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THE FOLLOWING statement has been issued by the Director: "Because of the shortage in funds for traveling expenses for the rest of the fiscal year, it is requested that trips be limited to those which are absolutely necessary and that approval for the taking of each trip be secured from the Director's office in advance."

REPRESENTATIVES of the electric light industry, including the General Electric Company, the Westinghouse Company, the Empire Gas and Electric Companies of New York, and others met at the Station yesterday for a conference on proposed investigations into the attraction of injurious insects by light. Tentative plans for the inauguration of the work this year were discussed and a committee, comprising Dr. Thatcher, Mr. Parrott and Mr. H. D. Palmer of Geneva, was delegated to draw up a definite program of procedure. It is hoped to get the work under way by the middle of April and to continue it thruout the summer. The investigations this year will be conducted on a small scale, probably in one of the Station orchards, to be followed up by more extensive investigations if the results seem to justify it.

J. B. CASE, President of the State Horticultural Society, and Roy P. McPherson, Secretary, attended the electric light conference yesterday and later met with Dr. Thatcher, Dr. Hedrick, and Mr. Parrott to discuss plans for the summer meeting of the Society which is to be held on the Station grounds on August 10.

FOSTER GAMBRELL is recuperating from a severe attack of tonsilitis.

MRS. GORDON, Mrs. Sayre's mother, leaves today for her home in Champaign, Ill.

ACCORDING to the Geneva TIMES, Mr. and Mrs. Guy MacLeod are the proud parents of a boy. Mr. MacLeod was at one time Assistant Entomologist at the Station and is now extension entomologist at Pennsylvania State College.

DR. HEDRICK was made president of the Geneva Historical Society at a meeting of the Society last night.

"VIC" HOPKINS is suffering from an infected foot. While up and around, he is forced to relie upon a cane for help in getting about.

MRS. CARPENTER was operated on yesterday morning in the Geneva General Hospital for appendicitis. She is reported to be making satisfactory recovery.

APROPOS of things historical, John Brown is displaying several papers of historical interest which have been found in the Main Street house that is being remodded for the Knights of Columbus home. One document dated in 1801 was of particular interest in showing how times do change. It was an order on a local wine merchant to deliver "to bearer" one gallon of port wine and charge to the account of the undersigned. Think of trusting such a mission to anyone else, and yet they say the world is growing better and better.

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AMONG the signs of spring noted about the Station grounds today was the commencing of plowing in some of the Station fields. The bird lovers are already vying with each other in accounts of what they have seen and heard in the way of feathered migrants. This sport is second only to the telling of fish stories in the enthusiasm with which it inspires its devotees.

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MR. L. C. JOHNSON of the De Laval Separator Company was a caller in the Dairy Department yesterday.

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THE DAIRY Department announces that for some time to come there will be a curtailment in the amount of milk available for distribution, due to a number of new ice cream experiments which will draw heavily on the milk supply.

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MR. DANIEL spent Monday in Monroe and Orleans Counties collecting advance information on the peach cottony scale and related pests.

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MR. PARROTT attended a recent conference in Buffalo called by the Department of Farms and Markets for the purpose of organizing the "clean-up" campaign for corn borer in this State.

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MRS. COOK is preparing a lot of material for the bindery and will be glad to include any private binding that members of the Staff may wish to have done at this time.

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INTIMATIONS that the entomologists should do something about the cockroaches in the Biology Building has called forth a carefully prepared statement from that Department which we quote: "Certain insects, including cockroaches, are regarded as delicate subjects in polite society, and the entomologists being gentlemen above everything else, have refrained from answering the veiled intimations that they were responsible for conditions in the Biology Building. Being forced to speak, however, they feel that a few words regarding the habits of these insects may be apropos. The following facts, well known to every housewife and taught to school children, are quoted from Cornell Rural School Leaflet, Vol. 18, No. 3, for January, 1925: "American cockroach (Periplonta americana L.) abpūt houses and restaurants that are not clean. Scavengers; an incentive to cleanliness; filthy. Feed on bedbugs." Thus the cause and remedy are obvious. There are no cockroaches in the Entomological Department."

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MISS HOGAN was the first to solve last week's "problem" and bring in the answer of \$1.08 as the price of the shoes. Mr. Stewart claims that the data were incomplete and that there was no assurance that the farmer gave the same pair of shoes at the end of one day's work as would have been earned at the end of a week's time. Perhaps so if he was a Scotch farmer. We have tried to meet all conditions in the problem for this week which follows: Fred and George are walking down Castle Street (going to dinner). Fred is 140 feet of his own steps ahead of George. Fred takes 10 steps to George's 9, but George goes as far in 4 steps as Fred does in 5. How many steps do each take before George overtakes Fred ?