

IN HONORING Dr. Thatcher with the degree of Doctor of Laws at the recent commencement exercises at Hobart College, Dr. Murray Bart-

lett said:

To the many honors he has justly received for his valuable services in the economic organization of agriculture on the Pacific Coast, in the Middle West, on the Atlantic Seaboard, this College of Liberal Arts delights in adding its modest tribute to his devoted and consistent efforts for the improvement of human welfare and the development of community spirit thruout that great and important factornof our national life--the farmers of America. A kindly friend, a good neighbor.

PLANS for the Station picnic next Friday afternoon daily assume more definite shape. The committee incharge, composed of members of the Dairy and Chemistry Divisions, have practically completed their arrangements, and about all that remains now is for the weather man to provide a pleasant day. In the event that we are not so favored, however, everyone is asked to assemble at Jordan Hall where proper disposition of the picnic supper will be made, at least. The probabilities are, tho, that the affair can be staged as planned in the Station pasture. The sub-committee on "food" asks that if anyone has been overlooked in the requests for contributions that they feel free to bring some sandwiches to eke out the provisions. Difficulty has been encountered in finding a donkey for the children to ride, it is said, altho it is hoped that this will be met by Friday. The other features of entertainment, suchas the ball game, boat rides, aquatic sports, swings, races, etc., seem to be well assured. The sports committee has also authorized the award of a suitable prize for the person finding a real strawberry in the ice cream. The NEWS has been informed on good authority that one has been concealed in the viscous mass of gelatinized cream now congealing in the Station "cooler". It is expected that this contest will test the endurance of the ice cream "dipper" to the limit.

AT A CONFERENCE held in Albany last week of State institutions that exhibit at the State Fair and that draw on the State appropriation set aside for that purpose, the Station was allotted \$900, the same amount as last year. With the Fair scheduled to run two days longer than last year, this year's expenses will require rather careful watching if we are to break even.

FOLLOWING the opening of competitive bids on the printing of the Station bulletins for the year 1925-26, the Director has recommended that the contract be awarded to W. F. Humphrey of Geneva.

MR. AND MRS. NATHAN TRUE spent a few days visitingfriends in Geneva last week. Among other things, Mr. True "inspected" the Control Laboratory.

MRS. THATCHER and Miss Lida Thatcher returned home from Ann Arbor, Michigan, yesterday. Miss Thatcher graduated from the University of Michigan last Monday.

MR. AND MRS. C. R. PHIPPS have been visiting friends at the Station for the past two days. Mr. Phipps was formerly a member of the Entomology Department here, and for the last year has been engaged in graduate work at Ames, Iowa. He is now on his way to take up work at the University of Maine at Orono where he has accepted a position in entomology division of that institution. Mr. and Mrs. Phipps will reside for the summer months just two doors away from Dr. and Mrs. Jordan.

A NEW series of publications has been inaugurated by the University of California to be known as "Hilgardia" in memory of Dr. E. W. Hilgard, for many years identified with the University in its agricultural department. Hilgardia will contain technical papers similar to those which formerly appeared in the "University of California Publications", which have been discontinued.

WALTER MORTON was among those present at the Hobart commencement exercises Monday. He reports "all well" at Rochester.

MR. AND MRS. FRANK BEACH were week-end visitors in Geneva. Mr. Beach, a member of the Horticultural Department at Ohio State University, is a son of the late Prof. S. A. Beach, formerly head of the Division of Horticulture here.

WORD has been received from Mr. R. H. Smith of the University of California, who was expected to take up work here on July 1 as Associate in Research in Entomology, that he had accepted a position with Leland Stanford University.

MISS RACHEL HAINES, who is to assist Dr. Conn in his stain investigations, has entered upon her duties.

MR. TAYLOR tells us that of the 130-some odd varieties of strawberries on the Station grounds 40 are a complete failure as a result of the prolonged dry weather, 40 severely injured, and 40, more or less, slightly injured. There will probably be some fruit, he says, but nothing compared with the prospects earlier in the season.

DR. ANDERSON is attending an officers' training camp at Carlisle Pennsylvania, for the next two weeks.