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THE MAY STAFF meeting has been postponed to Monday, May 26.

DR. AND MRS. THATCHER leave Friday evening for Ann Arbor, Michigan, where they will attend the wedding on next Saturday of Miss Burton, daughter of President and Mrs. Burton of the University of Michigan.

UNDER DR. HEDRICK'S direction, extensive landscape plantings are being made about Jordan Hall and the Biology Building. This much-needed improvement promises to add materially to the appearance of the Station grounds.

DR. J. M. SHERMAN, recently appointed chief of the dairy department of the College of Agriculture at Ithaca, spent the week-end at Geneva.

MR. ROBERTSON, who has been taking graduate work at Cornell, was in Geneva Saturday to attend the meeting of the Central New York branch of the Society of American Bacteriologists. Mr. Robertson will complete work for his master's degree this spring and expects to return to Geneva permanently in June.

THE BACTERIOLOGISTS report a successful meeting of their local branch last Saturday. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Chairman, S. Bayne-Jones of the University of Rochester Medical School; Vice-chairman, J. M. Sherman of the College of Agriculture at Ithaca; Secretary, A. H. Robertson of this Station.

"Ed" Albro is with us again. Mr. Albro has been engaged to help in making the extensive changes in the bacteriological laboratories mentioned in last week's NEWS.

GEORGE HUCKER will present a paper on the nitrogen metabolism of bacteria at a dairy seminar to be held this afternoon.

THE NEWS is indebted to Dr. Van Slyke for the following information concerning the early work at this Station of Dr. S. M. Babcock. It was stated in the NEWS that most of Dr. Babcock's work in dairy chemistry came after he left this institution. Dr. Van Slyke has pointed out several contributions to dairying made by Dr. Babcock as a result of his work here, including methods for the gravimetric determination of fat and of solids in milk, a method for counting fat globules in milk, and the invention of a viscosimeter. Dr. Babcock's work with fat globules and viscosity in milk were pioneer efforts in this country. The NEWS is glad to make this correction.

MR. F. G. MUNDINGER, an instructor in entomology at Syracuse University, has been appointed Assistant in Research in Entomology here to fill the position made vacant by Mr. MacLeod's resignation. Mr. Mundinger is expected to report June 1.

A FAMILY of four delightful kittens is on exhibition in the basement of Jordan Hall. Said family is also available for distribution to interested parties when it is sufficiently advanced to leave home.

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One of the most distinguished "alumni" of the Geneva Station is Dr. J. C. Arthur of Purdue University, who enjoys an international reputation for his work on plant diseases. Dr. Arthur is now emeritus professor of botany at Purdue, but he still occasionally appears on the lecture platform and makes an occasional contribution to the botanical journals.

Dr. Arthur was born at Lowville, N. Y., in 1850. He took his undergraduate work at Iowa State College where he was graduated in 1872. He received the degree of M. S. from the same institution in 1877. In 1886 Cornell University conferred the degree of Sc. D., as did Iowa State University in 1920. In 1916, the University of Iowa conferred the degree of LL. D.

Between the years 1879 and 1881, Dr. Arthur served as an instructor in the University of Wisconsin; and in 1882 in the University of Minnesota. In 1884 he came to this Station as Botanist and continued in that capacity until 1887 when he accepted a similar position with Purdue University.

Dr. Arthur is credited with the authorship of the second Station bulletin of our present series of publications. This was a four page contribution on pear blight and was published in 1885. Previous to that time, the only Station publications were brief "notes on progress" prepared primarily for the use of the agricultural press and newspapers much as is the present "News Service."

Dr. Arthur is one of the proverbial type of scientists, completely absorbed in his science to the exclusion of nearly every other outside interest and this may account, in part, for the high position he has won in his field.