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DR. THATCHER and Dr. Carpenter supplied the program for the March Staff meeting, the former discussing the possibilities of developing cheaper sources of nicotine thru the production of high-nicotine tobacco, while Dr. Carpenter told of some of his recent work with casein. Time did not permit of Mr. Clark presenting his paper on the inspection work, so that he will occupy first place on the next program. Mr. Wellington made a report for the Special Committee on Pomological Investigations, a copy of which has been filed in the Director's office. Dr. Thatcher also reviewed briefly the status of the Station under the Hughes' State Reorganization Plan.

MR. WELLINGTON is in Acton, Mass., today to address the Nashoba Fruit Growers Association on the new fruits developed at the Station. This Association has gone into the testing of the Station's new fruits quite extensively, and they expressed a desire to have first hand information about the Fruit Testing Association and the new varieties that it has available for distribution. Mr. Wellington also expected to pay a brief visit to his home which is nearby.

DR. G. J. HUCKER, and thru him the Station, has been honored by the award of one of two travel fellowships in bacteriology to be granted this year by the International Educational Board which will enable him to spend a year of study in European laboratories and to travel in several European countries. The International Educational Board is a Rockefeller Foundation, and it will be recalled that Dean Mann of the College of Agriculture is devoting his time now to the Board and is largely responsible for the selection of those who are to receive its fellowships. The other fellowship in bacteriology has been awarded to a Canadian worker. Dr. and Mrs. Hucker expect to sail sometime in August and Dr. Hucker will divide the next nine months between Lister Institute in London, where he will be associated with Prof. St. John-Brooks; Prof. Barthel's laboratory in Stockholm, and Prof. Orla-Jensen's laboratory in Copenhagen. He will continue lines of work in which he has been engaged at the Station, particularly problems having to do with bacterial classification and physiology. Later, he plans to visit important bacteriological laboratories in Germany, France, Switzerland, and Italy. We are confident that the Board has made a wise selection in this case, and we extend to "The Huckers" our congratulations and best wishes for a profitable and pleasant sojourn abroad.

WE REGRET to note that Dr. Rankin was called to his home in Richmond, Indiana, yesterday, by the sudden death of his mother. Mrs. Rankin accompanied him.

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MR. HOWE AND Mr. Gladwin address a group of Canadian fruit growers today at St. Catharines, Ontario.

UNDER THE energetic supervision of Mr. Hedlow, said supervision involving considerable real manual labor on Mr. Hedlow's part, the floors in the Biology Building are beginning to take on a decidedly fine finish.

MR. MOHR has a really beautiful display of calceolaria or lady slippers in the greenhouse which he hopes will be at its best by Easter time. He also hopes to have cinerarias, daffodils, hyacinths, and tulips for the Easter season.

SEVERAL BOXES of THE SMALL FRUITS OF NEW YORK have arrived and a copy of the book may now be had by each Station employee. The new book by general consent seems to be regarded as the most attractive one of the set of fruit books which now numbers seven volumes. Maintaining the same high standard of workmanship displayed in the other books of the series, the SMALL FRUITS make a special appeal because of the wide variety of material covered and because of the 94 beautiful full-page color plates which enliven its pages. The fruits dealt with include the raspberries, blackberries, dewberries, currants, gooseberries, and strawberries. The cultural and botanical development of each fruit is traced, and special attention is given to the botanical relationships of the various groups. This last is Dr. Berger's contribution to the book and marks a distinct advance over the other fruit books where the botanical aspect of the subject was necessarily limited by lack of expert botanical collaboration. Mr. Howe, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Slate, and Mr. Einset assisted Dr. Hedrick in compiling material for the book, and Mr. Howe was largely responsible for following up the many proofs and revisions necessitated in a work of this magnitude.

THE SICK list continues to wax and wane, altho on the whole the situation is somewhat better than it was last week. Miss Curtis, Miss Thatcher, Miss Osks, Mr. Clark, and Mr. Dahlberg are absent on account of sickness; while Miss Buchholz (Miss Jones' assistant), Mr. Traphagen, Mr. Kavalie, Mr. Hopkins, and Mr. Harman have succumbed and recovered within the past week.

PAUL S. FRICKETT, at the present time an instructor in the Department of Dairy Industry at Cornell, has been appointed to the position made vacant by Mr. Robertson. Mr. Frickett is a native of the State of Texas. He is expected to report for duty about July 1.