association of University Professors.

PROFESSOR WILDER D. BANCROFT, of the department of chemistry of Cornell University, is in Washington, serving as technical adviser in the U. S. Bureau of Mines.

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR P. W. BRIDGMAN has received leave of absence from Harvard University to join Professor G. W. Pierce at the submarine base in New London, where both will experiment on wireless problems.

DR. BASHFORD DEAN, of the American Museum of Natural History, has been assigned the rank of major in the United States Army and is at present in Europe.

DR. THOMAS DARLINGTON, formerly health commissioner of the city of New York, has been called to Halifax by the relief committee to act in an advisory capacity regarding the sanitation and housing in the reconstruction of the devastated areas.

In recognition of his contributions to science, Colonel Theodore Roosevelt has been appointed honorary fellow of the American Museum of Natural History, of which his father, Theodore Roosevelt, Sr., was one of the founders and most energetic supporters.

THE Société de Pathologie Exotique, of Paris, has elected Charles A. Kofoid, professor of zoology, University of California, as corresponding member.

At its fifth annual meeting in New York on January 18 the National Institute on Social Science will present medals for "notable service to mankind" to Herbert C. Hoover, Food Administrator; Henry P. Davison, chairman of the Red Cross War Council, and Dr. William J. Mayo, the surgeon.

On the recommendation of Surgeon-General Bradley, General Pershing has appointed a

committee to study hospital conditions, surgical treatment and sanitary medicine in Italy. The committee consisted of the following members: Majors Angus McLean, George E. McKean and Harry N. Torrey. Lieutenant Bror H. Larsson accompanies the expedition as secretary, and Captain James W. Inches represents the American Red Cross. Permission for this investigation was obtained through the Italian military authorities, and was granted for fourteen days.

DR. JOEL ASAPH ALLEN, after twenty-eight years of active service as editor of the scientific publications of the American Museum of Natural History, has resigned in order to devote his entire time to the collections of the department of mammalogy and ornithology, of which he is curator. The following is an extract from the resolution passed by the publication committee of the museum in appreciation of Dr. Allen's services:

... As the scientific editor, he has been little less than ideal, since with a natural fitness for the calling there was combined also the highest quality of scholarship in the subjects dealt with by his contributors. He was thus more than editor; rather a leader in the researches represented in the *Bulletin* and *Memoir* series.

Dr. F. E. Lutz, of the department of invertebrate zoology has been appointed to succeed Dr. Allen.

At the recent meeting of the American Association of Anatomists, held in the new Institute of Anatomy at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, the following officers were elected: *President*, Professor R. R. Bensley, of the University of Chicago; *Vice-president*, Professor C. R. Bardeen, of the University of Wisconsin; *Secretary-Treasurer*, Professor C. R. Stockard, of Cornell University; *Members of the Executive Committee*, Dr. G. L. Streeter, Carnegie Institution, Professor G. S. Huntington, Columbia University, and Professor H. E. Jordan, University of Virginia.

THE following officers have been elected by the Association of American Geographers for 1918: *President*, Nevin M. Fenneman; *First Vice-President*, Charles R. Dryer; *Second*

Vice-President, Bailey Willis; *Secretary*, Oliver L. Fassig; *Councilor*, Walter S. Tower; *Treasurer*, François E. Matthes.

THE British Air Inventions Committee appointed by Lord Cowdray, the late president of the Air Board, consists of the following members: Mr. Horace Darwin, F.R.S., chairman, Major-General Luck, vice-chairman, Sir Dugald Clerk, F.R.S., Sir Richard Glazebrook, F.R.S., Professor H. L. Callendar, F.R.S., Professor C. H. Lees, F.R.S., Professor J. E. Petavel, F.R.S., Mr. L. Bairstow, F.R.S., Lieutenant-Commander Wimperis, Major G. Taylor, Captain B. M. Jones, Captain A. V. Hill, Munitions Inventions Department, Mr. J. P. Millington and Mr. F. W. Lanchester. The main function of the committee is to investigate inventions submitted to it.

THE next lecture of the Harvey Society will be given on Saturday evening, January 12, at the New York Academy of Medicine, on "Food Chemistry in the Service of Human Nutrition," by Dr. H. C. Sherman, professor of food chemistry in Columbia University.

At University College, on December 18, Major Sir Filippo de Filippi delivered a public lecture, illustrated by lantern slides, on the sanitary services of the Italian army.

At the meeting of the Royal Statistical Society on December 18, Sir R. Henry Rew read a paper on the prospects of the world's food supplies after the war.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS

By the will of Zenas Crane, late of Dalton, Mass., public bequests of more than \$500,000 are made to various institutions, including \$200,000 to the Berkshire Museum of Natural History and Art of Pittsfield; and \$5,000 each to Washburn College, Topeka, Kans.; Yankton College, Yankton, S. D.; Idaho Industrial Institute, Weiser, Idaho; Lincoln Memorial University, Cumberland Gap, Tenn.; Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio; Berea College, Berea, Ky.; Tuskegee Normal School, Tuskegee, Ala.; Hampton Normal and Industrial School, Hampton, Va.