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AFTER DUE AND CAREFUL consideration at a special meeting yesterday afternoon, the Staff shyly consented to have itself photographed individually as a part of an historical record which is to be compiled by a special standing committee. The details of the plan were left to this committee, which is to report back to the Staff. Essentially, tho, the idea is to make a 5 x 7 photograph of each member of the scientific staff and to preserve this, together with certain biographical material, as a permanent record of the Station's personnel. Presumably, Mrs. Clayton will be entrusted with the photographic work until such time as the Station has an official photographer. Hereafter, new men as they are appointed to the Staff will be asked to submit to the ordeal of being photographed, and probably at ten-year intervals the other members of the Staff will be re-photographed. In other words, we should be able in time to compete quite successfully with Dr. Osborn's Hall of Man in the Museum of Natural History. Ways and means of dealing with members of the Staff who persistently shun the photographer were left to the ingenuity of the standing committee.

Seriously, tho, the scheme commends itself, whatever our personal likes or dislikes in the matter, as a dignified and comprehensive means of maintaining a permanent record of each member of the Staff for future reference. While it may not appeal to us individually, it is one of those things that it is sometimes necessary to do for the good of the institution.

The standing committee appointed by the Director comprises Mr. Stewart, Dr. Conn, and Mr. Hall.

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THE NEW BUILDING. Altho the matter is not definitely settled, the NEWS welcomes this opportunity to congratulate the Director and the Staff on the prospects for the new Horticultural Laboratory Building which is provided for in the appropriation bill now before the Legislature. A sum of \$315,000, sufficient to cover the erection and equipment of the building, has been provided, and if the measure passes and receives the Governor's approval, as is confidently expected, work can commence at an early date. This building will mark the first step toward the carrying out of the proposed program for the development of the work here at the Station and will inaugurate a new era for agricultural research in this State. Whatever the outcome, to have advanced the cause this far has meant tireless effort on the part of the Director and of friends of the Station who have aided in making the new building a reality.

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THE POSTPONED meeting of the fruit growers cooperatives, which was to have been held in Jordan Hall on February 22, has been called by Mr. Chas. Wilson for tomorrow, Thursday, afternoon.

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THE FREDONIA LABORATORY will be glad to learn that the appropriation bill carries an item of \$1,925 for the erection of a packing shed at Fredonia.

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THE STATION card party and dance on last Monday evening was highly successful in every respect, and those who attended are already looking forward to the next event.

HAROLD BEATTIE spent Sunday in Geneva last Monday. Now that Mr. Beattie is working on the night shift every day is Sunday.

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GEORGE HUCKER was called back to New Haven last week for initiation into the Yale chapter of Sigma Xi. Congratulations!

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WHILE THE NEWS does not wish to appear to have joined the ranks of the insurance pests that infest the Station laboratories ever so often, we should like to call attention to some literature on the Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association, a Carnegie foundation, which has just been received. Members of the Scientific Staff of this Station are eligible to participate in this Association. The savings made possible by the low cost of operation of the Association are considerable when the rates are compared with those of the old line companies. The literature referred to will be found in the reading room of the Library.

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THE MARCH issue of THE SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN has disappeared without a trace. Miss Oaks asks that a search be made for it and that it be returned to her if found.

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THE COMPLETE GARDEN, by Albert D. Taylor, Professor of landscape architecture in Ohio State University has been recently added to the Library. It is a beautiful book from the standpoint of typography and illustrative material, and also contains much information on shrubs and flowers.

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DR. FRANK LATHROP is spending the week at the Station. He reports that the new laboratory facilities at Poughkeepsie are quite satisfactory.

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MR. PARROTT, DR. HEDRICK, AND DR. RANKIN are in Ithaca today to attend a conference of foremen and superintendents of canning factories located in this State.

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ALL OF THE STATION chemists were entertained at a tea last Wednesday afternoon in the newly equipped biochemical laboratory. There is a rumor that the inspection laboratory may follow up with a similar celebration of their recent efforts as interior decorators.

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OVERHEARD IN THE BARN, "there's some of 'em getting three or four thousand up here who don't do anything either." That ought to about square the account.

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: HARRY HADLOW :
: Alderman :
: Custodian of Buildings :
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"Harry" began work at the Station in 1892 as a member of the outside force, but a year later was assigned as special assistant to the Animal Industry Department which had under way an extensive program in feeding experiments with pigs and poultry. Upon the arrival of the new Director (Dr. Jordan) in 1897 the feeding experiments were discontinued and Harry, feeling that better opportunities were afforded in other lines of endeavor, resigned in the latter part of that year and became an apprentice in the jewelry trade. However, he soon found that "all is not gold that glitters" and the following spring he was reengaged as a general helper on the outside force.

At the outbreak of the Spanish-American war, Harry offered his services and was stationed at Camp Alger, near Washington, and later participated in long marches and maneuvers thru the States of Pennsylvania and Virginia and at the close of hostilities was mustered out and returned to the Station in the fall of 1898. During this coming spring Harry with a war "buddy" plans to motor thru the main points of interest along those old lines of march in an effort to renew war acquaintances and to revive the old patriotic feeling in preparation for casting a wise presidential vote in the fall. Upon return to the Station in 1898, Harry was made janitor of the new Dairy Building which was nearing completion, and remained in this position until last year when he became Custodian of Buildings.

Harry has worked under four different directors during his stay at the Station, but refuses, for obvious reasons, to make a selection as to the most popular one, but feels that the "administrative situation has gradually improved", a statement that indicates his ability as a politician in carefully avoiding incriminating statements.

Harry's political ability has been an aid to him in realizing a few of his ambitions as he has served as an alderman for two terms and became locally impressed upon the political world a few months ago by his firm refusal to vote for "Sunday movies."

Kent County, England, is the place of his birth "many years ago", and in 1900 he returned to England to renew old relationships and followed this visit with an extensive tour of Western Europe.

Harry helped dig the ice pond and fill the first ice house; helped dig out the basement in 1892 of the Chemistry Building to make room for the testing laboratory which was then quartered in rented rooms in the Nester Block; he recalls the days when the Station was confined to the "Pogie" and the Director's "hired girl" lived in the basement serving cookies to a favored few; he can relate also how the authorities in the City and at the Station were stimulated to secure better fire protection after the burning of the barns, and installed the large water tank which was replaced a few years ago by an extension of the City water supply.

If the circle of "faithful few" of which Harry is a member was considerably larger and if all of us looked to the details of our work with the same degree of interest as does our Custodian of Buildings, many a conscience now directing Station workers would allow a better and longer night's rest.

The NEWS compliments Harry upon his service, and trusts that the Station may have the benefits of his faithful services for many years to come.