

at the age of seventy-five years. Mr. La Flesche worked for thirty years in the Bureau of Indian Affairs. In 1910 he became associated with the Smithsonian Institution.

M. W. ALEXANDER, engineer, president of the Nat-

ional Industrial Conference, died on September 10, at the age of sixty-two years.

PROFESSOR KYOJI SUYEHIRO, director of the Earthquake Research Institute, Japan, died on April 9, at the age of fifty-five years.

## SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

### A BRITISH LABORATORY FOR FRESH WATER BIOLOGICAL RESEARCH

In Great Britain, according to *Nature*, research on fresh water biological problems has, for many years, suffered from the lack of adequate laboratory facilities—a curious fact since so much valuable pioneer work has been done in the British Isles, particularly on the lakes. The opening of a laboratory under the control of the Fresh Water Biological Association of the British Empire has removed this drawback, and investigators wishing to pursue the various branches of fresh water research can now be assured of obtaining the requisite facilities.

The article in *Nature* reports that the laboratory is situated in Wray Castle, about three miles from Ambleside, on the north-west shore of Windermere. The lake reaches its maximum depth, just over seventy meters, about a quarter of a mile from the boat-house, and different types of inflowing streams and of shore lines are within a convenient distance. There is also a large number of streams and of smaller bodies of standing water within a short distance of the laboratory, these including examples of very diverse types, while almost the whole range of British fresh water habitats can be found within a distance of fifteen miles. There is thus abundant scope for biologists interested in plants or animals of special groups or in their habitat conditions.

The laboratory is equipped for most of the usual types of biological research. It contains ample facilities for microscopical and for experimental work, both purely physiological and also chemical. Gas for heating purposes is provided from a petrol-air installation. There is a large range of basement cellars which are used for aquaria or for storage purposes, while dark rooms are also available. The usual equipment for plankton investigation is provided, and for this and other forms of lake work a motor launch is available, as well as a smaller boat. This launch is a twenty-four-foot sea-going pinnace, fitted with gears so that very low speeds can be maintained for dredging operations. It also has a derrick and a winch driven by the motor for lifting heavy apparatus. The launch is provided with electric light and navigation lights for night work.

Persons working in the laboratory can obtain a

variety of accommodation in Ambleside, and simple accommodation is available in the castle itself, rooms having now been fitted up for this purpose. Inquiries about working places and research facilities may be made to the naturalist-in-charge, Wray Castle, Ambleside, Westmoreland, or to the honorary director, Dr. W. H. Pearsall, The University, Leeds.

### A WILD LIFE STATION IN THE ADIRONDACKS

THE largest gift of forest land to an educational institution in New York State has been made by Archer Milton Huntington and Mrs. Huntington, of New York City, to The New York State College of Forestry at Syracuse. The forest will be known as "The Archer and Anna Huntington Wild Life Forest Station." Mrs. Huntington is the daughter of the distinguished biologist, the late Alpheus Hyatt.

The area embraces fourteen parcels of Adirondack forest land and lakes, aggregating more than 13,000 acres, located principally in Essex County in Townships 27 and 28 and partially in the Town of Newcomb. The forest is accessible from the Newcomb-Long Lake highway near Rich Lake.

The land will be used for experiment and research in relation to the habits, life histories, method of propagation and management of fish, birds, game food and fur-bearing animals by the Roosevelt Wild Life Station at the College of Forestry and also by the college directly in the promotion of forestry as an aid to game management.

In commenting on the gift Chancellor Charles W. Flint said:

No finer tract of land for a wild life preserve could be found in New York State. The New York State College of Forestry is certainly to be congratulated on this responsibility and opportunity to develop an important phase of forestry work to which it is dedicated in its charter.

It is a magnificent as well as a munificent gift on the part of Mr. and Mrs. Huntington, both of whom have long evinced an interest in wild life; indeed, that is the field in which Anna Hyatt Huntington did her earliest work as a sculptor and which includes some of her most noted work.

Under the careful supervision and management of the College of Forestry I believe this will become one of the