

show a healthy growth and development during the past year. Exchange lectureships between chapters have been very successful where they have been tried. Thirty-four representatives attended the convention and banquet the same evening, at which time Professor Paul S. Welch, of the University of Michigan, gave a very excellent discussion of the work and needs of European biological stations and compared them with similar stations in America. The officers for the year are as follows: *President*, Richard Hartshorne; *vice-president and secretary*, Sidney M. Caldwell; *treasurer*, C. E. Mickel; *editor*, L. H. Tiffany. The 1927 meeting will be held in Nashville contemporaneously with the meetings of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

The Sigma Delta Epsilon Graduate Women's Scientific Fraternity held its fifth annual convention following a breakfast on Wednesday morning. An open breakfast meeting was arranged for Thursday morning. About fifty members were present, representing each of the seven chapters. The national officers elected for 1927 are: *President*, Julia T. Colpitts; *first vice-president*, Emma L. Fisk; *second vice-president*, Esther Griffith; *secretary*, Amy G. McKeel, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York; *treasurer*, Emma Fleer.—On Wednesday Dr. Christiana Smith spoke of the work of the Association to Aid Scientific Research Work by Women, to which Sigma Delta Epsilon is a contributor. This association offers \$2,000 to be awarded in April, 1928, to a woman who has carried on research work of distinction. For the breakfast on Thursday morning, invitations were extended to all women interested in science and over one hundred were present. The president gave a brief history of Sigma Delta Epsilon, which exists to unite women in friendship through science. Dr. Florence R. Sabin, honorary member of Sigma Delta Epsilon, then gave an inspiring talk on "The Blood Cells in Tuberculosis."

The Pi Mu Epsilon Mathematical Fraternity held its annual convention Monday afternoon, with an unusually large and enthusiastic attendance of delegates. The University of Pennsylvania chapter entertained all attending members from other chapters at a dinner Monday evening, at which Professor H. S. Everett, of Bucknell University, presided.

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