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THE February Staff meeting was featured by two interesting talks on "Station History" by Mr. Churchill and Mr. Stewart, both of whom can speak with authority on the subject--Mr. Churchill from first-hand knowledge accumulated during his forty-five years of service at the Station and Mr. Stewart as a result of much diligent delving into the early records in his capacity as Chairman of the Staff committee on Historical Records. Mr. Churchill dealt largely with the farm, describing its condition when he entered the employ of the Station about two years after the State had taken possession. He also told something of the lines of work carried on in the fields, and of the personal supervision given the Station activities by members of the Board of Control in the early days. A letter from Dr. Sturtevant, written in long hand, and one of the quill pens used by him, confirming Mr. Churchill's appointment as "Farmer" proved an interesting exhibit and visible evidence that he is a fully qualified member of the Staff. Mr. Stewart told about the Station buildings, particularly about the use of Sturtevant Hall as an office and laboratory building and residence and the early arrangement of space in the Chemistry Building. Much of the material development of the Station can be traced through its buildings, and the incidents that Mr. Stewart related, coupled with Mr. Churchill's remarks, served to give an interesting perspective of the early history of the institution.

SEVENTY-FIVE members of the Station Club assembled for the bountiful supper served in the Library last evening and for the program of entertainment that followed. The room was attractively decorated with the products of the greenhouse, which helped greatly to give a snug and homey atmosphere. Mr. Stewart was called on to reminisce, and chose to tell something about the early members of the Staff. He had numerous pictures and records which added much to the interest in his remarks. The entertainment arranged by those in charge of the "party" was so varied that everyone found something to his liking with which to amuse himself. Chess, charades, dancing, cards, and other diversions were on the program, and those directing the affair may well feel gratified with the good time they provided. Mr. and Mrs. Hawthorn, ably assisted, should receive the bouquets.

DR. HEDRICK is confined to the house again, under doctor's orders, pending a more complete recovery from the cold that has afflicted him for the past two weeks. He is carrying on the more pressing duties of the Director's office from his study.

MR. PARROTT will substitute for Dr. Hedrick at the meeting of the State Grange in Rochester tomorrow, where in accordance with long-established custom, he will make a report/on the work of the Station.

to that gathering

WE ARE rather belated in relaying this bit of information, but it should be "spread on the record" nevertheless, and that is that the Board of Trustees of Cornell University, at their last meeting, made Dr. Van Slyke Professor Emeritus of Dairy Chemistry. By virtue of his position here he was rated as Professor of Dairy Chemistry at Cornell prior to his retirement on February 1.

MR. J. G. HORSFALL has entered on his duties as Associate in Plant Pathology in charge of the canning crops disease investigations. Mrs. Horsfall will join him later.

FARMERS' WEEK at the College of Agriculture begins Sunday, February 10. Lacking an official program, the NEWS cannot give much information about the sessions, but several members of the Station are scheduled to participate in the week's lectures and demonstrations.

A COMMITTEE, of which Dr. Hucker is chairman, and representing the dairy interests of the State, will meet at the Station next Monday to discuss the reorganization of the State Dairymen's Association.

DR. AND MRS. Carpenter have returned from their vacation in Michigan.

MR. STEWART, Sr., just recently celebrated his eighty-seventh birthday which certainly merits more than passing notice. Occupants of the Biology Building, and particularly in the Dairy Division, have come to look forward to Mr. Stewart's visits as an opportunity to discuss the leading political issues of the day, that is prohibition, and other topics on which he speaks from long experience. Many of us have benefited from his well-placed "bets" on election returns in the generous distribution of the enormous quantities of candy that he accumulates following each contest. The NEWS extends congratulations and the wish that Mr. Stewart may wage many more presidential campaigns.

THE STATION has been reaping considerable benefit from the agricultural programs that are being broadcast from WGY at Schenectady. Using the news items that go out from the Station each week, particularly items dealing with new publications, Mr. Markham, in charge of the agricultural programs for WGY, has been telling something about the Station's work, and nearly every day now requests are received from those who have "listened in" or who have applied for publications to WGY which, in turn, forwards the requests to us.