

THE STATION NEWS

Extends

New Year's Greetings to All of its Readers.

THE JANUARY Staff meeting will be held in Jordan Hall on Monday, January 7, at 4:00 p. m. The chief items of business will consist of reports on the meetings in New York City last week. Mr. Tukey will give a review of the proceedings of the horticulturists; Mr. Parrott will report on the entomological programs; and Mr. Stewart will give an account of the deliberations of the botanists. The New York meetings of the A. A. A. S. are said to have been the best attended sessions of the Association. The meetings next year will be held at Des Moines, Iowa.

A COMMUNICATION from Dr. Van Slyke, giving his permanent address, reads in part as follows:

"We have made arrangements to occupy a very attractive bungalow in the section of the city that is my first choice. Honolulu is more attractive than ever in its indescribable charm of beautiful flowers and tropical foliage. And even more delightful is the renewing of the warm friendships of former years. This note may possibly reach you by Christmas. Mrs. Van Slyke and I join in wishing all our Station friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

The Van Slykes' address is 2444 Oaku Ave., Honolulu, T. H.

PROF. F. A. Waugh, head of the Department of Landscape Art at the Massachusetts Agricultural College, visited the Station last Saturday.

MISS MARIAN Goodwin, daughter of B. J. Goodwin, Station Engineer, was married yesterday to Mr. James Hurley.

MRS. FRANK E. Knowlton of Springville, N. Y. has been appointed temporary assistant to Mr. Hall and Mr. Hawthorne to aid in carrying for the mass of detail in connection with the preparation for publication of the vegetable books. Mrs. Knowlton graduated from Cornell in 1924 having specialized in vegetable gardening. She will assume her duties within the near future.

DR. CONN returned from Boston this morning bringing the two children but Mrs. Conn remained at her home to be with her mother who has recently received surgical treatment for relief from a long standing ailment. She passed thru the ordeal Sunday and is reported to be progressing rapidly. Mrs. Conn will return to Geneva when conditions warrant leaving her mother.

THE FOLLOWING communication has been received by the NEWS from Dr. Nebel who, it will be remembered, spent some little time at the Station at various intervals during the past two years as a Fellow of the International Education Board:

"Mr. and Mrs. Nebel wish to express their best Xmas greetings to all members of the Station. All members on foreign leave are invited to inspect the stupendous plant breeding station in the heart of Europe and to bring plenty of plants with them in their coat pockets."

THE STATION takes on a more normal appearance this morning. Various members of the Staff have returned from their respective meetings and all are again turning to routine duties with enthusiasm. From all reports the meetings were on a par with previous years and the attending members are agreed that the time and effort expended was repaid. Reports indicate, however, that the general attendance was smaller than usual due to certain sections of the country being overrun with "flu".

MR. DANIELS at present located in Fredonia is spending the week in Geneva in connection with his work.

MR. HANSEN is confined to his room with a mild case of "flu".

IN LIGHT of the comments a few weeks ago the attention of the NEWS reporter has been called to the fact that grass is much more easily killed in the winter by trespassing than in the spring or summer. The NEWS commented that most of us hurry across the lawns and begin unsightly paths which only with difficulty can be erased. This habit should be curtailed in the winter according to the newer ideas for the experts now tell us that lawns will stand considerable traffic without visible effect in the warmer months or when the grass is in a growing conditions but during the dormant period the lightest traffic will leave its mark. Now that the water mains are finished and the Xmas season over most of us can settle down to a little slower routine and take time to follow the sidewalks.

THE LARGE box partially buried at the rear of the Dairy Building is not a tool box belonging to the city waterworks department. The large padlock would lead one to believe that it contained valuables but inquiry proves it to be the repository for several small cans of milk. The dairy division has been working for some time on methods of cooling milk and it is anticipated that every farm will eventually have one of these large boxes adjacent to the dairy.

MR. FOSTER Gambrel has just returned from South Carolina where he has spent his holiday. He reports that the "flu" is as bad in that section as during those eventful years of 1917-18 altho the death rate is not as high.