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### THE LONG ISLAND BIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

At the annual meeting of the board of directors of the Long Island Biological Association, held on December 13, the following gifts were reported, applicable to the Biological Laboratory at Cold Spring Harbor, Long Island. About \$15,000 have been received in contributions for research and current expenses during the year. In addition the treasurer announced a bequest of \$5,000 from the late Dr. Walter B. James. Other special gifts, above the amount raised for current work, include \$1,000 from Colonel T. S. Williams, \$250 from Colonel Henry L. Stimson, \$200 from Dr. C. B. Davenport, and \$200 from Mr. Russell C. Leffingwell, all for the recently constructed physiological laboratory. Mr. Walter Jennings and Mr. William J. Matheson made special gifts of \$750 each, and Mr. Mortimer L. Schiff, of \$400 for equipment for mammalian research. The Wawepeex Society contributed \$500 additional toward the renovation of Hooper Hall. Mr. Arthur W. Page donated subscriptions to scientific journals, and the estate of Mary E. Jones gave the use of a building. The association has a number of building lots available for sale to biologists working at the laboratory. A form of sale, similar to the forms in use at other institutions, was accepted by the board. The treasurer reported that the end of the fiscal year found the association free from loans or other financial encumbrances. A budget of \$44,870 was voted for 1928.

Announcement was made of a gift of \$12,000 from Mr. and Mrs. Acosta Nichols, of Oyster Bay. This gift is applicable toward the construction of a new laboratory for biological research. It will be known as the George Lane Nichols memorial, in memory of George Lane Nichols who was for two years a member of the nature study classes for children given under the auspices of the Biological Laboratory. The new research laboratory will be located near the recently finished physiological laboratory. The architecture will be that of the Long Island colonial type, including a main building about 50 by 25 feet, two stories high, and two ells each about 15 by 20 feet. Each room will be equipped with running fresh water and sea-water, gas and electricity, while all of the rooms on the first floor will have work tables capping solid concrete columns for use in research in which vibration and jar should be reduced to a minimum.

With the completion of this building late in the spring, the floor space available for biological work at the laboratory will have been more than doubled in three years. This increase has been made necessary by the growing realization on the part of experimental biologists of the ease with which material for research may be procured at Cold Spring Harbor. This is particularly true of *Fundulus* and other marine forms. The addition of another operating room and another animal room in the new building will also allow an increase in mammalian research.

At the same time living accommodations are being increased through the renovation of a large house purchased last year, and the purchase, upon very favorable terms, of another house from Mrs. Alethea Stewart, widow of Mr. John H. J. Stewart, a member of the board of directors for many years.

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### SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

THE American Association for the Advancement of Science meets this week in Nashville, under the presidency of Professor Arthur A. Noyes, of the California Institute of Technology. Preliminary announcement of the programs of the fifteen sections and the associated societies will be found in the issue of SCIENCE for December 2. Dr. L. H. Bailey, retiring president of the association, is recovering from a surgical operation and is unable to be present at the Nashville meeting. He has not found it possible to prepare an address.

DR. SAMUEL WILSON PARR, professor emeritus of industrial chemistry in the University of Illinois, has been elected president of the American Chemical Society for 1928, succeeding Dr. George D. Rosengarten, of Philadelphia.

RUDOLPH F. SCHUCHARDT, electrical engineer at the Commonwealth Edison Company, Chicago, has been nominated for president of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers for the term beginning August 1, 1928.

THE Langley medal for aerodromics was presented to Colonel Charles Lindbergh at the annual meeting of the board of regents of the Smithsonian Institution on December 8. At the same time Colonel Lindbergh announced that the backers of the *Spirit of St. Louis* had met recently in St. Louis and had decided that the plane should ultimately be given to the Smithsonian Institution.

DR. WILLIAM J. MAYO, Rochester, Minnesota, was made commander of the Royal Order of the North Star by King Gustav of Sweden on November 28.