eight truck-loads of soil, sand, cinders, leaf-mold and manure were brought in, besides six tons of rock and 1,000 square feet of dressed flagstone for walks.

The science course for professional gardeners is serving as a model for similar courses in distant cities. The Montreal Botanical Garden and the Golden Gate Park in San Francisco are now opening courses based on the one in New York, and one of the graduates of the garden is directing a course in horticulture at Dillard University in New Orleans.

The two-year course in practical gardening, the first graduation exercises of which will be held next June, has had an attendance of a hundred students. A new course in the identification of plants in the vicinity of New York was started during the year. It is planned especially for teachers and nature-study leaders.

At the close of his report, Dr. Robbins expressed appreciation for the work performed by the Works Progress Administration during the year. In addition to the extensive outside labor provided, the WPA has given the garden invaluable assistance in the herbarium, library, laboratory and elsewhere, doing mounting, filing, indexing, book-binding, typing, writing of labels and serving as research assistants.

ENLARGEMENT OF THE CHEMISTRY BUILDING OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI

THE new addition to the Chemistry Building at the University of Cincinnati was dedicated with appropriate ceremonies planned and conducted by student organizations on Friday, January 26. Addresses were made by Dr. Raymond Walters, president of the university, Dr. Robert C. Gowdy, dean of the College of Engineering and Commerce, and the guest of honor, Professor Alfred H. White, professor of chemical engineering at the University of Michigan.

The addition, which was built at a cost of $500,000, more than doubles the size of the old building to which it is joined and contains lecture room space for 1,500 students at one time. Most of the added space has been used for expansion by the departments of liberal arts, chemistry and chemical engineering. The remainder is for the present occupied by the department of mathematics of the College of Engineering and Commerce.

Existing laboratories have been increased in size about 50 per cent., and entirely new facilities have been provided for the work in unit operations, engineering research, metallurgy, industrial bacteriology and optico-chemistry of the rapidly growing department of chemical engineering. There is also an auditorium seating four hundred, which is well equipped for lectures, demonstrations and sound movies. Construction was made possible through a municipal bond issue and a P.W.A. grant.

OFFICERS OF THE WASHINGTON ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

AT the forty-second annual meeting of the Washington Academy of Sciences on January 18, the election of the following officers was announced: *President,* E. C. Crittenden, Bureau of Standards; *Corresponding secretary,* F. D. Rossini, Bureau of Standards; *Recording secretary,* F. C. Kracek, Geophysical Laboratory; *Treasurer,* H. S. Rappleye, Coast and Geodetic Survey; *Non-resident vice-presidents,* P. G. Agnew, American Standards Association, and Gifford Pinchot, Milford, Pa.; *Members of the Board of Managers* for 3 years, J. F. Couch, Bureau of Animal Industry, and J. E. Graf, Smithsonian Institution.

Resident vice-presidents, nominated by each affiliated society to represent it on the Board of Managers, were elected as follows: *Philosophical,* R. E. Gibson, Geophysical Laboratory; *Anthropological,* Frank M. Setzler, U. S. National Museum; *Biological,* W. B. Bell, Biological Survey; *Chemical,* A. T. McPherson, Bureau of Standards; *Entomological,* A. H. Clark, Smithsonian Institution; *National Geographic,* A. Wetmore, Smithsonian Institution; *Medical,* Fred O. Coe, 1835 Eye Street, N.W.; *Historical,* Allen C. Clark, 816 14th Street, N.W.; *Botanical,* Charles Thom, Bureau of Plant Industry; *Archeological,* Aleš Hrdlička, Smithsonian Institution; *Foresters,* W. A. Dayton, Forest Service; *Washington Engineers,* P. C. Whitney, Coast and Geodetic Survey; *Electrical Engineers,* H. L. Curtis, Bureau of Standards; *Mechanical Engineers,* Walter Ramberg, Bureau of Standards; *Helminthological,* E. W. Price, Bureau of Animal Industry; *Bacteriological,* R. R. Spencer, National Institute of Health; *Military Engineers,* C. L. Garner, Coast and Geodetic Survey; *Radio Engineers,* H. G. Dorsey, Coast and Geodetic Survey.

THE SUMMER MEETINGS OF BOTANISTS

THE 1940 summer meetings of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and affiliated societies will be held at the University of Washington, in Seattle, Washington, from June 17 to 22, inclusive. The Pacific Section of the Botanical Society of America will meet at the same time and place as one of the affiliated societies, and will arrange a program in cooperation with the Botanical Society of America and with Section G of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Opportunities will be given for members of the Botanical Society of America, whether living in the Pacific Section or elsewhere, to present papers during the meetings. Any member of the Botanical Society who plans to attend the meetings at Seattle and who wishes to present a paper should send the title of the paper, an abstract of not over two hundred words, the time required for presentation and a request for a projector in case slides are to be used, to Ira L. Wig-