

THE John Macoun Memorial Committee of the Ottawa Field Naturalist's Club announces that, as the number of copies to be issued of the autobiography of the late Professor John Macoun, naturalist to the Geological Survey of Canada, is limited, orders, with or without the subscription price of \$3, should be sent in by May 15, addressed to Mr. Arthur Gibson, treasurer, John Macoun Memorial Committee, Birks Building, Ottawa, Canada.

DR. GEZA HORVATH, director of the section of Zoology of the Hungarian National Museum in Budapest, writes that the price of the complete series of the *Annales historico-naturales Musei Nationalis Hungarici* (Volumes I to XVIII) has been reduced from \$108 to \$58. It is the hope of the administration of the museum that, through the sale of sets of these important *Annals*, they will be able to add to the funds needed to pay the present exorbitant charges for the publication of current and future volumes.

THE Royal Academy of Belgium announces that a triennial prize of 2,500 francs, to be known as the Prix Joseph Schepkens, for the best experimental work on plant genetics, has been established.

THE German Congress of Surgery will be held at Berlin, under the presidency of Professor Hildebrand, from April 19 to April 22, when the following subjects will be discussed: The experimental principles of wound injection, introduced by Professor Neufeld, of Berlin; general surgical infection, introduced by Professor Lesser, of Freiburg; operative transplantation of muscles, introduced by Professor Wullstein, of Essen, and the importance of histological examination of the blood, introduced by Professor Stahl, of Berlin.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NOTES

THE University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo., will erect a new chemistry building to cost \$125,000.

MISS KATE C. GARRICK, daughter of the late Sir James Francis Garrick, for ten years agent-general in London for Queensland, has by her

will bequeathed £10,000 to the University of Queensland to found a James Francis Garrick professorship of either law or medicine, as may seem best to the university, in memory of her father.

DR. EDWIN B. WILSON, professor of mathematical physics in charge of the department of physics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a member of the administrative committee of the institute, has been appointed professor of vital statistics at Harvard University. He has also been appointed a member of the administrative board of the School of Public Health, the other members being David L. Edsall, chairman, Milton J. Rosenau, Roger I. Lee and Cecil K. Drinker.

THE following promotions to associate professorships have been made at Yale University: Dr. Francis Kovarik and Horace Scudder Uhler, in physics; Herbert L. Seward, in mechanical engineering; Charles S. Farnham, in civil engineering, and Richard S. Kirby, in engineering drawing. Dr. Arthur J. Hill has been promoted to an associate professorship in organic chemistry, with assignment to the Sheffield Scientific School and the Graduate School. William L. Crum, Ph.D., has been advanced to an assistant professorship in mathematics. English Bagby, Ph.D., in psychology, and Archer E. Knowlton, E.E., in electrical engineering, have been advanced to assistant professorships.

DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE

DEVONIAN PLANTS

To the geologist, the invertebrate paleontologist, or the stratigrapher who turns to the map of North America, the Devonian system is one of a completeness and grandeur that must be satisfying in the extreme. The mapping has proceeded through nearly a century, and the horizons have been divided on accurate faunal data. To long lists of invertebrates are added remarkable fishes.

To the paleobotanist on the contrary, the Devonian is at once alluring and forbidding. While the algae with a great record go back to