

of Johns Hopkins University, and Mr. H. H. York, of Columbia University; Ecological Botany, by Dr. E. N. Transeau, of Alma College, and Microscopic Methods, by Mrs. Davenport.

Among the improvements at the laboratory is a new fire-proof dormitory and dining hall, which is promised by the opening of the session. This building is a gift to the laboratory by Mrs. E. G. Blackford as a memorial to Mr. Blackford, the first president of the board of managers of the laboratory.

The laboratory fee, including all privileges, is \$30. Board and room costs from \$6 a week up. The investigations carried on at the laboratory deal principally with an analytical study of the bionomics of plants and animals of the harbor and surrounding country.

Copies of the announcement may be obtained on application to the director, Dr. C. B. Davenport, Station for Experimental Evolution, Cold Spring Harbor, Long Island, N. Y.

Mrs. E. G. Blackford has given to the Biological Laboratory of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences at Cold Spring Harbor, Long Island, a building in memory of her husband, who was the prime mover in the establishment of the scientific community at that place, which includes the Station for Experimental Evolution, Carnegie Institution; The Biological Laboratory of the Brooklyn Institute, and the New York State Fish Hatchery. Mr. Blackford was the first president of the board of managers of the biological laboratory, from 1888 until his death in December, 1904. The building, which will cost \$10,000, will be furnished by Mr. Blackford's daughters. The building will be constructed of reenforced concrete. The main floor contains an assembly room, 32 x 29 feet; a dining room, 32 x 49 feet, and a kitchen and pantry, 20 x 36 feet. The dining room and the adjoining veranda, 18 x 28 feet, command a fine view of the harbor. The second and third floors will be devoted to dormitory purposes.

#### TESTIMONIAL TO DR. J. BRIQUET.

IN view of the great services rendered by Dr. J. Briquet during the International Botanical Congress of Vienna in questions of nomenclature, a number of members of the congress decided to organize an international demonstration in his honor, and a committee consisting of the following members was formed: Messrs. N. L. Britton, T. Durand, A. Engler, Ch. Flahault, J. W. C. Goethart, H. Harms, H. Hua, C. F. O. Nordstedt, E. Perrot, D. Prain, C. Schröter, O. Stapf, W. Trelease, H. M. Ward, E. Warming, R. v. Wettstein and J. N. Wille.

A circular letter issued by the foregoing body resulted in the subscription of a sum amounting to 2,615 kronen, from the following sources:

	Kronen.
Belgium (by T. Durand).....	94
British East Indies (by D. Prain).....	54
Denmark (by E. Warming).....	102
Germany (by A. Engler and H. Harms)....	372
France (by Ch. Flahault and H. Hua).....	534
Great Britain (by O. Stapf).....	203
Italy (O. Mattiolo).....	10
Holland (by J. W. C. Goethart).....	60
Norway (by J. N. Wille).....	40
Austria and Hungary (by R. v. Wettstein)..	397
Russia (by A. de Jacewski).....	63
Sweden (by C. F. O. Nordstedt).....	41
Switzerland (by C. Schröter and E. Burnat) .	242
United States of America (by N. L. Britton and W. Trelease).....	403
Total .....	2,615

The funds thus obtained were devoted to the purchase of a gold watch with congratulatory inscription in addition to a cheque for 2,000 francs for the furtherance of Dr. Briquet's scientific work and an illuminated address, as a grateful recognition of his labors on behalf of botanists.

The presentation afforded the occasion for a friendly gathering in Geneva on January 13, 1906, arranged by MM. E. Burnat and P. Chenevard; Mr. C. Schröter made the presentation in the name of the committee.

#### JAMES MILLS PEIRCE.

THE Faculty of Arts and Sciences of Harvard University has adopted the following