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THE STATION delegation to the Washington meetings returned with reports of highly satisfactory sessions of the numerous scientific meetings attended during the week. Accommodations for the various meeting places were not always all that could be desired, but the programs, both special and general, proved to be especially fine. With next year's meetings slated for Kansas City, the gathering in Washington was particularly attractive to eastern scientists.

THOSE WHO stayed over in Washington until the latter part of the week had an opportunity to experience a typical Washington "winter" when a wet snow fell to the depth of eight inches, crippling the car lines and resulting in the closing of the Government offices in order that the employees might not be over-much delayed in reaching their homes. However, the next day saw most of the snow flowing down the sewers.

PLANS are practically completed for the seventieth annual meeting of the New York State Horticultural Society at Rochester next week. Mr. Parrott will lead off with a paper on the 1924 spraying and dusting experiments as the first number on the program and will be followed later in the day by Mr. Gloyer who will tell of experiences with diseases of apples in 1924 and by Mr. Hartzell who gives an account of seasonal conditions and the toxicity of dusts. On Thursday Mr. Wellington will report on some of the Station's new fruits. Altho there are not as many Station men on the program as in some years, these formal papers will be supplemented by numerous conferences and informal discussions, both in the meetings and at the exhibit, so that the Station will play a rather prominent part in the proceedings. In addition to those taking part in the program other members of the staff who will attend all or part of the meetings include Dr. Hedrick, Mr. Slate, Mr. Einset, Mr. Howe, Mr. Taylor, Dr. Glasgow, Mr. Streeter, and Mr. Lockett. Mr. King expects to be present part of the time in his capacity as business manager of the Fruit Testing Association.

MR. DAHLBERG has been attending a meeting of the American Jersey Cattle Club in Rochester, and expects to go from there to Buffalo where he will attend meetings of the New York State Ice Cream Manufacturers Association where he will read a paper on the texture of ice cream.

MR. HENING will spend Wednesday and Thursday in Buffalo in attendance on the conclave of ice cream men, while Mrs. Hening is planning to spend the time with Mrs. Beattie at Medina.

AMONG other honors won at the Washington meetings, Mr. Parrott was again put on the governing board of the Crop Protection Institute, a large-scale enterprise of the National Research Council for investigations of insecticides and fungicides, with particular reference to problems suggested by industrial concerns.

ANOTHER by-product of the Washington meetings was the election of Mr. Munn by the Association of Official Seed Analysts as Executive Secretary to carry on correspondence in connection with an international meeting of botanists to be held at Ithaca in March, 1926. At this meeting papers will be given by invitation only and it falls to Mr. Munn's lot to arrange for the various contributions desired.

THE 'HOLIDAYS' were formally declared at an end last Monday when the few remaining vacationers left to resume their studies. Those departing for the halls of learning include the Misses Lida Thatcher, Alice Breed, and Hermine Stewart, and Messrs. Chester Bowers, "Bud" Hedrick, and Sidney Hall.

MR. MARQUARDT returned yesterday from a visit to his home in La Crosse, Wisconsin.

DR. BREED was recently appointed representative on the National Research Council for the Society of American Bacteriologists.

MISS MARY MCGUIGAN, a sister of Miss Millie McGuigan of the Dairy Division, who has just undergone a serious operation in the Geneva General Hospital, is said to be making satisfactory progress toward recovery.

MISS CATHERINE SMITH is also on the sick list, having submitted to an operation just yesterday. She is reported to be in a satisfactory condition.

WORD has been received by the NEWS that Dr. Van Slyke is resting comfortably at the Clifton Springs Sanitarium.

DR. HEDRICK left today for Worcester, Mass., via New York and Boston, where he will address the Massachusetts Fruit Growers' Association.

MR. AND MRS. CHURCHILL returned home last night from New York where they were called by the illness of their son-in-law, Mr. Van Gieson, following an attack on him by a band of thugs. Mr. Van Gieson was able to return to his office last Monday, Mr. Churchill says, and has made practically a complete recovery from his injuries. The nearest approach to a solution of the attack on Mr. Van Gieson by the police was the opinion that he was the victim of automobile bandits who, after striking him down, carried him to a vacant apartment and relieved him of all of his valuables.

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THE NEWS learns thru the Department of Farms and Markets MIRROR that Mr. McDonough, Assistant Director of the Dairy and Food Bureau, is ill with scarlet fever. Members of the Staff who had much to do with the State Fair last year will recall that Mr. McDonough was one of the Department men most actively engaged in State Fair matters. The NEWS extends wishes for a speedy recovery.

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DR. BARRETO BARROS, formerly director of public health, State of Parana, Brazil, called on Dr. Breed last Friday to secure information on methods of milk control. Dr. Barros is a fellow in the International Health Board and is spending a year in this country studying public health methods at Johns Hopkins and at Harvard.