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DR. VAN SLYKE gave a very interesting review of the founding of the Station and of the early work of the institution in a paper read before the Staff last Monday. Personal acquaintance with several of the members of the first Board of Control and with the early members of the Staff enabled Dr. Van Slyke to speak with first-hand knowledge of the aspirations of the founders of the Station and of their trials and triumphs. A complete account of Dr. Van Slyke's remarks will appear in an early edition of the Geneva Times.

A SUPPER meeting of the Staff on the evening of January 21 was announced by Mr. Collison, Chairman of the Staff business committee. Dr. C. H. Myers of the Department of Plant Breeding at the College of Agriculture will tell of his recent experiences in China.

THE FIRST number of Biological Abstracts was received at the Station during the past week. Typographically the new journal is very attractive, and when once it is established on a frequent and regular schedule should prove a valuable addition to the Library. Several of the Station bulletins are reviewed in the first number.

MEMBERS of the Staff who attended sessions of the various scientific societies in Philadelphia last week report good attendance and interesting programs.

WE TAKE pleasure in noting the election of Dr. R. S. Breed as President of the Society of American Bacteriologists. Dr. Breed says that the 1927 meeting of the Society will be held during the holidays at the University of Rochester under the auspices of the Central New York Branch of the Society.

DURING the week of the meetings present and former members of the Department of Entomology in attendance at the meeting met together for dinner. Those present included W. J. Schoene, now head of the Department of Entomology at the Virginia Experiment Station; H. E. Hodgkiss and G. F. MacLeod of Pennsylvania State College; F. H. Lathrop, now with the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture; and Messrs. Parrott, Glasgow, Harman, and Daniel. C. R. Phipps and B. B. Fulton, the former at the University of Maine and the latter at Iowa State College, were unable to be present.

FOSTER GAMBRELL has returned from his vacation in South Carolina, taking in the Philadelphia meetings on the way back.

DR. HEDRICK has gone to Worcester, Massachusetts, to attend the meeting of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society where he will present a paper on "Observations of a Horticulturist in Europe."

DR. THATCHER leaves tonight for Washington to attend a three-day conference on a research program for the control of the European corn borer.

MR. PRICKETT returned from Philadelphia by way of New York City where he visited several milk control laboratories.



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A COMMITTEE known as the Committee on Agricultural Development Work of the Empire Gas and Electric Association called at the Station today to discuss the possibilities of research into the attraction of insects by light.

A LARGE representation from the Station heard the very interesting address by Dr. Roy C. Andrews the other evening on his expedition to Mongolia.

WITHIN the past few days Mr. Newton celebrated the 43d anniversary of his coming to the Station. When he arrived in Geneva to assume his duties as secretary to Dr. Sturtevant, he was under the impression that he was entering into the employ of a physician. The typewriter was still very much of a novelty, and one of Mr. Newton's diversions was to entertain callers at the Station with demonstrations of his skill as a typist.

WE ARE glad to be able to note that Mrs. Sayre is making very satisfactory progress toward recovery from the surgical treatment she was forced to undergo last week.

MR. HALL suffered an attack of "pink eye" last week and was unable to pursue his usual duties for two or three days. He is back on the job again, however, while his associate, Mr. Hawthorn, is detained in his room nursing granulated eyelids.

MRS. COOK states that Dr. Shriner has turned over to her a complete file of the Experiment Station Record (unbound) for the period of 1913 to 1916. Anyone wishing to complete his set of the Record is welcome to draw on these numbers. A call at the Library at an early date will be appreciated.

THE 1927 chess season will open tomorrow night at 8:00 o'clock in Jordan Hall, when followers of this classic game will assemble for a few hours' pastime. Dr. Shriner, who is sponsoring this revival, asks that those who have chess sets bring them along. He also states that those who want to learn the game or who regard themselves as beginners are particularly urged to come out.

SEVERAL quoit enthusiasts turned out last night for a try out on the new "court" in the "gymnasium". Word comes to the NEWS that the Service men are particularly anxious to pit their skill against selected teams of biologists or chemists or both.

THE EXPERIMENT STATION PLANT. Inquiry is frequently made as to how much land the Station utilizes in its experimental work. Perusing records in the Director's office, we find that the original Station farm, purchased in 1882, contained 130 acres. That is the tract that lies between Preemption Road and Castle Street. In 1911, the Crittenden Farm west of the Station was purchased and added 87 acres to the Station's possessions. From time to time smaller tracts in the immediate neighborhood have been leased until now the Station controls about 309 acres in this immediate vicinity, including the 63 acres of the Canning Crops Farm. Then at Fredonia, where the Vineyard Laboratory is located, the Station leases about 32 acres; at Riverhead, as the Long Island Vegetable Research Farm, 30 acres; and at Hudson in connection with the Hudson Valley Fruit Investigations, 15 acres more. This makes a grand total of 386 acres under the direct control of the Station. In addition, several tracts and orchards are used cooperatively by the Station for various lines of experimentation but without direct ownership or rental by the Station.

It is also of some interest to note in this connection that the State's investment in permanent improvements, that is buildings, on the Station grounds at Geneva amounts to about \$250,000, based on the actual costs of the several buildings at time of construction. The chief items covered by this sum are the Chemistry Building built in 1891 at a cost of \$24,880; the Biology Building built in 1898 at a cost of \$40,860; and Jordan Hall built in 1917 at a cost of \$100,000.