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THE DECEMBER Staff meeting will be held next Monday at 4:30 in Jordan Hall. Dr. Thatcher will report on the meetings which he attended last month in Washington.

THE STATION CLUB will stage a card party the latter part of next week, according to present plans of the Social Committee, more details later. Incidentally, the canvassers for Club dues will welcome the hearty cooperation of Club members.

MR. AND MRS. HENING are moving into the "Bennett House" located at the northwest corner of Castle and North Streets.

The Menschings have just moved into new quarters on West Washington Street. Their house is directly back of Dr. Spengler's residence, just west of Preemption Road.

FOSTER Gambrell left last night for his home in Pendleton, South Carolina, where he will spend his vacation, returning to Geneva soon after the holidays.

MR. A. D. Davies, a director in the Rockland County Farm Bureau and a member of the Fruit Testing Association, and L. C. Anderson, formerly County Agent for Seneca County and now located in Rockland County, were recent callers at the Station.

JOHN Van Alstyne comes home from the hospital today very much improved in health. Mrs. Traphagen, who has also been on the sick list in the Geneva General Hospital, hopes to return to her home the latter part of the week.

WE ALSO regret to note the illness of Harry Hadlow who has been confined to his home for the past several days. Mr. Hadlow's many friends are looking forward to his early return to his duties at the Station.

LATER communications from the Snyres are to the effect that they will probably reach Geneva tonight, altho bad weather may delay them until tomorrow.

DR. J. M. SHERMAN, head of the Dairy Department at the College of Agriculture at Ithaca, called at the Station during the past week.

MISS ALICE Breed, a senior at Allegheny College, was recently appointed a Student Assistant in Biology at that institution. Miss Breed not only completes her undergraduate work at Allegheny next spring but will also have to her credit some of the requirements for her master's degree.

DR. H. J. VAN NEDERVEEN of the University of Leiden, Holland, and a member of the National Health Council of Holland, recently spent a day with the Station Bacteriological and Dairy Departments. He was especially interested in city milk control work, methods of sterilizing milking machines, and the bovine tuberculosis eradication work now in progress in this State. He was accompanied by his wife who also found much of interest at the Station.

IN A RECENT letter to Dr. Breed, George Hucker writes that they have made arrangements to remain in Copenhagen until February 1 when they will move on to Stockholm for a two months' stay. Dr. Hucker can be reached by addressing mail to the Royal Polytechnic Institute, Copenhagen, c/o Prof. S. Orla-Jensen.

WE TAKE pleasure in repeating below an editorial appearing in the last issue of the RURAL NEW-YORKER:

"We doubt if many of our New York fruit growers realize and appreciate the great work which Prof. U. P. Hedrick of the Geneva Experiment Station has been doing for them. He has enriched the literature of horticulture by preparing a series of books on the apples, peaches, grapes, pears and cherries of New York. These beautiful books are classics- the highest authority on fruit varieties. And Prof. Hedrick has given aid of the most practical sort by breeding and developing new varieties of fruits. In old days most of our progress in this line was in the way of discovering desirable wild seedlings- often in fence corners or in the forest, where seeds were dropped by accident. In these modern times the plant breeder starts out to blend the desirable qualities of different varieties into a new and finer combination. For example, think of combining the delicious flavor and handsome color of the McIntosh apple with the tough vigor of the Ben Davis, as was done to produce the Cortland apple. This is the sort of work which Prof. Hedrick has been doing, patiently, quietly- without the flourish of trumpets, but with a persistence which ranks among the nation's best sort of patriotism. The public should understand what such men as Prof. Hedrick are doing for them. They should understand it while these benefactors are living. On the stone at the head of the grave of E. W. Bull, who gave the Concord grape to America, are these words:

'He sowed; others reaped.'

To those who know the true story of Mr. Bull's life these four words carry a load of unutterable sadness- a sadness which should never cloud the memory of those who are continuing his work today. "