

been organized with an appropriation from the Legislature of \$20,000 for cooperation in the establishment of a fishery products laboratory in Alaska.

The members of the commission are the governor of Alaska, Dr. Ernest Gruening; J. W. Mendenhall, of Ketchikan, member for industry, and Seton H. Thompson, member for the bureau. At a meeting on August 20 Governor Troy, who has since resigned, was elected chairman and Mr. Mendenhall, secretary. It was then decided to enter into a cooperative agreement with the U. S. Bureau of Fisheries for the operation of the laboratory.

At this meeting it was also decided to establish the office of the commission at the laboratory building in Ketchikan, when constructed, and Mr. Mendenhall was designated as liaison officer with authority to consult appropriate officials of the Bureau of Fisheries regarding construction, maintenance and operation.

A site has been selected on which to construct the laboratory, and the sum of \$50,000 has been allocated for this purpose by the Public Works Administration. The building will be approximately 60,000 cubic feet in size.

The laboratory will serve as headquarters for the Alaska technical and economic research staff, who will conduct studies on the capture, preservation and marketing of Alaska fishery products.

In general, it is proposed to conduct research along the following lines:

Improvement of processes and methods of capture, handling and preserving of species now utilized.

Development of new methods for processing species now utilized.

Preparation of useful commodities from species not utilized.

The purpose of this work will be to extend the processing or fishing season over a longer period of the year. At present most of the fishing and packing business is done in the summer.

THE BIOLOGICAL RESEARCH DIVISION OF THE EDMUND NILES HUYCK PRESERVE

THE Edmund Niles Huyck Preserve at Rensselaerville, Albany County, New York, was incorporated in 1931. The purpose of the preserve, as outlined in the certificate of incorporation, is to

preserve the natural beauty of Rensselaerville Falls, Lake Myosotis, Lincoln Pond and the lands around them in the town of Rensselaerville; to increase the general knowledge and love of nature, particularly that of trees and wildlife, by maintaining a demonstration of reforestation and forest culture, and by providing means for increasing and protecting the birds, wild animals and fish within the boundaries of said land.

The preserve covers nearly a square mile of diversi-

fied habitats. Two lakes, one of eighty acres, numerous streams, dense beech-hemlock stands and arable fields provide a diverse attraction for the naturalist. The elevation is 1,650 feet above sea. As a preliminary step to the possible establishment of a biological station on the preserve a study of the biota was made during the summers of 1937 and 1938.

Three fellowships (two of three months each and one for the entire year) have been provided, the recipients to conduct basic zoological investigations in the field of animal behavior or ecology. Donald Griffin, of Harvard University, and Dr. E. C. Raney, of Cornell University, were awarded the 1939 summer fellowships. Dr. Eugene P. Odum, a graduate of the University of Illinois, has accepted the post of resident naturalist for 1940.

Members of the Scientific Advisory Committee are Dr. W. J. Hamilton, Jr., *chairman*; Dr. Lewis A. Eldridge; Dr. John R. Greeley; Dr. G. Kingsley Noble; Dr. Thomas Ordway and William Vogt. Inquiries regarding the Biological Research Division should be addressed to W. J. Hamilton, Jr., Cornell University, Ithaca, New York.

AWARDS OF THE ROYAL GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

THERE have already been given in SCIENCE the names of those who received the awards of the Royal Geographical Society at the annual meeting in London on June 26. The citations made by Field Marshal Sir Philip Chetwode, president of the society, follow:

With the approval of His Majesty, the Founder's Medal has been awarded to Mr. Arthur M. Champion. Mr. Champion has spent thirty years in East Africa, largely in the administrative service of Kenya. For some years he was in administrative charge of the Turkana Province. On his appointment, Mr. Champion made it his duty to carry out the first systematic survey of the Province on a trigonometrical framework, producing a valuable map in six sheets on the scale of 1/250,000. In addition to this he investigated the physical geography and geology of the area, and more particularly of Teleki's Volcano and the lava fields south of Lake Rudolf. He has communicated the results of his work in valuable papers to the society, and has recently shown to us the film which he made on a motor journey across Africa from Cape Verde to Nairobi, carried out after he had retired from the Colonial Service. Mr. Champion has now made his home in Kenya, and we look forward to further contributions from him on the geography of East Africa.

His Majesty the King has approved of the award of the Patron's Medal to Professor Hans Ahlmann, of the University of Stockholm, for his exploration and glaciological studies in the Arctic. He has specialized in studying the work of ice and snow and for this purpose he organized and led the two Swedish-Norwegian expeditions to Spitsbergen in 1931 and 1934, and the Swedish-Icelandic expedition to Vatnajökull in 1936-37. The many important