

most valuable assets of the state in the field of wild life investigations and management, bringing to the college and the state national significance and reputation.

Dean Hugh P. Baker said:

This splendid gift of a great area of wild forest land by Mr. and Mrs. Archer M. Huntington, of New York City, provides the opportunity for investigation and research in the field of wild life management for which the State College of Forestry has been looking throughout the period of its twenty years of activity in the wild life field. The Archer and Anna Huntington Wild Life Station, as the property is designated by the donors, is unexcelled by any other similar area in the state for the work for which it is designated. It is in fact the Adirondack Park in miniature in that it contains two large and numerous small lakes with streams, and above these marsh land, wooded slopes and two mountains of over 2,500 feet in height. It is exceedingly rich in the flora and fauna of the Eastern Adirondacks. Under the direction of the college and through the Roosevelt Wild Life Forest Experiment Station it should be possible to take this miniature of the Adirondacks as a whole and make it gradually a reservoir of information as to the most scientific and most practical means of making our forest areas give the maximum of usefulness. In carrying out the purposes of the donors it should be possible to demonstrate that both the wild life and the forest in all of its phases can be kept in balance, producing increasing values in the way of wild life, recreation and direct forest products.

The forest will remain a sanctuary for wild animal life. No shooting of game or fishing will be permitted except in the furtherance of the conservation purposes to which Mr. and Mrs. Huntington have dedicated the property.

The Roosevelt Wild Life Station, which will use the Huntington gift as a field station, is conducted as a department of the State College of Forestry. It was established in May, 1919, by the New York State Legislature as a memorial to Theodore Roosevelt.

The Advisory Council is composed of the following conservationists: The Honorable Theodore Roosevelt, Mrs. Corrine Roosevelt Robinson, Mr. Kermit Roosevelt, Dr. George Bird Grinnell, Mr. Chauncey J. Hamlin, the Honorable Gifford Pinchot, Dr. George Shiras, 3d, Dr. Frank H. Chapman, Dean Henry S. Graves, Viscount Grey (European member).

NEW COLLECTIONS OF THE FIELD MUSEUM, CHICAGO

THE Field Museum has received from the Botanical Garden and Museum of Berlin several boxes containing material forwarded by Assistant Curator J. Francis Macbride, who has been engaged for three years in obtaining, with the aid of a grant from the

Rockefeller Foundation, photographs of historical plant specimens preserved in the large herbaria of Europe.

The present shipment includes 4,000 negatives of plants of the Berlin Herbarium, the total number of such negatives now exceeding 20,000. These represent as many species of plants, chiefly South American, and comprise one of the most practically useful collections for the study of the South American flora that ever has been brought together. When prints from all the photographs have been inserted in the Field Museum Herbarium, it is said that it will afford facilities for studying the plants of South America such as are possessed by scarcely any other American institution. Duplicates of these prints are made available to other botanical institutions at a nominal price.

In addition, there were returned by Mr. Macbride more than 2,000 sheets of Peruvian plants, mainly those collected by the several Marshall Field Expeditions. These have been studied and named at Berlin, and compared with authentic specimens, thus affording standards for future study of Peruvian plants.

Mr. Macbride is now engaged in further study and photographing at the Botanical Museum of Munich, which owns the largest series of Brazilian plants collected and studied by Martius, explorer and author of the "Flora of Brazil."

Recently the Field Museum returned 800 sheets of tropical American plants that had been received for determination from the University Botanical Museum of Copenhagen, through its director, Dr. Carl Christensen, fern specialist. The sending consisted chiefly of South American plants of the Rubiaceae or coffee family, which were studied and named by Associate Curator Paul C. Standley, largely by comparison with authentic specimens in the museum herbarium. There were many specimens collected a hundred years ago by Lund and Warming, who worked in Brazil, and numerous collections made along the Amazon about 1850-60 by Richard Spruce.

The loan received from Copenhagen included also a large number of legumes obtained in Mexico seventy-five years ago by Liebmann. Many of the plants he discovered never have been found by later botanists.

The Copenhagen museum has generously presented to the Field Museum a substantial number of duplicates.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF MEDICAL SCHOOLS

THE *Journal* of the American Medical Association reports the following advances in the work of medical schools:

University of California Medical School: Plans are being prepared for the construction of a new building