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IT HAS BEEN requested from Cornell University that those who intend to attend the reception to Director and Mrs. Morrison at Prudence Risley Hall on the evening of November 28th at eight-thirty o'clock leave their names with Dr. Hedrick at once. The reception is being given by the President of Cornell University and the Dean and the Faculties of the State College of Agriculture and Home Economics. Considering solely the large number of Faculty members and their wives who came to Geneva for the reception two weeks ago, the present invitation deserves more than passing consideration on the part of every staff member.

STATE CANNING Crop activities have been the chief item of the day for Dr. Glasgow, Dr. Jones, and Mr. Sayre. A conference was held in Jordan Hall today at which were present representatives of the Canning Crops and Vegetable Growers' Associations, interested Farm Bureau managers, and those from Cornell University who are associated with vegetable work. This is the meeting at which the work of the canning crop investigations is reviewed, and suggestions made for future efforts.

THE FIRST staff meeting of the year was held this afternoon at four o'clock, at which Director Morrison told of the recent meeting in Chicago of the Association of Land-Grant Colleges.

THE BACTERIOLOGY Division, including Dr. Breed, Dr. Conn, Dr. Ikeda, Mr. Prickett, Mr. Eglentine, Miss Darrow, Miss Haynes, and Miss Thatcher, moved en masse to Ithaca last Saturday to attend the local section of the Society of American Bacteriologists, at which papers were given by Dr. Conn, Dr. Breed, and Dr. Ikeda.

VOLNEY STEELE suffered a painful injury a few days ago when a sledge accidentally struck him in the head, necessitating several stitches.

AN IMPORTANT spray service meeting was held at the Station last Friday when approximately 50 persons interested in fruit and vegetable spray programs met to discuss the season's experiences. Mr. Shear and Mr. Munding from the Hudson Valley Fruit Investigations, and Dr. Clayton and Mr. Hockett from the Long Island Vegetable Station were in attendance and spent several days in further conference at the Station. Besides the local entomology and pathology divisions, there were also present Farm Bureau managers and spray service men from various parts of the State.

LIDA THATCHER returned Saturday from her trip to New York City and to Amherst. She reports that Mrs. Thatcher, who has not been well for nearly four weeks is gradually improving and will be about again in a few days.

SOME INTERESTING news comes from the Wellingtons. They left England the last of September to attend the Plant Breeders' Congress in Berlin, and stopped with Mrs. Mohr's people at Potsdam during their visit to Berlin. From there they travelled to Paris and on down through the grape regions of France to the little village of Bandol near Marseilles where they will stay until they sail for home about the 14th or 15th of December.

DR. AND MRS. Hucker returned to Geneva last Tuesday after a year spent in Europe on an International Fellowship. The real object of the trip was to further the work that has been carried on at this Station in the classification of the streptococci. Their first four or five months were spent at the University of Copenhagen at Copenhagen, Denmark, from where they took a run through Germany, Austria, Italy, and France back to the Lister Institute at London, stopping there for six months. George makes the point that American Laboratories are as well equipped to handle scientific work as any in Europe, but that there are always certain men outstanding in a given field who are more important to other workers in that field than mere laboratories. That is the point behind the travelling fellowships.

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FOR THOSE WHO have young listeners at home constantly demanding stories, here is a tip. In the library is a pamphlet issued by Colorado College entitled "European Tales Among the North American Indians," and it contains in outline form some twenty-eight fanciful tales together with a half dozen variations of each one. Five minutes' perusal is sufficient to catch the essential framework of the stories. The draping is a matter of individual imagination. Sport? Why it beats anything you ever tried, and furthermore it means three youngsters (or what have you) rushing to capture Daddy when he comes home in the evening to hear the latest variation of "John, the Bear" or "The Enchanted Horse"

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FOLLOWING is a list of books recently added to the Station library:

- Henderson: Noxious gases
- Nat. Research Council: Opportunities for a career in Scientific research
- Hardenburg: Bean culture
- Beckman: Technical writing of farm and home
- Pieters: Green manuring
- Worthen: Farm soils
- MacNutt: Modern milk problem
- Burt: Soil mineralogy
- Taylor: Propagation of trees and shrubs
- Cox: Seed production and marketing
- Fisher: How to live
- Wilkins: Research and the land

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YOUR CORRESPONDENT bids adieu to the readers of the STATION NEWS and returns its custody to Mr. Luckett, who is scheduled to return sometime this week. From the promise of an irksome task the work has developed into a field of untold possibilities. There have been times in the past when your correspondent has said unkind words about the NEWS, especially when his every private whim and fancy has been exposed to public gaze. The approaches of one kind or another that have been made to him during the last few weeks have rivaled the jury tampering in a recent well known fraud trial. Had your correspondent continued to edit the NEWS, he should have published two classes of rates- one for omissions and the other for insertions. The omission rate should have been several times that of the insertion rate, governed of course by the excessive interest of potential news figures in that class of stock. As it is, the stoutest club bears the most weight and is apparently the most successful. Practical proof is submitted by the slaying in a duel 100 years ago the 29th of this month of Mr. William C. Graham, the Associate Editor of the New York ENQUIRER. Anyone who suffers in the future has only himself to blame. The secret is out.